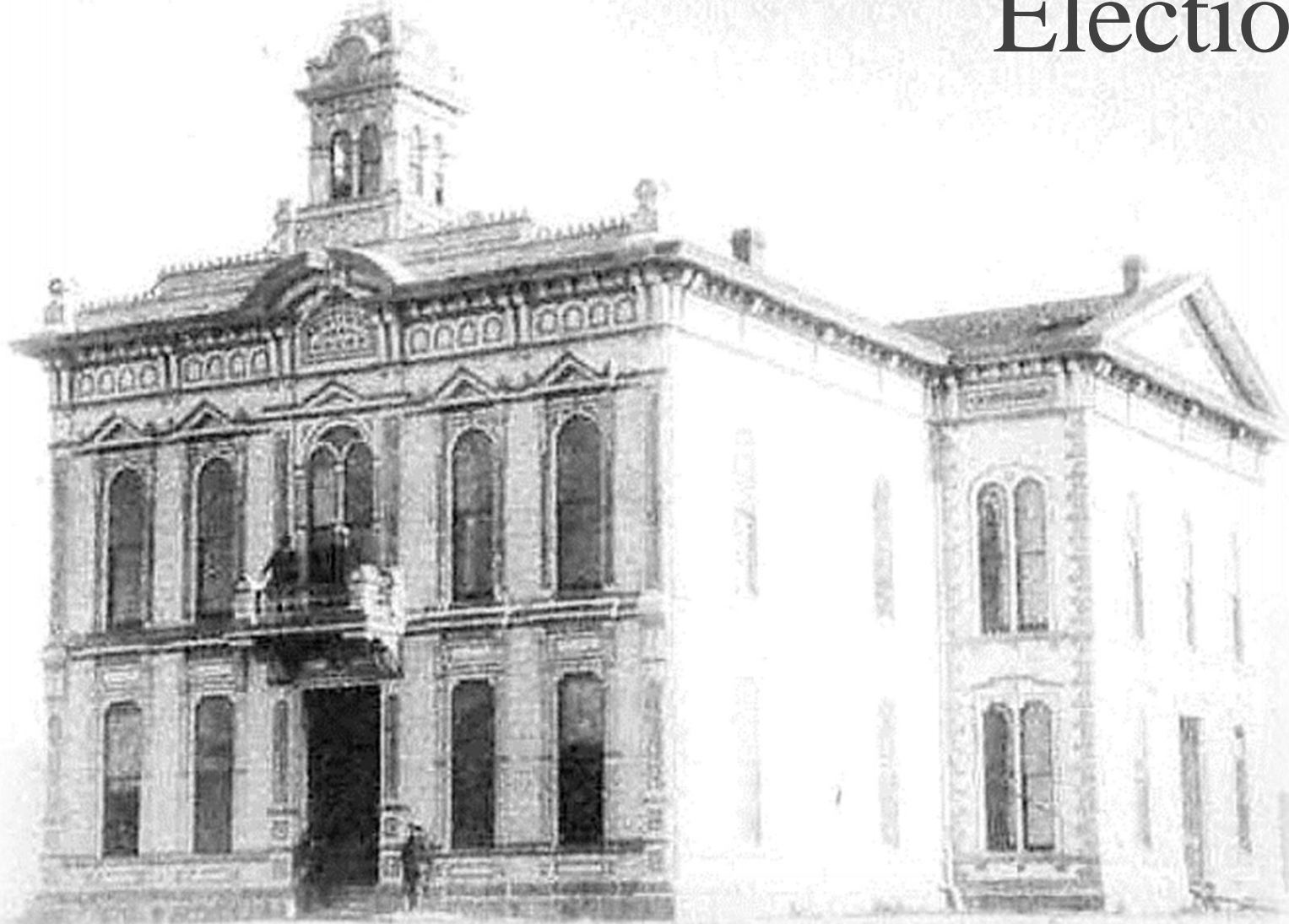


Election Education Series

Part 4

Results, Canvass/Certification,
Recounts, and Fraud Prevention

February 20, 2024



Election Education Series

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March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

February 5, 2024: Ballots are mailed to every registered voter

February 6, 2024: Ballot drop boxes are opened throughout the State of California

March 5, 2024: Election Day (Polls Open 7 AM - 8 PM)

