

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



ITEM: 27.1
(ID # 29907)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

FROM : REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Election Update and Presentation. All Districts, [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive an election update and presentation from the Registrar of Voters.

ACTION:Policy



Art Tinoco, Registrar of Voters 2/5/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(RECEIVED AND FILED)

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Registrar of Voters will provide an update on the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election and a presentation on various Election associated topics.

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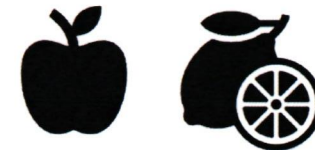
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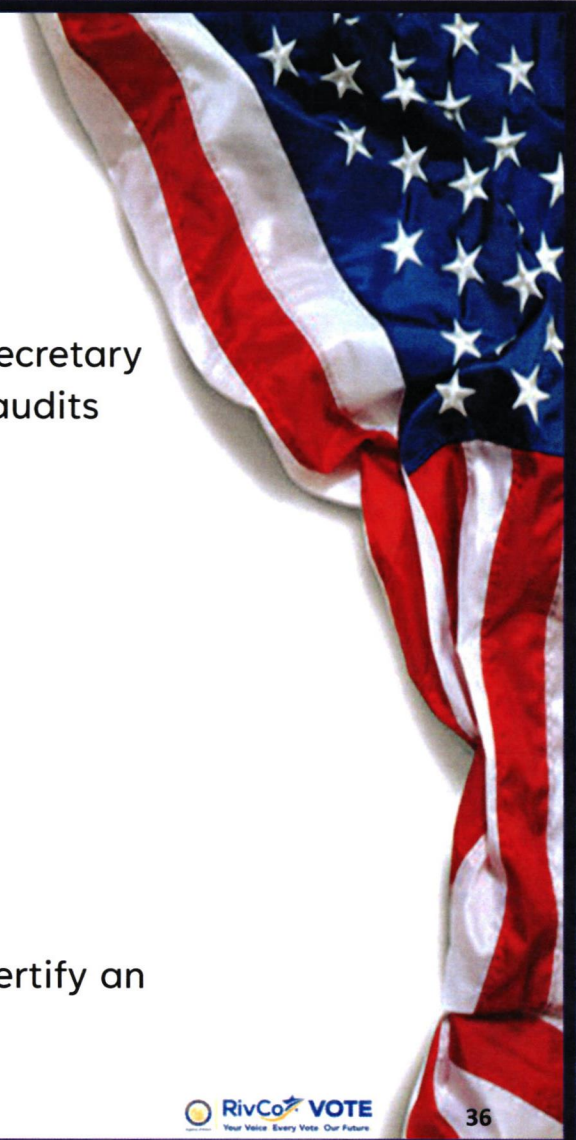
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After the Registrar follows the tasks of the official canvass, they can legally certify an election. Registrar's office is consistently under 1%.

California Elections Code 15000, 15302, 15360, 15600



Riverside County Registrar of Voters

Questions



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 - ✓ Logic and Accuracy Testing
- Performed after election day to confirm vote count:
 - ✓ Roster Audit
 - ✓ 1% Manual Tally
 - ✓ Recounts (if requested)

After the Registrar follows the tasks of the official canvass, they can legally certify an election. Registrar's office is consistently under 1%.

California Elections Code 15000, 15302, 15360, 15600

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Proposition 50 Election Reconciliation Calculations
2/9/26

prop 50 audit reconciliation calculations.xlsx

	Data	Source
Ballots received at the ROV from USPS	343,572	Excel file: Daily Mail in take spreadsheet tally Prop 50 election.xlsx
Ballots received from Drop Box locations	139,585	Prop 50 collection form tally sheet by date.xlsx
Ballots received at Drop Box locations at Vote Cent	86,513	Prop 50 vote center ballot statements - final Nov 4 2025.xlsx
Ballots received from Vote Centers (in-person)	51,443	Prop 50 vote center ballot statements - final Nov 4 2025.xlsx
CVR ballots received at Vote Centers	6,391	Prop 50 vote center ballot statements - final Nov 4 2025.xlsx
Ballots received by FAX	✓ 255	EIMS report Ballots Returned by Return Date, 'FAX' category
Confidential Ballots	✓ 43	Email from E. Florer; 1-19-26
Ballots cast	627,802	
Ballots rejected - Provisional	329	EIMS report Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics, 'not counted' category
Ballots rejected - Conditional	86	EIMS report Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics, 'not counted' category
Ballots rejected - all others	15,961	EIMS report Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct - "challenged" category
Ballots rejected	16,376	
Net ballots cast	611,426	
Votes (ballots) counted	657,322	Voteinfo.net; 'Ballots Counted'; derived from Dominion 'Cards Cast' report
Difference between ballots cast vs counted	45,896	
Percentage error	6.98%	

all calculations verified by calculator

2/10/26
Hem 27.1
Jim Niederecker

ROV Reconciliation of the Proposition 50 Election

J. Niederecker

Updated 2/4/26

Method used for Prop 50 election based on Dec 1 demo by Art and Matt

1. Gather EIMS report and Dominion Report

- EIMS 'Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct & Return Method'
- EIMS 'Provisional Ballots Statistics report'
- EIMS 'CVR Statistics Report'
- Dominion Report 'Cards Cast'. (voteinfo.net includes count)

2. Determine count of 'Ballots (votes) Counted'

- Dominion report for 'Cards cast' provides count of 'Ballots Counted'

3. Determine Ballots Cast ('good' ballots)

- EIMS 'Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct' includes count of ballots marked as 'good'

4. Perform reconciliation calculation

- 'Dominion Ballots Counted' - 'good' ballots cast = reconciliation error. (should be zero)

Results

Ballots Counted from voteinfo.net = 657,322

EIMS 'Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct' includes count of ballots marked as 'good' = 651,229.

Reconciliation calculation: $657,322 - 651,229 = 6,093$

Percentage error = $6,093 / 651,229 = 0.0093$ (0.94%)

Error rate exceeds Calif State Standard 0.0008%

2/4/26 update:

Art has claimed the ROV reconciliation ballot discrepancy was 100 ballots.

Error rate based on 100 ballots:

$100/657,322 = 0.015\%$

Error rate exceeds Calif State Standard 0.0008%

FINAL CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

VOTER TURNOUT

45.9%



Ballots Counted	657,322
Vote by Mail	599,979
Vote Center - In Person	51,398
CVR	5,945
Registered Voters	1,432,326

List Slideshow Filter Races

Showing 1 of 1 contests

Proposition 50 - Congressional redistricting. (ACA 8, Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025)
 (VOTE FOR 1)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	369,565	56.29%	<div style="width: 56.29%;"></div>
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	286,995	43.71%	<div style="width: 43.71%;"></div>

AVMR129 - Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct
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	Challenged	Good	Undeliverable	Total
575029	25	572	48	645
577006	22	980	69	1071
577009	40	1488	98	1626
577020	0	4	0	4
Total	15961	651229	27248	694438

Objective Evidence in Auditing

J. Niederecker

7/15/25

The ROV claimed 'REIT's methodology incorporates unofficial and unreliable data outside of the electronic voting system'.

To confirm a process or business function is meeting specified requirements during an audit, the auditor must obtain objective evidence which demonstrates requirements are being met. The use of objective evidence is fundamental to auditing and provides the basis for an objective assessment of the process or function.

This fact is corroborated by auditing standards.

Riverside Internal Auditing Standard

In Riverside County, the standard for internal audits is the '***INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF INTERNAL AUDITING (STANDARDS)***'

The introduction to the Standard states:

Internal auditing is conducted in diverse legal and cultural environments; for organizations that vary in purpose, size, complexity, and structure; and by persons within or outside the organization. While differences may affect the practice of internal auditing in each environment, conformance with The IIA's *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards)* is essential in meeting the responsibilities of internal auditors and the internal audit activity.

The standard specifies collection and control of records and information, i.e. objective evidence, during the audit:

2310 – Identifying Information

Internal auditors must identify sufficient, reliable, relevant, and useful *information* to achieve the engagement's objectives.

Interpretation:

Sufficient information is factual, adequate, and convincing so that a prudent, informed person would reach the same conclusions as the auditor. Reliable information is the best attainable information through the use of appropriate engagement techniques. Relevant information supports engagement observations and recommendations and is consistent with the objectives for the engagement. Useful information helps the organization meet its goals.

