



2023-24 Election Education Series

Part Four: Election Technology, Security, Fraud Prevention, and Canvass/Certification



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County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

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Candidates and Campaigns



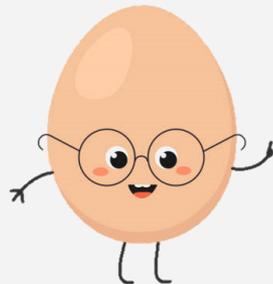
Vote Centers and Vote By Mail



**Voter Registration
and Primary Election Voting**

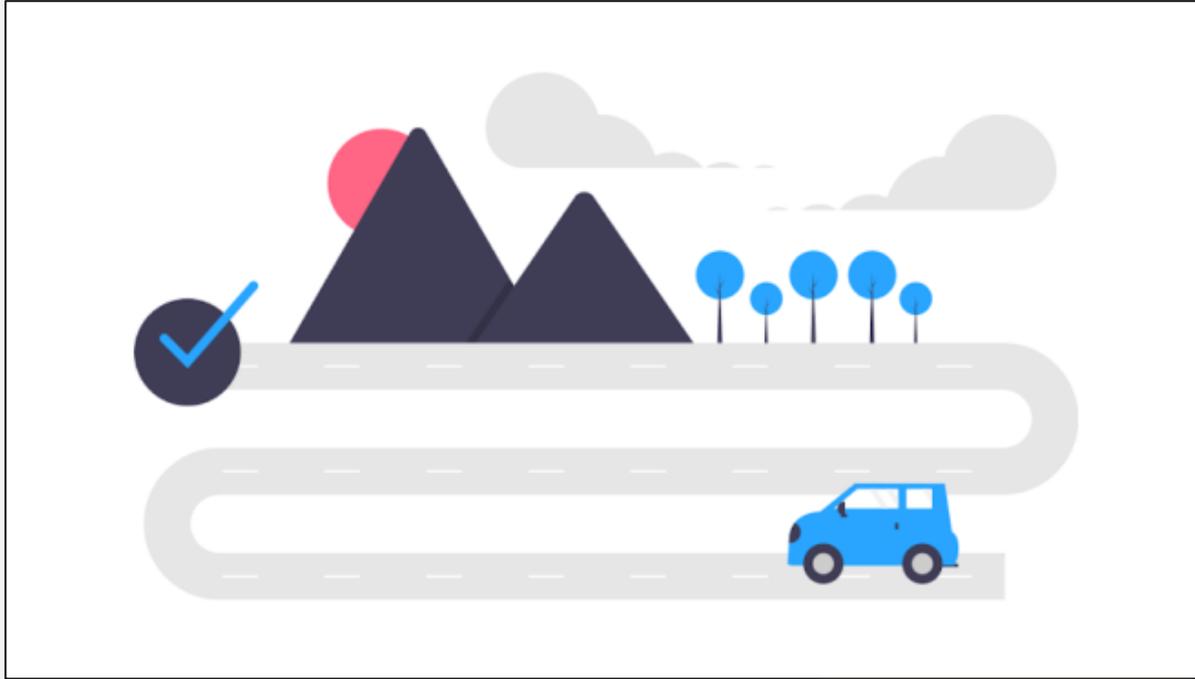


**Technology, Security,
Fraud Prevention, and
Canvass/Certification**



VenturaVote.org

“Election Road”



Lead-up to Election Day ⇒ **March 5th Election Day/Night** ⇒ Post-Election
SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION

