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SUBJECT: **November 3, 2020 Election Day Post Election Update**

The Elections Office again continued the canvass process of the Presidential General Election. Signature verification processes on Vote By Mail (VBM) envelopes received on Election Day, as well as VBM envelopes received timely since Election Day, have been completed on almost all VBM. The opening and extraction of all verified VBM envelopes continued today. The tabulation of ballots also continued today and the Unofficial Election Results were updated accordingly to reflect 3,537 ballots tabulated today.

The reconciliation of Voting Assistance Center rosters continued today. This process reconciles the number of ballots provided to a polling location against the number of both voted and spoiled ballots. Also reconciled in this process are the number of voters who voted with the number of signatures on the electronic roster and on Provisional/Conditional ballot envelopes. Upon completion of this process, voters' signatures will be drafted into the election management system to update voter participation history.

Letters for outreach to voters whose signature on the VBM envelope does not match their registration signature on record continued to be mailed today. Voters receiving the challenged letter must complete and return the letter to the Elections office so that their signature can be cleared and their ballot sent for extraction. A number of voters have already completed and returned their previously issued letters.

The random selection of precincts for the one percent manual tally was held as scheduled and the manual tally process began today. This process requires that votes in 1 percent of the tabulated batches, selected at random by the elections official, and in one additional batch for each race not included in the randomly selected batches, be manually tallied. This procedure is conducted during the official canvass to verify the accuracy of the high-speed tabulators.

Finally, payroll processes are underway to initiate payments to the many election workers, field team members, and others who worked to support the election.

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 processed through today. The canvass will continue until complete and it is anticipated that we will post another update late tomorrow afternoon.

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