2330 – Documenting Information

Internal auditors must document sufficient, reliable, relevant, and useful *information* to support the engagement results and conclusions.

2330.A1 – The chief audit executive must control access to *engagement records*. The chief audit executive must obtain the approval of senior management and/or legal counsel prior to releasing such *records* to external parties, as appropriate.

2330.A2 – The chief audit executive must develop retention requirements for *engagement records*, regardless of the medium in which each record is stored. These retention requirements must be consistent with the organization’s guidelines and any pertinent regulatory or other requirements.

2330.C1 – The chief audit executive must develop policies governing the custody and retention of consulting *engagement records*, as well as their release to internal and external parties. These policies must be consistent with the organization’s guidelines and any pertinent regulatory or other requirements.

An example of an internal audit in Riverside County utilizing information and records is the ‘Internal Audit Report 2025-320 dated June 24, 2025 for the Transportation and Land Management Agency, Aviation Division, Follow-up Audit.

Page 1 of the audit report states:

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that our objective, as described in the preceding paragraph, is achieved. Additionally, the standards require that we conduct the audit to provide *sufficient, reliable, and relevant evidence* to achieve the audit objectives. We believe the audit provides a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Finding 1 describes the use of invoices as objective evidence:

Finding 1: Contract Compliance

“Standard Practice Manual 1001, Internal Controls, states, ‘Records are routinely examined and reconciled to determine that transactions were properly processed,’ and further emphasizes, the need for ‘Ensuring accuracy, reliability and timeliness of *financial records and reports*’ as methods of internal control.

Six out of 30 (20%) randomly selected *invoices* that did not comply ...

Finding 2 also listed invoices as objective evidence:

Finding 2: Contract Monitoring

“Standard Practice Manual 1001, Internal Controls, states, ‘safeguarding of assets’ and ‘ensuring accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of financial records and reports’ are internal controls used to, ‘provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives.’

Five out of five (100%) invoices sampled were not linked to their respective county contract. Expenditures were not closely monitored ...

American Society of Quality

The article below describes the use of objective evidence. The author is an American Society of Quality Certified Quality Auditor

FROM THE ASQ WEBSITE:

A Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) is a professional who evaluates quality systems and processes to ensure compliance with standards and regulations. They specialize in identifying areas for improvement and ensuring organizational efficiency and effectiveness.

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Objective Evidence: An Auditor's Secret Weapon

POSTED BY [JANE BOLER](#) ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 IN [AUDITING](#)

By Craig Cochran

Objective evidence is the proof that the organization did or did not meet its requirements. One of the primary objectives of an audit is to collect objective evidence. Not just random objective evidence, but evidence specific to the requirements in the audit. The auditor selects requirements to verify, and then looks for objective evidence that the organization met the requirements.

Objective evidence has a couple of specific purposes. First, it provides credibility to the audit process. By keeping evidence of facts gathered during the audit, we can be confident that an audit actually took place. The auditor didn't just go through the motions. Real people were interviewed, actual *records* were examined, and current processes were analyzed. Anybody can review the evidence that was gathered and feel confident that the audit was effective.

Second, the evidence forms the raw material for any nonconformities that result. We're not seeking nonconformities, of course—we're seeking conformity. Despite this goal, nonconformities are a common outcome of audits. If we collect *detailed evidence* during the audit, we'll be able to write clear and defensible nonconformities. *Objective evidence* also helps to write meaningful positive findings. Both of these outputs—nonconformities and positive findings—rely on accurate and *objective evidence* gathered by the auditor.

Reply to M. Tran, County Counsel, Dec 8, 2025

Prepared by Jim Niederecker and Greg Langworthy

Mr. Tran,

Thank you for your response to Jim's letter. We have collaborated on our response to your answers.

We are encouraged that you thought our questions were "excellent" and that "We look forward to working with you in the coming days." We are disappointed we have not been able to meet with you in person. E-mail is not an efficient means to resolve our questions and find common ground in the law on this important issue.

We will comment on each of your answers to Jim's questions:

1. DOES CC AGREE THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT APPLIES IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

We agree with you that the CA Voting System Standards do not conflict with the Federal standard and that California is obligated to comply with federal voting laws. You wrote,

"Under the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause, federal law takes precedence over state law when the two conflict or are inconsistent with one another. We do not have that situation here with the CA Voting System Standards. In short, yes, for federal elections, California is legally required to comply with federal voting laws such as Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)."

Well said.

2. DOES CC AGREE THE 2% INDUSTRY STANDARD CANNOT APPLY TO THE SYSTEM ACCURACY STANDARD FOR VOTING SYSTEMS? IF NOT, WHY NOT? CAN CC SUPPLY THE ACTUAL STANDARD FOR REVIEW?

You defend the claimed validity of the 2% voting system accuracy requirement by asserting:

"As the chief elections officer, the Secretary of State provides all the CA counties with election guidance. The 2% 'industry standard' is the variance allowed via the Secretary of State for all elections."

We disagree with this assessment because it directly conflicts with the defined accuracy standard cited in both federal and state law:

Federal standard: "All systems **shall achieve** a report total error rather of no more than one in 125,000" (Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, Version 1.1, section 4.a.1).

This is a very stringent requirement, but the reason it is so strict was made clear in HAVA:

"This rate is set at a sufficiently stringent level such that the likelihood of voting system errors affecting the outcome of an election is exceptionally remote even in the closest of elections (FEC, Voting System Standards: Volume 1, Performance Standards, pp. 3-51).

The state standard is the same:

"All systems **shall achieve** a report total error rate of no more than one in 125,000"
(*California Voting System Standards*, California Secretary of State, October 2014, p. 71).

The SOS has no authority to mandate an "Industry Standard" which contradicts both state and federal law. Additionally, the state law includes no restrictions limiting the standard to federal or state elections; it is applicable to both.

County consultant, EAC Advisor, and auditor Neil Kelly addressed the ROV's assertion that the accuracy standard for a voting system in California is 2%. He made the following points:

- a. 2% is an informal target, or administrative expectation set by the SOS for use with an internal control process
- b. It's used to evaluate whether a county's "Ballot Statistics Report (BSR) from a county's EMS system is more or less in sync with the records maintained by the 'VoteCal' System
- c. "Nobody would tolerate a 2% error in a certified statement of votes. That would be crazy."

REIT believes the 2% "Industry Standard" is not applicable to voting system accuracy because it directly contradicts the explicit written text of state and federal law. A formal request was made for a copy of the supposed standard; 25-7420, to facilitate this discussion. The record request found no applicable records and directed us to seek the standard from the Secretary of State. How can the registrar follow a standard he does not possess?

Counsel has also asserted the California Voting System Standard, 4.1.1, only applies for certification of the voting system and is not applicable when executing an election. Thus, the state standard of 0.0008% would not be applicable. This assertion was debunked in our reply to the county July 2025, see attached, which addressed the validity of our audit of the 2024 General Election. This assertion was again debunked in my letter to the county dated Nov 18 regarding Voting System Accuracy; see attached, pp 4-8. Counsel has not provided any feedback on these analyses.

3. GIVEN THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT SUPERSEDES ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE COUNTY COULD USE THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT OF 0.0008% IN A FEDERAL ELECTION THAT INCLUDES LOCAL CONTESTS AND A DIFFERENT STANDARD IN A LOCAL ELECTION. IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE TO CERTIFY THE SYSTEM TO 0.0008% AS CC CLAIMS AND THEN ASSESS ACCURACY IN LOCAL ELECTIONS TO A 2% INDUSTRY STANDARD.

Your response to Jim's question:

"Federal law provides a regulatory framework and optional standards/guidelines but does NOT impose a universal numeric "1 in 125,000" or (.0008%), or any fixed rate limit for election errors."

However, federal law for voting system accuracy states:

"The system **shall** [emphasis added] achieve a target error rate of no more than one in 10,000,000 ballot positions, with a maximum acceptable error rate in the test process of 500,000 ballot positions.

This standard was later simplified to 1 error in every 125,000 ballots in 2015. The standard is not optional: "The system **shall achieve**" the target error rate.

Federal law does in fact impose a numeric requirement for election error.

