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SUBJECT: **June 5, 2018 Merced County Elections Update**

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On Election Day Merced County Registrar of Voters Barbara Levey reported her office had counted the ballots of 18,431 voters for the June 5, 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election. That unofficial Election Day result may be viewed at the [mercedelections.org](http://mercedelections.org) website and includes ballots voted at the polls and vote by mail ballots received and processed as of last week.

The canvass of the Gubernatorial Primary Election vote started Wednesday, June 6th. The Elections Office has approximately 11,000 vote by mail ballots received on or just before Election Day remaining to process. This includes checking the signature on each envelope against the signature on the original registration affidavit. Following this signature verification, each of the vote by mail ballot envelopes must be sorted into one of the 268 precincts in which they would have voted had they not voted by mail. Additional tasks include opening, flattening and processing each of the ballots through the high speed ballot scanning equipment used for the tabulation.

In addition, approximately 1,400 provisional ballots cast require review. This process will begin following the scanning and uploading of voter signatures located on the rosters from the 127 polling locations. These signatures and those on the vote by mail ballots must be reviewed to determine who has voted prior to the processing of the provisional ballots.

In addition to the ballots detailed above, the Merced County Elections office will continue to receive ballots through the mail. Ballots post-marked on Tuesday, June 5th may be accepted through Friday, June 8th.

The Registrar of Voters office is also reaching out to voters who did not sign their vote by mail ballot envelopes. Election Code provides that voters who have not signed their vote by mail envelopes can come into the office to sign them or submit an Unsigned Ballot Envelope Statement. The signatures are necessary before an envelope may be opened for tabulation. Voters needing to sign envelopes have until Wednesday, June 13th to provide a signature.

The canvass will continue until complete. California law requires certification of this election to be on or before July 5, 2018.

Unofficial Election Results will be updated Friday afternoon, June 8<sup>th</sup>, for ballots processed up to that time.

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