PreLAT: Logic and Accuracy Testing



Ballot Marking Device

Touchscreen

ADA Accessible

Prints paper ballot for counting



Voter Lookup and Ballot Printing

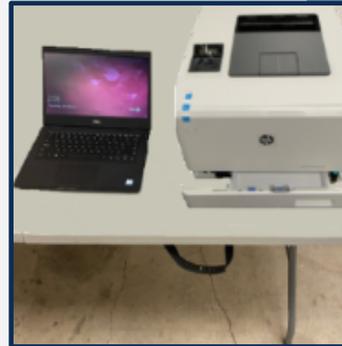
Laptops



Cradlepoint



Mobile Ballot Printer



Label Printers



Tabulation Equipment

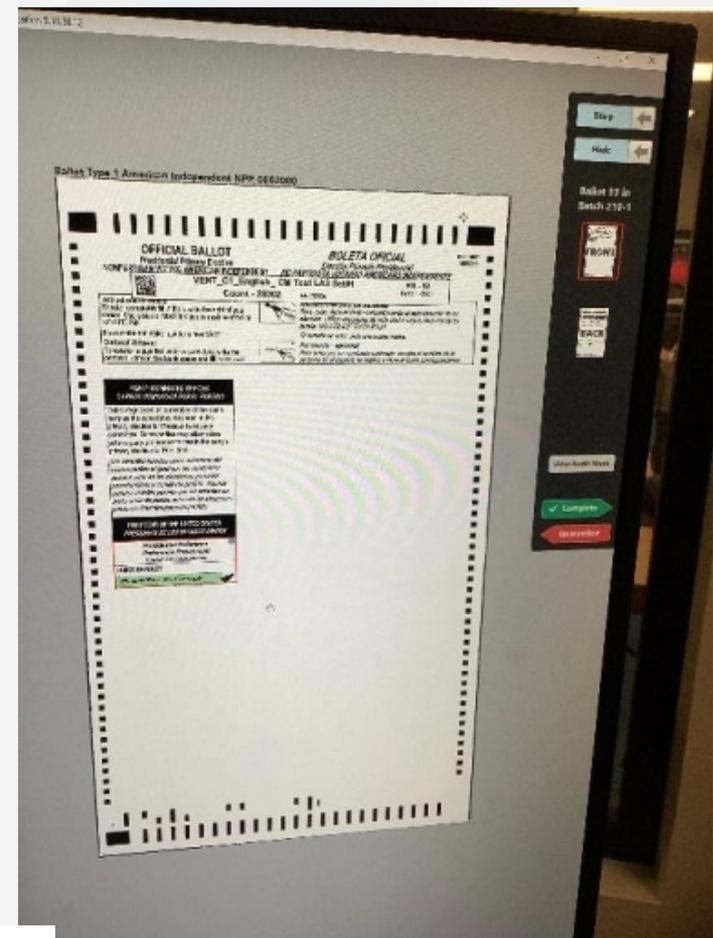
50,000 Test Ballots
(approx. 10% of Registered Voters)



Adjudication

ADJUDICATION REFERENCE GUIDE

Valid Vote	Overvote	Undervote
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Hesitation Mark	Stray Marks in Target Area	
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Teams of Two adjudicators evaluate unreadable marks

State Testing and Certification

Review and Testing for Certification Process Overview For Voting Systems and Remote Accessible Vote By Mail Systems



Application Phase

- The Application, including technical documentation, is submitted.
- The Application is reviewed for completeness.



Pre-Testing Activities Phase

- Project Test Schedule
- Statement of Work
- Open Escrow Account
- Trusted Build (Equipment & Software) to SOS
- Request for Proposal Bid
- Request for Proposal Review
- Contract Awarded & Signed
- Non-Disclosure Agreements between SOS, Applicant, and Test Laboratory Staff
- Test Plan



Testing Phase

- Functional Testing
- Usability/ Accessibility /Privacy Testing
- Hardware Testing
- Software Testing
- Telecommunications Testing
- Security Testing
- Quality Assurance and Configuration Management
- Volume Testing



Report Issuance & Post-Test Activities Phase

- Final Reports
- Public Hearing & Comment
- Certification Awarded or Denied

State-Approved Vendors

California Elections Code section 19202 specifies that no voting system may be purchased or used in a California election until the Secretary of State approves that system.

Democracy Live

Dominion Voting
Systems

Election Systems and
Software (ES&S)

Five Cedars Group

Hart InterCivic

KNOWiNK

Los Angeles
County VSAP

Robis Elections

RunBeck Election
Services

Tenex Software Solutions

Vote By Mail: Signature Scanning



BallotTrax



Tracking your ballot - when it is mailed, received, and counted - has never been easier.

WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov



Today 6:50 AM

Michelle A, This is a message from the California Secretary of State on behalf of Ventura County Elections Division. Your ballot for the upcoming March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election has been mailed to you. If you haven't received your ballot within 7 business days, please contact us.

If you are a military or overseas voter, your ballot should have already been transmitted to you.