The 'metric' in Federal law is:

- The Help America Vote Act, HAVA, 52 U.S.C. section 21083, mandates voting system error rates by reference to Voting System Standards, section 3.2.1, issued by the Federal Election Committee, FEC.
- Voting System Standards, Performance Standards, Volume I (2002) allowed for one error per 500,000 ballot positions. (*HAVA p39*)
- Experts working at the FEC estimated 500,000 ballot positions equaled 125,000 individual ballots (Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines, Version 1.1, section 4.1.1)

You further responded to Jim's question.

"What are acceptable or adequate standards really depend on what kind of error we are examining. For example, there are different standards for different kinds of errors (e.g. machine-tabulation error, ballot-marking error, audit tolerance, etc.). We cannot pick just one error standard for one part of the election process and apply it as a universal error rate for the entire election process. Please do share if you have specific legal authority mandating this federal universal fixed error rate."

The accuracy standard is well-defined and applies to the 'system' as noted in the title "California Voting System Standards." It excludes 'ballot marking errors' which is a user error. We are not sure what you mean by 'audit tolerance.' The Voting Systems Standards, Volume 1,

Performance Standards, April 2002, Section 3.2.1, developed by the EAC describes the ‘type of errors’ applicable:

“Voting system accuracy addresses the accuracy of data for each of the individual ballot positions that could be selected by a voter. For a voting system, accuracy is defined as the ability of the system to **capture, record, store, consolidate and report the specific selections** made by the voter for each ballot position without error. The rate is set at a sufficiently stringent level such that the likelihood of voting system errors affecting the outcome of an election is exceptionally remote even in the closest of elections.”

The accuracy requirement is specific to the operation of the system which includes capturing, recording, storing and reporting voter selections. HAVA Section 301. 52 USC Section 21081 gives a clear definition of what is meant by the “voting system”:

...the total combination of mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic equipment (including software, firmware, and documentation required to program, control, and support the equipment) that is used to define ballots; to cast and count votes; to report or display election results; and to maintain and produce any audit trail information.

The accuracy requirement is applicable to “to cast and count votes; to report or display election results; and to maintain and produce any audit trail information.” The voting system must be highly accurate in capturing and counting the true intent of the voters.

In the same response to question 3 you wrote:

“California law does not codify an explicit ‘1 in 125,000’ error rate as a universal threshold for election correctness. Instead, California certification depends on passing defined performance and testing benchmarks under State standards. For example, California requires a 1% manual tally of randomly selected precincts or ballots when using voting systems. In another word, California’s approach is more about spot-checking and audit procedures, not defining an absolute ‘error rate threshold’ like ‘1 in 125,000’ or .0008%.”

Though you assert that “California law does not codify an explicit ‘1 in 125,000’ error rate,” the California Voting System Standards explicitly states:

“All systems shall achieve a report total error rate of no more than one in 125,000” (p. 71).

We are puzzled you included this assertion when the text plainly includes the requirement. We do agree that California certification does also depend “on passing defined performance and testing benchmarks” such as the 1% Manual Tally (Elections Code 15360) the Roster Audit (Elections Code 15302 b & c), and the Reconciliation Audit. (California Elections Code 15302d).

California Code, Elections Code - ELEC § 19101 does specify use of the Voting System Standards to establish the accuracy standard:

The Secretary of State shall adopt and publish voting system standards and regulations governing the use of voting systems. The Secretary of State shall adopt standards that meet or exceed federal voluntary voting system guidelines set forth by the United States Election Assistance Commission or its successor agency.

Thus, this guideline does “codify” a system accuracy standard of 1 in 125,000 or .0008%

Additionally, Counsel has not addressed the question: How can the county use the Federal requirement of 0.0008% in a Federal election that includes local contests and a different standard in local elections? The county must explain the use of two different standards which differ by 25X.

4. WILL CC CONSIDER THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER GIVEN THE PROP 50 ELECTION CANVAS IS NOW IN WORK?.

You responded,

“Elections and election matters are a primary priority of the County. County Counsel does everything in their power to provide the legal support needed to the Registrar of Voters.”

We are encouraged to know that “elections and election matters are a primary priority of the County.” Our team wrote a detailed “Response to ROV’s Critiques of REIT Reconciliation Audit” which included our understanding of the accuracy standard in state and federal election law. At the time we wrote and submitted this response we were not aware you were reviewing what we wrote: We thought this was the responsibility of Steph Nelson and Ross Trindle. We hope you received this paper: We have attached a copy to this email.

On a separate issue, we hope you are also reviewing our understanding of the responsibility of the ROV to produce election records from this current election in a timely manner. We do not believe these records should have ever been considered “drafts” because they are records that were signed by election officials at the time they were created and they are documents that must be retained after the election. But regardless of this legal argument, we understood that we would receive them after certification, which was December 2nd, not five to seven days after certification preventing us from completing our audit in time for our supervisors to consider our findings when evaluating Registrar Tinoco’s election results. I have requested an immediate meeting with Elizabeth and Art to discuss possible solutions to this unexpected delay which is denying citizen oversight of this current election.

Thank you for your willingness to dialogue on these issues. Achieving our common goal of transparent, accurate elections will require teamwork on the part of the ROV, county counsel, the supervisors, law enforcement, the auditor/controller, and the citizens of Riverside County. Your

role is key as you make clear to everyone what is common to everyone, the written law pertaining to our elections.

Thank you for your work and we also look forward to working with you in the coming days,

Jim Niederecker and Greg Langworthy

Jim and Greg's response to Minh Tran 12-8-25 final.docx

Special Election, Proposition 50 Nov 4, 2025 Reconciliation Audit Report

1/20/2026

Prepared by: Jim Niederecker – Riverside Election Integrity Team, REIT

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Purpose of Audit

The purpose of this audit was to reconcile the number of ballots cast (the 'good' ballots that are received from the voters in the election via any allowed modality) with the number of votes recorded by the vote counting system per CA Election Code 15302 (d). This audit is in response to the reconciliation audit completed for the 2024 General Election. In this audit, it was determined the number of votes counted exceeded the number of ballots cast by 33,888. Based on this audit, the 2024 General Election results should not have certified.

Audit Requirements

California Election Code 15302 (d): A reconciliation of the number of ballots counted, spoiled, canceled, or invalidated due to identifying marks, overvotes, or as otherwise provided by statute, with the number of votes recorded, including vote by mail and provisional ballots, by the vote counting system.

The accuracy standard for reconciliation of ballots is found in HAVA SEC 301 which references section 3.2.1 of the Voting System Standards issued by the FEC. HAVA refers to 'ballot positions' instead of 'ballots'. The standards, Volume 1, 2002, allow one error per 500,000 ballot positions. Experts working for the FEC estimated that 500,000 ballot positions equaled 125,000 individual ballots (See Federal Election Commission [Voluntary Voting System Guidelines of 2015](#)). Thus, the standard of 1 error allowed for every 125,000 ballots cast or 0.0008% is applicable.

REIT included the standard practice to include information, i.e. objective evidence, to determine if the reconciliation requirement per Election Code 15302 (d) was met. The use of 'information' is included in the [International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing](#) which is routinely utilized by Riverside County auditors. See sections 2240, 2240.A1, 2300, 2310, and 2330.

Audit Team

Selected members of REIT performed the audit. The audit team consisted of:

-Audit Leader: Jim Niederecker

-Team members: Steve and Nancy Gaier, Cyndie Allen, Tom & Vivian Dicus, Sharon Neill, Greg and Veronica Langworthy, John Thomas, Kate Herman, Cindy Stafford, Bob Quaid, and Bob Kowell.

Audit Dates

The audit was initiated 11/14/25 and completed on 1/20/26.

Audit Plan

No formal audit plan was documented by REIT, however, the intention to complete the audit, including the tasks to be performed were communicated to the Registrar and the Riverside Board of Supervisors, BOS, on numerous occasions. The Standard Operating Procedure used was identical to that used in the audit of Special Election for Assembly Seat 63 in August 2025. [See Attachment 1](#). REIT identified three updates required to the procedure. The procedure will be updated to request the count of

'Confidential' ballots received and clarify RAVBM ballots are included in the count of Faxed ballots received. Also, since ballots are not received by internet, this source of ballots is removed from the procedure. REIT provided updates to the BOS mostly focused on the inability to get records in a timely manner. A formal presentation of the audit results is planned at the January 27 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Definitions

This audit applied the following definitions:

Finding -discrepancy, weakness, or non-compliance with a required standard, requirement, or statute.

