

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Wilson

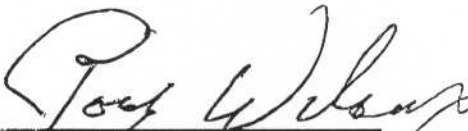
SUBMITTAL DATE: November 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Efficiency of Election Night Counting Process

RECOMMENDED MOTION: . That the Board of Supervisors request that the Executive Office and the Registrar of Voters examine the methodology used in the counting of election ballots during the last election and develop a better procedure. It is further requested that the Executive Office report back to the Board of Supervisors in 30 days.

BACKGROUND: In previous years counting of ballots have been conducted in Riverside as well as in remote locations. This past election saw the process move to one centralized location in Riverside. The Fourth District office has had numerous complaints from the news media and the public about the slow counting of ballots on November 8. Although the polls closed at 8 p.m., it wasn't until 12:30 a.m. before results were posted.

The County of Riverside has nearly 7,300 square miles with the Palo Verde Valley being located 190 miles from the county seat. In order to better serve the needs of all of residents of Riverside County serious consideration should be given to reestablishing remote sites where ballots can be counted. These sites should be located, at minimum, in the Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys.



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