March 22, 2024: Registrar of Voters to certify election results



March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Polling Place Location		Voting Precinct
All Poll Places are open Election Day 7 am to 8 pm		
Walker Community Center 442 Mule Deer Dr., Walker, CA 96107		01 - Antelope
Bridgeport Memorial Hall 73 School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517		03 - Bridgeport
Chalfant Community Center 123 Valley Rd., Chalfant Valley, CA 93514		04 - Tri-Valley
June Lake Community Center 90 W. Granite Ave., June Lake, CA 93529		05 - June Lake
Crowley Lake Community Center 58 Pearson Rd., Crowley Lake, CA 93546		07 - Long Valley
Mammoth Lakes High School 365 Sierra Park Dr., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546		08 - Mammoth Meadow 09 - Mammoth Minaret 10 - Mammoth Pinecrest 12 - Mammoth View 13 - Old Mammoth
Ballot Drop Box Locations (open 02/06/2024)		
All Ballot Boxes are open 24 hours a day and are locked at 8 pm on Election Day		
442 Mule Deer Dr., Walker, CA 96107		73 School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517
123 Valley Rd., Chalfant Valley, CA 93514		90 W. Granite Ave., June Lake, CA 93529
58 Pearson Rd., Crowley Lake, CA 93546		1290 Tavern Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Mono County Elections		
Ballots can be delivered to this office Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm, or Election Day 7 am - 8 pm		

74 School St., Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517
Elections: 760-932-5537 Main: 760-932-5530

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Processing on Election Day

Central Count Ballot Scanner / Tabulator

- Ballots, scanned in batches, are processed based on jurisdictional requirements and preferences.
- Once scanned, ballots meeting certain conditions (e.g. write-in candidate, over vote, etc.) are automatically sent to the Adjudication application for digital ballot review.



What Happens to a Ballot Cast at a Polling Place?



After Polls have closed at 8:00 PM on Election Day:

- County IT / Elections Staff shut down voting machines.
- Ballots and CompactFlash memory cards are collected from each voting machine.
- Ballot Transport Teams of two transport Ballots and CompactFlash memory cards from each polling location to the Elections Office in Bridgeport.

Results & Tally Reporting

- Initial results will be available after 8:00 PM on Election Day and posted on the Election Results page.
- These semi-official results will include early Vote-by-Mail ballots received and Bridgeport Polling Place results.
- Results will be updated as additional polling place ballots are delivered to our office throughout the evening.
- When all precincts are 100% reporting, then all polling places have returned to our office with their ballots. **This does not mean all ballots have been counted.**
- Results will continue to be updated daily as Vote-by-Mail ballots are received and processed.

SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS

[Semi-Official Election Summary Report](#)

(Updated November 7, 2023, 8:35 PM)

Next Update: November 8, 2023, 4:00 PM

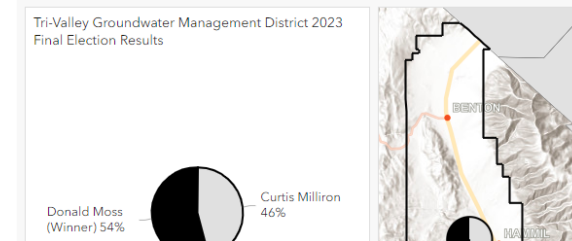
SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS POSTED INCLUDE:

- All Vote-by-Mail ballots received by 8 p.m., November 7, 2023.
- All cured ballots with Signature Verification Statements received by 8 p.m., November 7, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day can be received and counted until November 14, 2023.
- Ballots with Mismatched Signature or Missing Signature can be "cured". Signature Verification Statements must be received by the Mono County Elections office no later than 5 p.m. two (2) days prior to certification of the election, November 20, 2023.
- The Registrar of Voters will certify election results on November 22, 2023. **Results are not final until certified.**

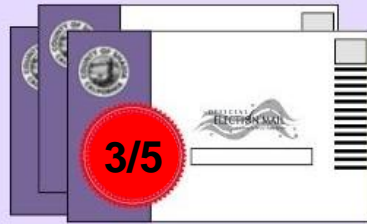
ELECTION RESULTS MAP:



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BALLOTS COUNTED AFTER ELECTION DAY

