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SUBJECT: **November 6, 2018 Election Day Post Election Update**

The canvass of the Gubernatorial General Election remains in progress. Processes for Election Day worker payroll, roster reconciliation, and the required hand tally of randomly selected precincts continued today. It is anticipated that payroll will be complete early next week. Roster reconciliation should be completed tomorrow as will the vote history updates. With the completion of these processes, staff will be able tomorrow to begin processing the 4,300 provisional ballots cast, the approximately 1,200 late issue VBM's, and complete the duplication of damaged, military, and overseas ballots.

The tabulation of VBM ballots from all-mail precincts received on or timely after Election Day was completed today. VBM ballots that had been processed since Wednesday were also counted today. **Election results posted last night have been updated to include the work reflected above.** 55,137 ballots (two pages each, 110,274 pages) have been counted as of this afternoon. This exhibits a current turnout percentage of 56.30% thus far. This is a substantial increase over the 2014 Gubernatorial General Election turnout of 40.51%. Precinct level detail continues to be available for download, in various formats, from our results page.

As noted in prior updates, Merced Elections are still receiving signature verifications from voters whose VBM signature was challenged as not matching the signature on their registration record. Voters have until two days prior to the certification of this election to validate their signatures. As we get closer to determining the certification date, we will share that information.

The duplication process where damaged, military, and overseas ballots are duplicated by teams so that to they can be counted continued today.

The unofficial election results may be viewed at the [Merced Elections webpage](#) or from the [Merced County main webpage](#).

The canvass will continue until complete. California law requires certification of this election to be on or before Thurs. December 6, 2018, which is 30-days following Election Day. The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.

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