Observation - issue that does not significantly affect the overall operation or process but still requires attention. It may be an opportunity for improvement.

Audit Methodology

The audit team collected Vote Center Ballot Statements, VBM Drop Box Collection Forms, and other appropriate objective evidence to determine the number of ballots entered into the Voting system. The team obtained the count of ballots not counted due to compliance issues, e.g. ballot not cured, CVR voter not eligible, etc. and deducted this from the total ballots input. This net cast value was compared to the certified count of ballots (votes) counted. The results should reconcile per HAVA SEC 301 which references section 3.2.1 of the Voting System Standards issued by the FEC..

Data Collection and Analysis

Drop Box Ballots

ROV officials collected VBM ballots from drop boxes per a predetermined schedule. REIT election observers noted the number of ballots collected from each box each day was counted by at least two staff members. At drop box locations, the count was recorded on the Vote by Mail Collection Forms. See [Attachment 2](#) for a representative form. At vote centers, the count was recorded on the Ballot Statement in Row F. See [Attachment 3](#) for an example Vote Center Ballot Statement. A Microsoft Excel file was created by the audit team to tally the counts of ballots from Drop Box locations. The Excel file is: 'Prop 50 VBM collection form tally sheet by date.xlsx'. Counts of Drop Box ballots from Vote Centers were tallied in Excel file: 'Prop 50 vote center ballot statements – final Nov 4, 2025.xlsx'. All Microsoft excel files used in the audit and referenced in this report were validated to ensure accuracy.

Results:

Total from Vote Centers: 86,513

Total from all other Drop Box locations: 139,585

Total from all Drop Boxes: 226,098

Conditional, CVR, Ballots Received from Vote Centers

ROV officials collected CVR ballots at Vote Centers daily. REIT election observers noted the number of ballots collected each day was counted by at least two staff members and recorded on the Ballot Statement in Row C. The results were tallied in Excel file: 'Prop 50 vote center ballot statements – final Nov 4, 2025.xlsx'.

Result:

Total CVR Ballots received from all Vote Centers: 6,391

In-person Ballots from Vote Centers

In-person votes cast at Vote Centers were recorded on ballot statements each day the Vote Center was open. REIT election observers noted the number of ballots cast was counted by at least two staff members and recorded in row A. See [Attachment 3](#) for an example ballot statement. Counts of ballots from Vote Centers were tallied in Excel file: 'Prop 50 vote center ballot statements – final Nov 4, 2025.xlsx'.

Result:

The total in-person ballots collected at vote centers was 51,443

Observation 1: The ballot statement includes lines for 'All signatures of members of the board', i.e. those who worked at the Vote Center. The ballot statement includes the following statement below the signatures:

We further certify that the total number of official ballots received, spoiled, and canceled, found in the ballot container and the number accounted for is as indicated on the ballot statement. We further certify that the assisted voters list and challenge list show a complete list of all voters assisted or challenged (Elec Code Section 14107)

This observation was included in the audit of the Assembly Seat 63 Special Election, August 2025, but was not implemented.

The form implies everyone that signed the statement reviewed and certified the counts and the Challenge List. REIT conducted poll watching in preparation for the audit and found:

- 1) The Vote Center Leads always reviewed the counts with the staff members who counted the ballots.
- 2) The Leads typically entered the counts on the ballot sheet.
- 3) Sometimes the Leads required all staff members to participate in review of the data on the form.
- 4) Sometimes the Leads asked other staff members to sign the ballot statement after step 1 above was completed.

Although the needed review was completed, the process to review and certify the ballot statement data was inconsistent. REIT recommends the ROV revise the form to list who is responsible to review and certify the form content e.g. a minimum of two Leads, and document all others who participated in the vote center activities.

Ballots Received by Facsimile

The ROV reported 255 ballots were received.

Ballots Received by USPS

REIT collected the Daily Mail Intake Forms prepared by the ROV which documents the number of ballots received from the U.S. Post Office. See [Attachment 4](#) for an example form. Excel file 'Daily Mail Intake spreadsheet tally Prop 50 election.xlsx'.

Result

The number of ballots received by USPS was 343,572.

Observation 2: The ROV implemented a new form in June of 2025 to record mail in-take to improve on the method used in the past. While the form is an improvement, more control on the form is required. A procedure to explain data collection is still needed. Also, the form requires the person(s) collecting the data to sign and date the form.

This observation was included in the audit of the Assembly Seat 63 Special Election, August 2025, but was not implemented.

Confidential Ballots

Confidential ballots cast were reported to the audit team.

Result

The number of Confidential ballots cast was 43.

Rejected Ballots

Ballots may not be counted if they exhibit an error, e.g. no signature and ballot not cured, arrived after due date, no signature on VBM ballot envelope, conditional ballot not valid, etc. REIT used the 'challenged' figures from the 'Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct' report, and the 'not counted' values from the 'Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics' report, and the 'Provisional Ballot Statistics' report provided by the ROV to account for rejected ballots.

Result

Ballots cast but not counted as reported by the ROV was 16,376

Reconciliation Results

Calculation Method: The team calculated the total number of ballots cast by ballots received from the USPS, Drop Boxes including Vote Centers, Vote Center In-Person, Facimile, Confidential and accepted Conditional Ballots. The team then subtracted ballots for which the ROV received but did not count, i.e. rejected ballots. To determine if ballots cast reconciled with ballots counted per Election Code 15302 (d), the ballots cast value was compared to the posted Certified result of Ballots counted.

Mail ballots received from DROP BOXES: 139,585
Ballots received via DROP BOXES AT VOTE CENTERS: 86,513
CVR BALLOTS received at Vote Centers: 6,391
In-Person ballots received at the VOTE CENTERS: 51,443
Ballots Received by Facsimile: 255
Mail ballots received from the POST OFFICE : 343,572
CONFIDENTIAL BALLOTS received: 43

Cast ballots NOT COUNTED by the ROV: -16,376

TOTAL NUMBER OF NET BALLOTS CAST: 611,426
ROV "Final Certified Election Results": 657,322

DIFFERENCE: 45,896
Percentage error: 6.98%

The results of the audit indicate a significant error in accounting for all ballots cast versus ballots (votes) counted. As of this writing, the election has been Certified. Certification requires 'full, true, and correct' results. This Certification is not valid. The accuracy requirement of 0.0008% was not met. The objective evidence collected and analyzed supports the audit finding and demonstrates the voting system is not accurate. *Investigation into these significant discrepancies is required to identify root cause(s) and to implement corrective action(s).* The public cannot have trust in the voting system when errors of this nature are present.

Recommendations

1. Update the Reconciliation SOP to include updates as noted on pages 1 and 2.

Attachment 1 -Standard Operating Procedure – Reconciliation

Standard Operating Procedure for Riverside Election Integrity Team Audit

(revised 11/14/2025)

Purpose and Scope

This SOP outlines the procedures required for citizen volunteers to conduct a Reconciliation Audit of a Riverside County election: reconciling the number of ballots cast (the good ballots that are received from the voters in the election-via any allowed modality) with the number of votes recorded by the vote counting system per CA Election Code 15302d.

California Code, Elections Code - ELEC § 15302 (d) *A reconciliation of the number of ballots counted, spoiled, canceled, or invalidated due to identifying marks, overvotes, or as otherwise provided by statute, with the number of votes recorded, including vote by mail and provisional ballots, by the vote counting system.*

The accuracy of the voting system is assessed as part of the audit. The accuracy of the voting system is defined both in Federal and State law:

Federal Requirement

- *HAVA, 52 US.C.A. section 21083, mandates voting system error rates by reference to Voting System Standards, section 3.2.1, issued by the FEC.*
- *Voting System Standards, Performance Standards, Volume I (2002) allowed for one error per 500,000 ballot positions. (HAVA p39)*
- *Experts working at the FEC estimated 500,000 ballot positions equaled 125,000 individual ballots. This is documented in the Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines, Version 1.1:*
- **4.1.1 Accuracy Requirements**
The following requirements are intended to allow tolerance for unpreventable hardware-related errors that occur rarely and randomly as a result of physical phenomena. They are not intended to allow tolerance of software faults that result in systematic miscounting of votes. Section 2.1.2 includes a requirement for accuracy of logic.
 - a. *All systems **shall** achieve a report total error rate of no more than one in 125,000 (8×10^{-6}).*

State Requirement

California Voting System Standard 4.1.1 Accuracy Requirements

The following requirements are intended to allow tolerance for unpreventable hardware-related errors that occur rarely and randomly as a result of physical phenomena affecting optical scanning sensors. They are not intended to allow tolerance of software faults that result in systematic miscounting of votes.