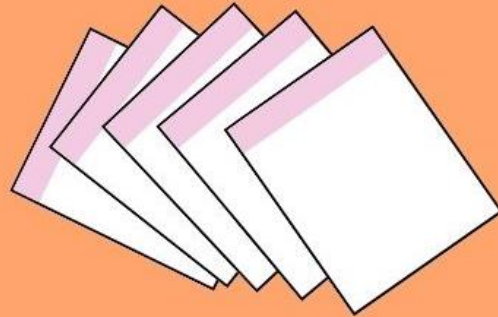
**POSTMARKED
VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**



**"LAST MINUTE"
VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**



PROVISIONAL BALLOTS



**DAMAGED/UNREADABLE
BALLOTS**



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POSTMARKED VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS



- By law we must count ballots received after Election Day if they are postmarked on or before Election Day and arrive by mail no later than 7 days after the election. The number of ballots that arrive by mail after Election Day is unpredictable and varies each election.
- **Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day can be received and counted until March 12, 2024.**
- Ballots received by other counties must be forwarded to Mono County no later than eight days after receipt and will be counted provided they were received by the other county on or before Election Day.

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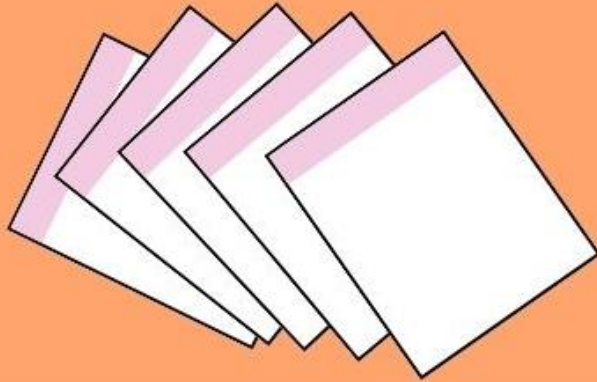
"LAST MINUTE" VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS



- Vote-by-Mail ballots received at the last minute are counted after Election Day. These include:
 - Vote-by-Mail ballots retrieved from drop boxes on March 4, 2024 and Election Day.
 - Vote-by-Mail ballots dropped off at polling locations on Election Day.

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PROVISIONAL BALLOTS



- Provisional ballots are processed after Election Day and will be counted after elections officials have confirmed the person's eligibility.
- Provisional ballots are cast by voters who arrived at a polling place, but their name was not on the voter list, or their information is incorrect.

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DAMAGED/UNREADABLE BALLOTS



- Ballots that are torn, damaged, or marked in a way that make tallying by machine impossible will require additional processing. This can include duplication and/or adjudication.
- UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) and RAVBM (Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail) ballots also require duplication.

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Challenged Ballots

Your Ballot Envelope (General Election 2022)

x *Signature*

Your Voter Registration Record (2019)

Signature

Your Voter Registration Record (2017)

Signature

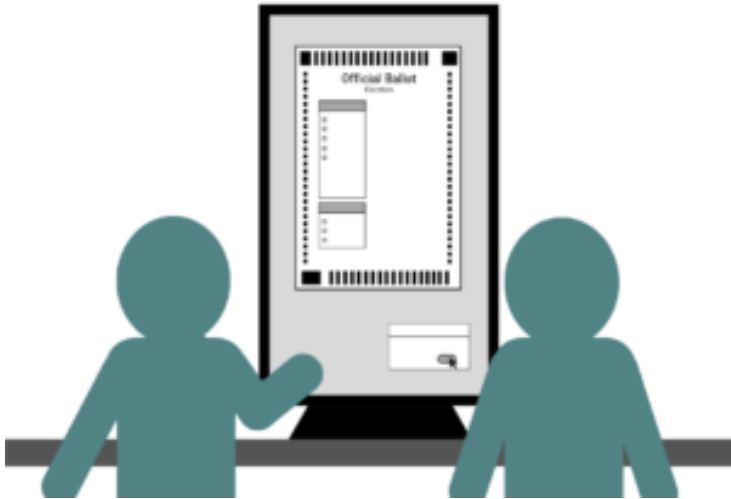
Your Voter Registration Record (2010)

Signature

- A vote-by-mail ballot must be signed by the voter to whom it was printed for and then signature verified by human eyes before they are counted.
- If a ballot envelope is returned with no signature, it will immediately be challenged.
- If a ballot envelope is returned with a signature that does not match the voter's registration record, it will be challenged.
- Voters will be alerted via email (if an email is on file) within 24 hours of their ballot being challenged. Election staff will also mail out letters with instructions on how to "cure" (fix) the ballot.
- Signature Verification Statements must be received by the Mono County Elections office no later than 5 p.m. two (2) days prior to certification of the election, March 20, 2024.

