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SUBJECT: November 6, 2018 Election Day Post Election Update

The Elections Office again continued the canvass process of the Gubernatorial General Election. Signature verification processes on Vote By Mail (VBM) envelopes received on election day continued. As noted prior, this process will continue until complete. Sorting of those VBM envelopes for which the verification process was completed is well underway. The VBM envelopes are sorted into the appropriate precinct of the 269 precincts in Merced County prior to being opened and having the ballots extracted.

The last of the mailed ballots, with timely postmarks, were received today.

Outreach to voters continues for those whose signature on the VBM envelope does not match their registration signature on record. Voters receiving the challenged letter must complete and return the letter to the Elections office so that their signature can be reviewed again.

All elections equipment, from throughout the county, has been retrieved by our field teams from the polling locations throughout the county. The post-election review and cleaning of that equipment, as well as any needed repairs, will begin next week.

Payroll processes are well underway to initiate payments to the more than 600 poll workers, field team members, and others who worked to support the election last Tuesday. On Election Day, we were also supported by the Merced City Police Explorers and the Los Banos Police Vitals. These teams worked to assist in traffic control and in the unloading, loading, and checking in of equipment and election material Tuesday night. Their assistance is invaluable and their commitment to these processes and the work that we do is appreciated.

Merced Elections will be working late today and all day tomorrow. Tomorrow we will evaluate our progress and release updates as to the next planned count and results update.

The unofficial Election Day result may be viewed at the [Merced Elections webpage](#) or from the [Merced County main webpage](#). The website totals currently reflect ballots voted at the polls and Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots received and processed as of last week.

The canvass will continue until complete. The office will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

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