*a. All systems **shall** achieve a report total error rate of no more than one in 125,000 (8×10^{-6}).*

1. Preparation Phase

- **Team Briefing:** Conduct a meeting with the audit team to clarify roles, responsibilities, and the timeline for the audit process.

- **Document Access:** Ensure that all necessary permissions are obtained to access election records.
- **Materials Required:**
 - “Ballot Statements” from all vote centers for each day the vote centers are open during the election.
 - “Vote By Mail Collection Forms” from all designated drop boxes and drop off locations for each day these locations are open. These forms must be received and signed even if no ballots are received on a day the location is open.
 - “Daily Mail In-Take Forms” of the daily number of Riverside County ballots received from the Chicago Avenue United States Post Office. This record should include all the ballots received each day, including damaged ballots and ballots that were “Undeliverable.”
 - Ballot Card Accounting Record Log Sheet.
 - Record of ballots received by fax.
 - EIMS Report: “Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct
 - EIMS Report: “Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics” report produced by ROV.
 - EIMS Report: “Provisional Ballot Statistics Report”
 - List of all vote centers, designated drop off locations (including their identifying numbers), and the election officials staffing those locations.
 - Total number of official ballots mailed to eligible voters on the roster.
 - Total number of official ballots sent to active military of eligible overseas voters.
 - Total number of official ballots returned to the ROV as undeliverable by the USPS.

2. Calculation of Total Ballots Received During the Election

2.1 Ballots Received from the Chicago Avenue Post Office

- **Objective:** Verify and count the total number of ballots received from the Post Office.
- **Procedure:**
 1. Request and receive a copy of all the “Daily Mail In-Take Forms” the ROV generated spreadsheet of the number of ballots received each day from the Chicago Avenue Post Office. We expect these forms to be signed by the election official that created the form.
 2. Record the total number of ballots received from the Post Office during the election.

2.2 Ballots Received via Drop-Off Locations

- **Objective:** Verify and count the total number of ballots received via drop-off locations.
- **Procedure:**
 1. Request and receive copies of all daily Vote-by-Mail Collection Forms (VBM-CF) from all drop-off locations.

2. Ensure all ballot statements have been received and were signed by the election officials that received the ballots.
3. Record the total number of ballots received through each drop box.
4. Record the total the number of ballots received from all drop-off locations during the election.

2.3 Ballots Received via Vote Centers

- **Objective:** Verify and count the total number of ballots received via vote centers.
- **Procedure:**
 1. Request and receive copies of all daily “Ballot Statements” from all vote centers.
 2. Ensure that all ballot statements have been received and were signed by the election officials who received the ballots.
 3. Verify the accuracy of each ballot statement and resolve errors with the ROV.
 4. Record the total number of ballots received at each vote center
 5. Record the total number of in-person ballots received, the total number of provisional ballots received, and the total number of VBM’s received.

2.4 Ballots received by Fax

- **Objective:** Request and receive copies of the ballot statement confirming the total number of ballots received by fax.
- **Procedure:** Request and receive the ROV’s ballot statement or record of the number of ballots received by fax.

3. Calculation of Total Number of Ballots Rejected During Election

- **Objective:** Analyze and categorize all ballots rejected by the ROV.
- **Procedure:**
 1. Request the following reports from the ROV:
 - “Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct
 - “Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics” report produced by ROV.
 - “Provisional Ballot Statistics Report”
 2. Determine the number of Reject Ballots using the EIMS reports:
 - **Rejected Provisional Ballots:** Provisional ballots rejected by the ROV according to ROV’s ”Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics.”
 - **Rejected Conditional Ballots:** Conditional ballots rejected by the ROV according to ROV’s “Conditional Voter Registration Ballot Statistics” report
 - **All other rejected ballots:** using the “challenged” ballot count from the “Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct report

4. Reconciliation of “Good” Ballots Cast and Official Election Results

- **Objective:** Compare total number of “good” ballots cast with the Official Election Results
- **Procedure:**
 1. Verify ballot counts from the USPS, drop off locations, vote centers, and fax while excluding all ballots rejected by the ROV.
 2. Compare the number of “good” ballots cast with the number of votes counted by the vote counting system.
 3. Determine whether the number of “good” ballots cast reconciles with the official final count of votes
 4. If the “good” ballots cast value does not match the official final count of votes, verify the error meets Voting System Accuracy standards.

5. Audit Report

- **Objective:** Compile and submit a comprehensive audit report.
- **Procedure:**
 1. Summarize the findings, including total ballots received, ballots rejected for any reason, and any discrepancies.
 2. Include recommendations for process improvements based on audit observations.
 3. Include findings discovered during the audit process.
 4. Submit the report to the Registrar of Voters, County COO, County CEO, and County Board of Supervisors and ensure it is available for public review.

6. Post-Audit Review

- **Objective:** Review audit results with our county
- **Procedure:**
 1. Hold a debriefing session with the audit team.
 2. Schedule a debriefing session with the ROV, law enforcement, county council, and the ad-hoc election committee to discuss results, findings and recommendations.

Attachment 2 – VBM Collection Form

County of Riverside Registrar of Voters Vote-By-Mail Collection Form (VBM-CF)	
Date of Arrival: 05.27.25	Time of Arrival: 9:30 AM/PM
Drop Off Center's Location: Woodcrest Library	Drop Off Box Number: 17
Number of VBM Ballot Envelopes Collected: 2	
Security Chamber Seal's Serial Number: 23016821	
Collector's Name: Alejandra Martinez	Collector's Signature: <i>Alejandra M.</i>
Observer's Name: Julia Harris	Observer's Signature: <i>Julia Harris</i>
Date of Departure: 05.27.25	Time of Departure: 3:00 AM/PM
Date of Arrival: (ROV) 05.27.25	Time of Arrival: (ROV) 3:30 AM/PM

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Attachment 3 - Vote Center Ballot Statement





BALLOT STATEMENT



DATE: June 15, 2025

VC#: 7


REGULAR PAPER BALLOTS

The Number of Voted Paper Ballots <i>(Place both AVU and BOD ballots into Brown Voted Ballot Carton)</i>	A 
The Number of Spoiled Paper Ballots <i>(Place envelopes with black ink in plastic bag and into the Red Transport Bag. Do not include Vote-by-Mail surrendered ballots)</i>	B 


CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION (CVR) ENVELOPES

The Number of Voted Orange CVR Envelopes <i>(Place the envelopes in the plastic bag and into the Red Transport Bag)</i>	C 
The Number of Spoiled CVR Envelopes <i>(Place envelopes with blue ink in plastic bag and into the Red Transport Bag)</i>	D 

ROSTER SIGNATURES

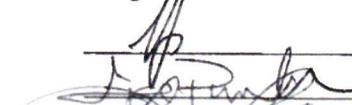

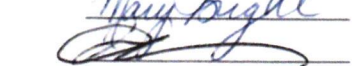
Total Number of Voter Signatures <i>(Use the Workstation Summary Slip for totals: Regular Rosters 1 - 5, CVR Rosters 1 - 5, and Curbside Roster signatures)</i>	E 
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VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

The Number of Dropped Off Vote-by-Mail Ballots <i>(Place the envelopes in the plastic bag and any overflow envelopes into the Red Transport Bag. If needed, use the Brown cardboard VBM Ballot Box for overflow VBM Ballots).</i>	F 
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We further certify that the total number of official ballots received, voted, rejected, spoiled and canceled, found in the ballot container and the number accounted for is as indicated on the ballot statement. We further certify that the assisted voters list and challenge list show a complete list of all voters assisted or challenged. (Elec Code § 14107)

Signatures of All Members of the Board:

	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

THE "WHITE" COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE LEAD BINDER.
 THE "YELLOW" COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE BROWN VOTED BALLOT CARTON.
 THE "ORANGE" COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE RED TRANSPORT BAG.

