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SUBJECT: November 6, 2018 Election Day Post Election Update

Today the Elections Office began the canvass process of the Gubernatorial General Election. On Election Day Merced County Registrar of Voters Barbara J. Levey reported her office had counted 32,526 complete ballots for the November 5, 2018 Gubernatorial General Election. Merced County voters received two ballot cards to contain all the races and propositions for this election. Together, both cards create 'one' complete ballot.

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 voted at the polls and Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots received and processed as of last week.

Approximately 17,000 VBM ballots remain to be processed and counted. VBM ballot processing includes:

- checking the signature on each VBM envelope against the signature located on the original affidavit of registration;
- outreach to voters whose signature does not compare to the signature on file;
- sorting the VBM envelopes into appropriate precinct of the 269 precincts;
- opening and flattening 2 ballot cards for each of the 17,000 VBM ballots;
- processing each of the VBM cards through the high speed ballot scanning equipment to tabulate them.

California law provides that VBM ballots may be accepted through Friday, November 9th provided that they are postmarked on or before November 6, 2018. Approximately 560 mail ballots were received today. They are included in the VBM count and remain to be processed and counted.

In addition to the VBM ballots detailed above, provisional ballots have been received and require examination. This process will begin following the scanning and uploading of voter signatures located on the rosters from the 145 polling locations. These signatures, and those on the VBM ballots, must be reviewed to determine who has voted prior to the processing of the provisionally voted ballots.

The canvass will continue until complete. The office will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

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