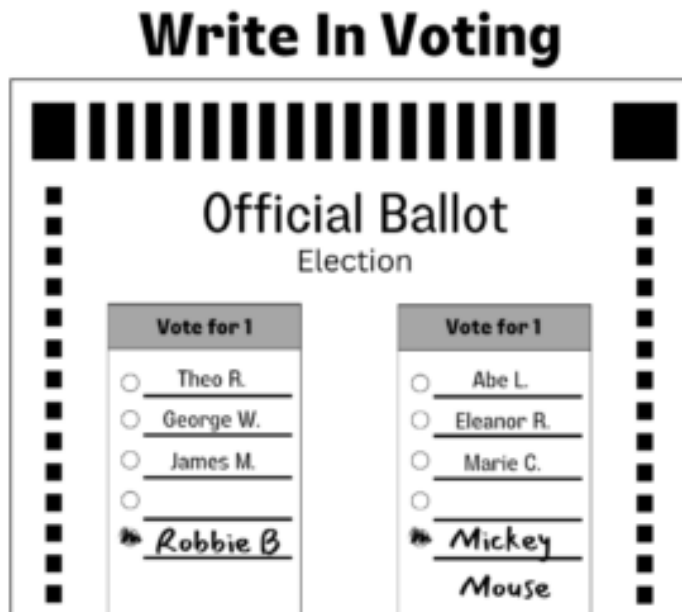
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Adjudication



- Adjudication is the process of reviewing a ballot that has been flagged during scanning.
- There are many reasons why a ballot is flagged and must go into adjudication.
 - A voter may have written in a candidate (the machine cannot read handwriting).
 - Too many candidates/choices were selected.
 - There are ambiguous marks on the ballot that the scanner cannot read.
- This process must be done in teams of two. Using what they can see on the ballot, the team will confirm the voter's intention before submitting the ballot for tabulation.
- Adjudication is time consuming, requires multiple staff members and can slow down the speed of tabulation if there are large quantities of ballots in need of review.

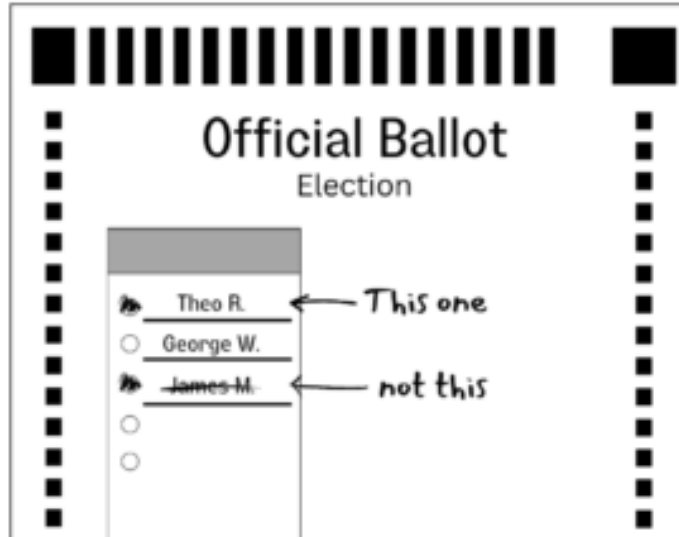
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- This voter wrote in two candidates not printed on the ballot. Only certified write in candidates (those who have filed paperwork with the elections office to become a write in candidate) will be counted.
- Fictional characters, random names and non-certified candidates for a contest will not be counted.
- In this case, Mickey Mouse must be rejected as a vote because he is not a real candidate. If Robbie B. is a certified write in candidate, that vote will be counted.

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Mistake Votes



- This voter made a mistake, fixed it themselves and then made notes for the Election Office. A team can clearly see the voter's intention and will reject James M. as a selection.