Attachment 4 – Daily Mail In-Take Form



Special Primary Election June 24, 2025

Daily Mail In-Take Form

DATE: 5-22-25

MAIL: 2

DROP BOX:

DROP OFF LOCATION:

VOTE CENTER DROP OFF:

NONDELIVERABLE:

MISC:

OUT OF COUNTY:

OLD ELECTION:

TOTAL BALLOTS: 2

109	Perris DPSS	Perris, CA	760	760	765	-5	-5		-5
110	Railway Elementary School	Perris, CA	398	398	401	-3	-3		-3
111	Rancho Mirage Library	Rancho Mirage, CA	697	697	698	-1	-1		-1
112	The River	Rancho Mirage, CA	274	274	270	4		4	-4
113	Arlanza Community Center	Riverside, CA	673	673	667	6		6	-6
114	Arlington Library	Riverside, CA	892	892	895	-3	-3		-3
115	Bordwell Park	Riverside, CA	777	777	781	-4	-4		-4
116	County of Riverside Registrar of Voters	Riverside, CA	3385	3384	3350	35		35	-35
117	Highgrove Library	Riverside, CA	750	750	753	-3	-3		-3
118	Janet Goeske Senior Center	Riverside, CA	843	843	843	0			0
119	Joyce Jackson Community Center	Riverside, CA	590	590	586	4		4	-4
120	La Sierra Branch Library*	Riverside, CA	1552	1552	1553	-1	-1		-1
121	La Sierra Community Center	Riverside, CA	982	982	982	0			0
122	Lake Mathews Community Room	Riverside, CA	396	396	396	0			0
123	Norte Vista High School	Riverside, CA	419	419	421	-2	-2		-2
124	Orange Terrace Community Center**	Riverside, CA	1995	1995	1998	-3	-3		-3
125	Renck Community Center	Riverside, CA	825	825	831	-6	-6		-6
126	Riverside County Lake Hills Fire Station 82	Riverside, CA	1064	1064	1067	-3	-3		-3
127	Riverside County Office of Education Gregory Room	Riverside, CA	530	530	533	-3	-3		-3
128	Riverside Main Library**	Riverside, CA	1249	1249	1246	3		3	-3
129	School of Career Education-Riverside County Office of Ed	Riverside, CA	296	295	299	-3	-3		-3
130	Springbrook Clubhouse	Riverside, CA	512	512	512	0			0
131	UC Riverside Alumni and Visitors Center	Riverside, CA	479	479	480	-1	-1		-1
132	Woodcrest Library	Riverside, CA	1154	1154	1151	3		3	-3
133	Ysmael Villegas Community Center	Riverside, CA	956	956	960	-4	-4		-4
134	San Jacinto Community Center	San Jacinto, CA	752	752	749	3		3	-3
135	San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus	San Jacinto, CA	566	566	568	-2	-2		-2
136	Valley-Wide Sport Center	San Jacinto, CA	969	969	976	-7	-7		-7
137	Grace Mellman Community Library**	Temecula, CA	1203	1203	1206	-3	-3		-3
138	Margarita Recreation Center	Temecula, CA	801	789	807	-6	-6		-6
139	Mary Phillips Senior Center	Temecula, CA	291	291	294	-3	-3		-3
140	MSJC Temecula Valley Campus	Temecula, CA	576	576	589	-13	-13		-13
141	Riverside County Fire Station #96	Temecula, CA	501	501	501	0			0
142	Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public	Temecula, CA	3167	3167	3171	-4	-4		-4
143	Temecula Community Center	Temecula, CA	678	678	678	0			0
144	Temecula Community Recreation	Temecula, CA	987	987	982	5		5	-5
145	Jack Ivey Ranch Country Club	Thousand Palms, CA	314	314	311	3		3	-3
146	VFW Post 1508	Wildomar, CA	626	626	627	-1	-1		-1
147	Wildomar City Hall	Wildomar, CA	1076	1074	1073	3		3	-3
148	Wildomar Library	Wildomar, CA	874	874	875	-1	-1		-1
149	Francis Domenigoni Community	Winchester, CA	611	611	611	0			0
150	French Valley Library	Winchester, CA	1614	1614	1612	2		2	-2

Note- these totals were not included in the original spreadsheet

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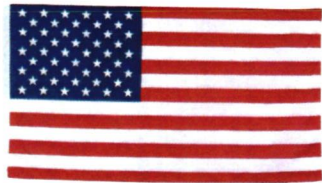
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number of missing signatures	376	
number of missing ballots		270

22 of 150 rosters reconciled

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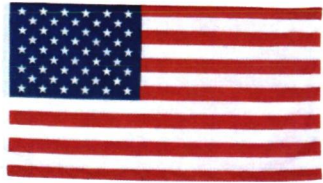
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Mail in Ballots + Drop Boxes + In Person ballots	932,783
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TOTAL BALLOTS 'CAST' IN ELECTION	<hr/> 925,210
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED <u>per ROV</u>	959,098
Difference	+33,888

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Prop 50 2025 Audit Results



Mail in Ballots + Drop Boxes + In Person ballots	627,802
Ballots rejected (mismatched sign, late arrival, etc)	-16,376
TOTAL BALLOTS 'CAST' IN ELECTION	<hr/> 611,426
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Past Audit Results



	Reconciliation Discrepancy
2024 General Election	+33,888
2025 Prop 50 Election	+45,896

ROV Reporting from EMS

	Challenged	Good	Undeliverable	Total
575029	25	572	48	645
577006	22	980	69	1071
577009	40	1488	98	1626
577020	0	4	0	4
Total	15961	651229	27248	694438

651,229 total votes cast

ROV Reporting from Tabulator Machine

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Statewide Special Election
County of Riverside
November 4, 2025
Final Official Election Results

Precincts Reported: 921 of 921 (100.00%)

Voters Cast: 657,322 of 1,432,326 (45.89%)

Proposition 50 - Congressional redistricting. (ACA 8, Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025) (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 921 of 921 (100.00%)

		Total	
Times Cast		657,322 / 1,432,326	45.89%
Candidate	Party	Total	
YES		369,565	56.29%
NO		286,995	43.71%
Total Votes		656,560	

657,322
total votes counted
&
certified

ROV Ballots Returned by Return Date Report

	Drop Box	Drop Off Location	Fax	Mail	Non-Deliverable	VC Drop Off	VC In-Person	Total
10/30/2025	212	4379	0	14166	0	1350	696	20803
10/31/2025	183	2400	0	12572	0	1916	907	17978
11/01/2025	150	3330	32	12175	0	1888	1729	19304
11/02/2025	0	0	131	0	0	0	1364	1495
11/03/2025	3028	2958	0	10933	0	4032	4544	25495
11/04/2025	1129	12888	84	16552	0	9798	38834	79285
11/05/2025	1192	59983	0	4123	0	44538	0	109836
11/06/2025	18	37	0	21848	0	23230	0	45133
11/07/2025	33	128	0	1425	0	83	0	1669
11/08/2025	74	268	0	38	0	0	0	380
11/10/2025	2	44	0	2363	0	0	0	2409
11/12/2025	1	17	0	404	0	0	0	422
11/13/2025	0	1	7	58	0	0	0	66
11/14/2025	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	8
11/15/2025	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	14
11/17/2025	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
11/19/2025	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	102
11/20/2025	0	0	0	208	0	0	0	208
11/21/2025	0	4	0	217	0	0	0	221
11/24/2025	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	24
12/01/2025	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
12/02/2025	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	14785	123534	255	370127	0	91181	51347	651229

651,229 total votes cast
 657,322 total votes counted

+6,093 more votes counted than cast

PROP 50 RECONCILIATION DISCREPANCIES

Citizen Audit Compared to County	VOTERS WHO VOTED "CAST"	VOTE COUNTING MACHING "COUNTED"	DISCREPANCY
<i>Riverside Election Integrity Team</i>	611,426	657,322	45,896
Riverside County Registrar of Voters	651,229	657,322	6,093



WHERE DID THEY
COME FROM?



****CAUTION** HIGH RISK ALERTS****



Neal Kelly

County Consultant Report



- Election Security Planning
- No formal multi-agency task force (DHS, FBI, Sheriff, DA)-when was the last time anyone was investigated or charged with election fraud?
- No election security playbook
- Vulnerable to cyber threats
- Weak and out-of-date SOP's with limited quality control testing
- Limited software licenses
- No Auditor Controller Review



CA DMV CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Experian proved the current process of keeping voter rolls updated is not working.

