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FROM: Barbara J. Levey, Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT: November 3, 2020 Election – Certification

The Merced County canvass of the Presidential General Election was completed today and I have certified the official results. The official election results may be viewed at the <u>Merced Elections webpage</u> or from the <u>Merced County main webpage</u>.

Total turnout for the election was 78.72%. This turnout, as anticipated, is the highest turnout for a Merced County election – surpassing the previous record turnout of 73.20% for the November 2016 Presidential General Election. The number of registered voters for this election, at 117,413, is also a record for the County. The previous high registration was at 104,477 for the March 2020 Primary.

The Merced County Registrar of Voters produces detailed reports focusing on overall turnout, turnout by precinct, turnout by districts, turnout by cities, and more. These detailed reports can be found by visiting elections results on the Merced Elections webpage.

In addition to the eight full time staff in the Registrar of Voters office, Extra Help employees worked to prepare for, and provide all services for, the election. A number of election officers also performed services to support this Presidential General Election with County Employee Poll Workers. Additionally, student election workers and field inspectors provided valuable services.

Merced Elections received tremendous support from numerous departments throughout the county who allowed their employees to participate in the County Employee Poll Worker program. Additionally, Merced County Counsel, Janitorial, Information Systems, Purchasing, Public Works, Auditor-Controller, and Assessor-Clerk-Recorder departments all worked to support Merced Elections and the Registrar of Voters office. The teamwork exhibited by the departments countywide was incredible and was immensely important to the success of the election services.

Merced Elections was excited to again work with Merced Radio and forge new partnerships with Merced Theater, our local high schools and the Merced Multicultural Arts Center. We look forward to new opportunities in the future.

Finally, incredible support, enabling us to again provide high-quality, transparent and accurate election services, was received from our election equipment vendors, Election Systems & Software and KnowInk. We are proud to have these vendors and their colleagues as part of our team.

Barbara J. Levey, CERA Assessor-Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters

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