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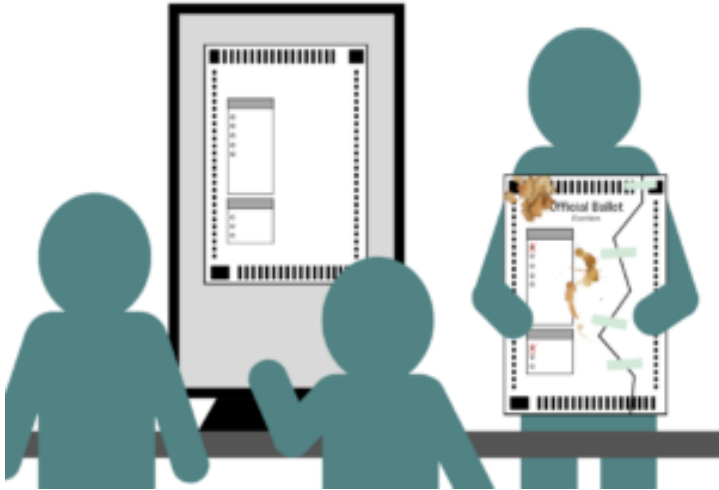
Overvoting & Ambiguous Marks



- This voter overvoted in one contest, wrote a random note at the corner and scribbled something unreadable at the center of the ballot.
- The overvoted contest cannot be counted and the team reviewing the ballot will do nothing because it is impossible to confirm the voter's intention.
- The ambiguous scribble is clearly not a vote and the "Buy milk later" has nothing to do with the ballot. Those marks will be ignored and do not affect the contests.
- The vote for Abe L. will be counted.

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Duplication



- Duplication is the process of remaking a ballot that has been damaged and cannot be read by a scanner.
- A ballot is considered damaged if:
 - It is torn, cut or ripped
 - It is covered by a substance that makes it impossible to scan (gum, stickers, coffee, etc.)
 - It is marked by a red pen (or other colors besides black and blue)
- UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) ballots printed by the voter and submitted by fax or mail must be duplicated.
- RAVBM (Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail) ballots printed by the voter and submitted by mail must be duplicated.

Canvass



- The canvass is a culmination of all the data generated during an election cycle.
- More importantly, it is a process that allows election officials to confirm the accuracy of election data and identify areas for improvement.
- By law, California county elections officials have 30 days, also known as the canvass period, to count every valid ballot and conduct a required post-election audit.

Canvass



- During the official canvass of every election in which a voting system is used, the official conducting the election shall conduct a public 1% manual tally of the ballots tabulated by those devices, including vote by mail ballots.
- If 1% of the precincts is less than one whole precinct, the tally shall be conducted in one precinct chosen at random by the elections official.
- In addition to the 1% count, election officials shall, for each race not included in the initial group of precincts, count one additional precinct. The manual tally in that additional precinct shall apply only to the race not previously counted.

Certification



- Election certification refers to the process of election officials attesting that the tabulation and canvassing of the election are complete and accurate and that the election results are a true and accurate accounting of all votes cast in a particular election.
- County elections officials must finalize their official results to the Secretary of State by 30 days after the election. The Secretary of State will then certify the results 38 days after the election.
- The Registrar of Voters will certify election results on March 22, 2024. **Results are not final until certified.**

Recounts



- In local contests, it is common for a handful of votes to determine the outcome of the election.
- A recount is the actual retabulation of voted ballots to confirm the certified election results.
- Any registered California voter can request a recount.
- The request for a recount must be filed within five calendar days after the completion of the official canvass.
- The Registrar starts the recount no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request.
- The party requesting the recount pays the actual costs to conduct the recount.

Fraud Prevention



- Ballot reconciliation is a routine part of the official vote counting canvass that happens after the election.
- Every signature on a vote-by-mail ballot envelope is compared against the signature on the voter's registration form. If it does not match the ballot, it is not counted.
- "First in wins." If a voter was issued more than one ballot, whichever ballot is received by our office first is the one that is counted.
- All voting systems are tested and certified by the Secretary of State. Counties are required to perform logic and accuracy testing on voting systems prior to each election.
- Report any suspected illegal voting to the Secretary of State's Election Fraud Investigation Unit at (916) 657-2166 and to Mono County Elections immediately.

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