Data Results (as of 1/6/26)	Experian Reported	Response from Voter	Still Active
Moved (out of county/state)	58,500	333	58,167
Deceased	1080	38	1042
'No Best Address'	146,406	11,063 undeliverable	135,343
TOTAL	205,986	11,434	194,552

Riverside County ScoreCard

Riverside County, CA 2024 General Election Validity Scorecard

★ **1. Were the voter rolls accurate, as required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993?**

Registrations with material errors and omissions as per the Civil Rights Acts of 1964	Number of Instances*
Illegal duplicate registrations	10,766
Registrant with multiple votes in same election	3,140
Voted prior to "New Registration" date	428,047
Questionable inactive status	986
Voted while Inactive	59
Backdated registrations	250,393
Registered on January 1st	14,823
Invalid or illogical registration date	109,416
Illegal or invalid registration changes	16,390
Age discrepant registrants	1,018
Registrants with questionable address	4,486
TOTAL REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS PROHIBITED BY LAW:	839,524



Riverside County ScoreCard

★ 2. Were the votes counted from eligible voters, as required by the US Constitution?

Registrations with material errors and omissions whose votes were counted	Number of Instances*	49.3% VOTE ERROR RATE
Illegal duplicate registrations	5,823	
Registrant with multiple votes	2,284	
Voted prior to "New Registration" date	330,858	
Questionable inactive status	984	
Voted while Inactive	0	
Backdated registrations	136,192	
Registered on January 1st	3,842	
Invalid or Illogical registration date	60,402	
Illegal or Invalid registration changes	16,398	
Age discrepant registrants	287	
Registrants with questionable address	963	
TOTAL VOTING VIOLATIONS PROHIBITED BY LAW:	558,033	
UNIQUE VOTES PROHIBITED BY LAW:	473,056	



VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

Changes of addresses to VoteCal (State level) pushed to local EMS:

1. CA DMV Change of Address-set standards
2. EDD (using NCOA)-all should match; full voter registration
3. CDPH Deceased-per SOS “use local obituaries and other local county sources like coroner’s reports to cancel voter registration records”

Sends to the counties for **final determination.**

The local ROV gets to decide if matched or unmatched

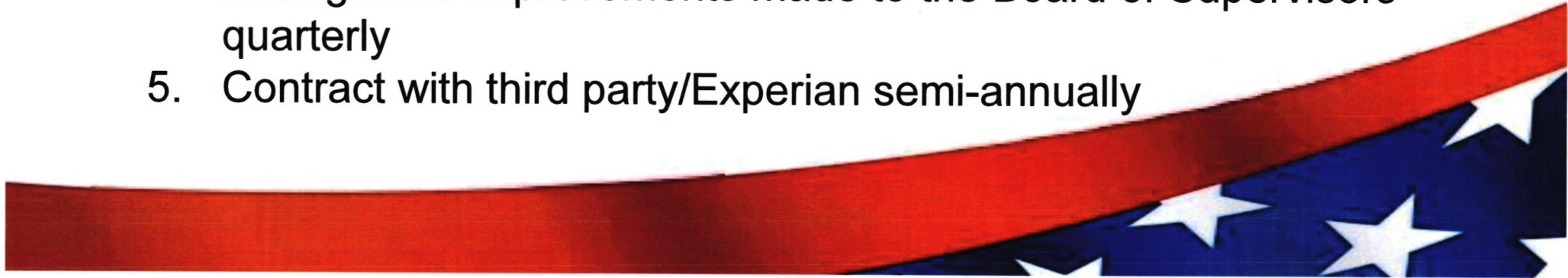
Email and public records-May 5, May 12, Sept 19 request went unanswered re: specific procedures for voter roll maintenance



VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

SOLUTIONS

1. Establish confidence scoring matrix to determine High Confidence Match
2. Publish the policy and provide monthly metrics reports to the public to increase confidence in list maintenance
3. Independent, internal audit documenting accepted matches, rejected matches and reason code, etc
4. Present total list maintenance actions, error rates, audit findings and improvements made to the Board of Supervisors quarterly
5. Contract with third party/Experian semi-annually



Elections are complicated...

CA Registrar from Shasta County Clint Curtis

- Attorney and programmer with decades of experience in law and software.
- JD from Barry University; additional studies at Cambridge and McGeorge.
- Practiced civil/criminal law in Florida (immigration, family, civil rights, corruption).
- 10+ years in software development at ExxonMobil, NASA, and others.
- In 2000, created prototype for first electronic voting machine (with manipulation algorithms).
- Spent 25+ years advocating against election manipulation; testified to U.S. Congress and state legislatures; influenced global election security.
- Currently focused in Shasta County on transparent, live/video-recorded ballot reconciliation at every stage, open to public monitoring to ensure accurate vote counting.



Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
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Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use **Meeting ID # 864 4411 6015 . Password is 20260210**. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in at 9:00 am with the phone number you provided in the form so you can be identified during the meeting.

Submitted on February 9, 2026

Submitted values are:

First Name

Shari

Last Name

Franklin

Phone

714-743-1880

Email

franklinshari@gmail.com

Agenda Date

02/10/2026

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

Agenda item 29907 ROV

Comments

Please see attached--THANK YOU!

Attachments (Must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx)

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Proposition 50 - Congressional redistricting. (ACA 8, Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025) (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 921 of 921 (100.00%)

		Total	
Times Cast		657,322 / 1,432,326	45.89%
Candidate	Party	Total	
YES		369,565	56.29%
NO		286,995	43.71%
Total Votes		656,560	

657,322
total votes counted
&
certified

ROV Ballots Returned by Return Date Report

	Drop Box	Drop Off Location	Fax	Mail	Non-Deliverable	VC Drop Off	VC In-Person	Total
10/30/2025	212	4379	0	14166	0	1350	696	20803
10/31/2025	183	2400	0	12572	0	1916	907	17978
11/01/2025	150	3330	32	12175	0	1888	1729	19304
11/02/2025	0	0	131	0	0	0	1364	1495
11/03/2025	3028	2958	0	10933	0	4032	4544	25495
11/04/2025	1129	12888	84	16552	0	9798	38834	79285
11/05/2025	1192	59983	0	4123	0	44538	0	109836
11/06/2025	18	37	0	21848	0	23230	0	45133
11/07/2025	33	128	0	1425	0	83	0	1669
11/08/2025	74	268	0	38	0	0	0	380
11/10/2025	2	44	0	2363	0	0	0	2409
11/12/2025	1	17	0	404	0	0	0	422
11/13/2025	0	1	7	58	0	0	0	66
11/14/2025	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	8
11/15/2025	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	14
11/17/2025	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
11/19/2025	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	102
11/20/2025	0	0	0	208	0	0	0	208
11/21/2025	0	4	0	217	0	0	0	221
11/24/2025	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	24
12/01/2025	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
12/02/2025	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	14785	123534	255	370127	0	91181	51347	651229

651,229 total votes cast
 657,322 total votes counted

+6,093 more votes counted than cast

PROP 50 RECONCILIATION DISCREPANCIES

Citizen Audit Compared to County	VOTERS WHO VOTED "CAST"	VOTE COUNTING MACHING "COUNTED"	DISCREPANCY
<i>Riverside Election Integrity Team</i>	611,426	657,322	45,896
Riverside County Registrar of Voters	651,229	657,322	6,093



WHERE DID THEY
COME FROM?

****CAUTION** HIGH RISK ALERTS****



Neal Kelly County Consultant Report



- Election Security Planning
- No formal multi-agency task force (DHS, FBI, Sheriff, DA)-when was the last time anyone was investigated or charged with election fraud?
- No election security playbook
- Vulnerable to cyber threats
- Weak and out-of-date SOP's with limited quality control testing
- Limited software licenses
- No Auditor Controller Review



CA DMV CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Experian proved the current process of keeping voter rolls updated is not working.

