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

The canvass of the Gubernatorial General Election remains in progress. As noted last week, the processing of late-issue VBM's has been completed and the opening and extracting of them will begin soon. The required 1% hand tally, which matched and verified counts done by the high-speed tabulators, is complete.

Work on the provisionally cast ballots progressed today and will continue again tomorrow. The sorting of each verified ballot envelope into one of the 269 precincts has also begun. Duplication of ballots, for those voters who voted provisionally on an incorrect ballot type, continues.

Once the review of provisional ballots is complete, the review of the 600 Conditional Voter Registration Provisional ballots will begin.

Merced Elections is continuing to receive signature verifications from voters whose VBM signature was challenged due to not matching the signature on their registration record. As noted previously, voters have until two days prior to the certification of this election to validate their signatures.

Tomorrow we will begin the hand tally of the certified write in candidates. Certified write in candidates were possible in the following contests:

- City of Los Banos - Mayor
- City of Merced - Councilmember, District 2
- Delhi County Water – Director

It is not anticipated that election results will be updated until the processing of all provisional ballots is complete.

All of the processes taking place, including the 1% hand tally and the hand tally of write-in candidates, must be completed prior to the certification of the election.

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 Thursday, December 6, 2018, which is 30-days following Election Day.

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