Data Results (as of 1/6/26)	Experian Reported	Response from Voter	Still Active
Moved (out of county/state)	58,500	333	58,167
Deceased	1080	38	1042
'No Best Address'	146,406	11,063 undeliverable	135,343
TOTAL	205,986	11,434	194,552



Riverside County ScoreCard

Riverside County, CA 2024 General Election Validity Scorecard

★ **1. Were the voter rolls accurate, as required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993?**

Registrations with material errors and omissions as per the Civil Rights Acts of 1964	Number of Instances*
Illegal duplicate registrations	10,766
Registrant with multiple votes in same election	3,140
Voted prior to "New Registration" date	428,047
Questionable inactive status	986
Voted while Inactive	59
Backdated registrations	250,393
Registered on January 1st	14,823
Invalid or illogical registration date	109,416
Illegal or invalid registration changes	16,390
Age discrepant registrants	1,018
Registrants with questionable address	4,486
TOTAL REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS PROHIBITED BY LAW:	839,524



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★ 2. Were the votes counted from eligible voters, as required by the US Constitution?

Registrations with material errors and omissions whose votes were counted	Number of Instances*	49.3% VOTE ERROR RATE
Illegal duplicate registrations	5,823	
Registrant with multiple votes	2,284	
Voted prior to "New Registration" date	330,858	
Questionable Inactive status	984	
Voted while Inactive	0	
Backdated registrations	136,192	
Registered on January 1st	3,842	
Invalid or Illogical registration date	60,402	
Illegal or Invalid registration changes	16,398	
Age discrepant registrants	287	
Registrants with questionable address	963	
TOTAL VOTING VIOLATIONS PROHIBITED BY LAW:	558,033	
UNIQUE VOTES PROHIBITED BY LAW:	473,056	



VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

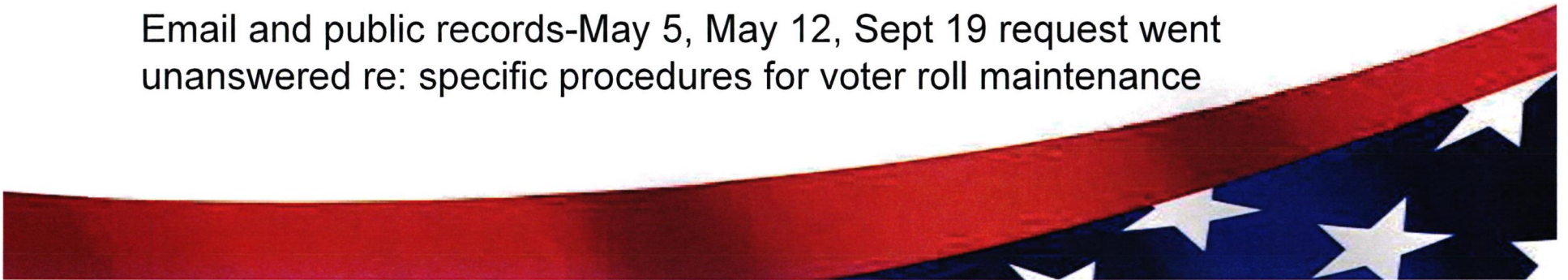
Changes of addresses to VoteCal (State level) pushed to local EMS:

1. CA DMV Change of Address-set standards
2. EDD (using NCOA)-all should match; full voter registration
3. CDPH Deceased-per SOS “use local obituaries and other local county sources like coroner’s reports to cancel voter registration records”

Sends to the counties for **final determination.**

The local ROV gets to decide if matched or unmatched

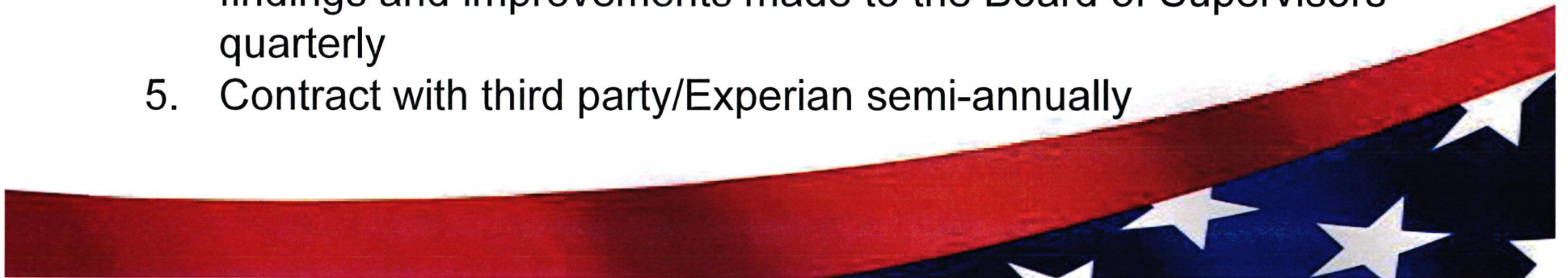
Email and public records-May 5, May 12, Sept 19 request went unanswered re: specific procedures for voter roll maintenance



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SOLUTIONS

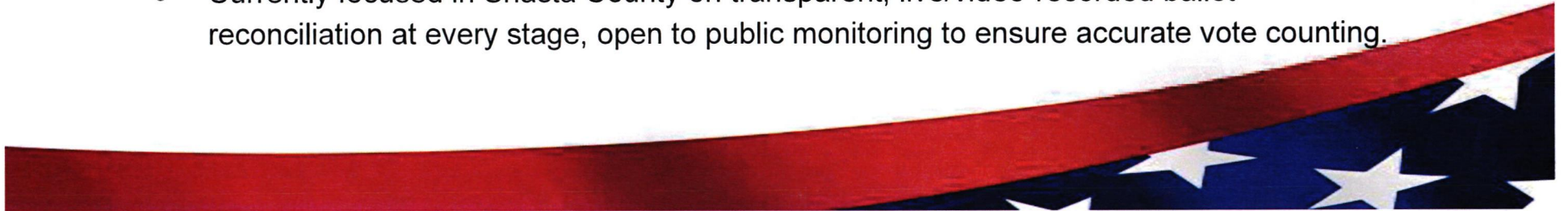
1. Establish confidence scoring matrix to determine High Confidence Match
2. Publish the policy and provide monthly metrics reports to the public to increase confidence in list maintenance
3. Independent, internal audit documenting accepted matches, rejected matches and reason code, etc
4. Present total list maintenance actions, error rates, audit findings and improvements made to the Board of Supervisors quarterly
5. Contract with third party/Experian semi-annually



Elections are complicated...

CA Registrar from Shasta County Clint Curtis

- Attorney and programmer with decades of experience in law and software.
- JD from Barry University; additional studies at Cambridge and McGeorge.
- Practiced civil/criminal law in Florida (immigration, family, civil rights, corruption).
- 10+ years in software development at ExxonMobil, NASA, and others.
- In 2000, created prototype for first electronic voting machine (with manipulation algorithms).
- Spent 25+ years advocating against election manipulation; testified to U.S. Congress and state legislatures; influenced global election security.
- Currently focused in Shasta County on transparent, live/video-recorded ballot reconciliation at every stage, open to public monitoring to ensure accurate vote counting.





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SPEAKER'S NAME: Greg Langworthy

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Cyndie Allen

Sharon Neil

Address: _____

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Phone #: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: David Allen

Address: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: JIM NIEDETECKER

Address: PO BOX 890337

City: TEMECUCA Zip: 92589

Phone #: 951-675-3923

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Brian Kerr

Address: _____

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Phone #: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Shari Franklin

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: 714-743-1880

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Desare' Ferraro

Address: 36385 Cougar

City: Muneta Zip: 92563

Phone #: 714 3480808

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Clint Curtis

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Nancy Gaiier

Address: 30403 Danube Ct

City: Temecula **Zip:** 92591

Phone #: 951-634-2406

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Address: 30403 Danube Ct

City: Temecula **Zip:** 92591

Phone #: 951-225-8875

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Veronika Langworthy

Address: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Michael R Pfeifer

Address: 44812 Corison St.

City: Temecula, CA Zip: 92592

Phone #: 714-787-6893

Date: Feb. 10, 2026 Agenda # 29907

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Yvonne Mender

Address: 4704 Rubidoux Av

City: Riv CA Zip: 92506

Phone #: 951-490-3992

Date: 2/10/25 Agenda # 27.1

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SPEAKER'S NAME: ERROL Koschew 16

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

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Date: Registrar of Voters Agenda # 27.1

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Manuel Gomez

Address: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Krista Chaich
rep available for questions

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Gina Reed
consultant available for questions

Address: _____

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