Questions? Call [\(805\) 654-2664](tel:8056542664) or email votebymail@ventura.org



iMessage

Vote By Mail: “Low-Tech” Security

Heavy Duty Steel

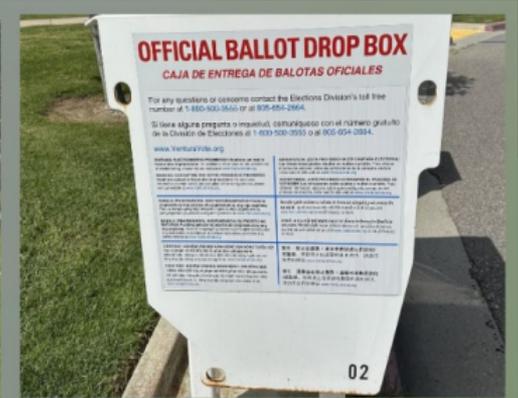
Bolted to Concrete

Tamperproof

Electioneering
warning stickers

Problems?

Call (805) 654-2664



Vote By Mail: “Ballot Harvesting”

Return Ballot in Envelope

Voter signs Envelope

Voter and Returner
complete Authorization

A photograph of a ballot authorization form. A green arrow points from the text "Voter and Returner complete Authorization" to the authorization section. A red box highlights the signature area. A yellow highlighter is visible at the bottom left of the form.

I authorize the person below to return my ballot:
Autorizo a la persona abajo a devolver mi balota:

Their name / Su nombre _____

Their signature / Su firma _____

Relationship to voter / Relación con el votante _____

voting twice in an election is a crime.

Voter: sign in box below. Power of attorney is not acceptable.
Votante: firme en la casilla debajo. No se aceptan poderes notariales.

John Smith

Date / Fecha (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/25/2020

Print name / Imprimir nombre John Smith

Voter List Maintenance



EIMS - File View Help

Precinct / District
Street Guide
Offices & Incumbents
Voters

- Voter Display
- Voter Group Control
- California Agency Processing
- USPS Address Change Service
- Possible Duplicate Checking
- Possible Duplicates Wizard
- Update Statistics Wizard
- Daily Audit & NVRA Statistics
- Officers/Polling Places
- Election WorkSpace
- Petition Checking
- Resources

Voter Display

Voter Lookup

Search Criteria

Voter Status

- Active
- Inactive
- Cancelled
- Pending
- All
- Audit Log

Name (Last, First): [Yellow Highlighted] Precinct/Portion: [] Reg Number: [] SSN: [] VBM Program Status: [(all)]

Voter ID: [] Driver License: [] Address: [] City Code: [] Birth Date: [] Status Reason: []

Search by Mailing Address

VoteCal Voter ID: [] User Code: [] Birth Place: [] Language: [] Party: []

Search [] Clear []

500 or more Voters found, first 500 listed

Req Number	Voter ID	Name	Residence Address	City	Precinct	Birth Date	Reg Date	Drv Lic	SSN
				Oxnard					
				Ventura					
				Oxnard					
				Port Huerneme					
				Newbury Park					
				Oxnard					
				Simi Valley					
				Oxnard					
				Port Huerneme					
				Oxnard					
				Oxnard					
				Oxnard					
				Oxnard					
				Oxnard					
				Oxnard					
				Piru					
				7 Simi Valley					
				Camarillo					
				Santa Paula					
				Moorpark					
				Port Huerneme					
				Oxnard					
				Santa Paula					
				Oxnard					
				Simi Valley					
				Camarillo					

MVMVOTERDISPLAY

9:06 AM
2/5/2024

Voter Registration Lookup Screen

Voter Registration Status

Voter Status	
	Active
	Inactive
	Cancelled
	Pending

Provisional Ballots



Provisional Ballots are set aside until Elections Staff can research the discrepancy between the voters record and their claim of not voting.

Conditional Registration Provisional Ballots

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) Provisional Ballots are not counted until the voter's registration is fully confirmed!





**It is a Felony to
vote more than
once in any
election.**

DON'T DO IT

Election Day: Tuesday, March 5, 2024



Start checking VenturaVote.org after 8:00 PM for results!



Canvass Period



We don't take any shortcuts!

Canvass: Vote By Mail and Curing

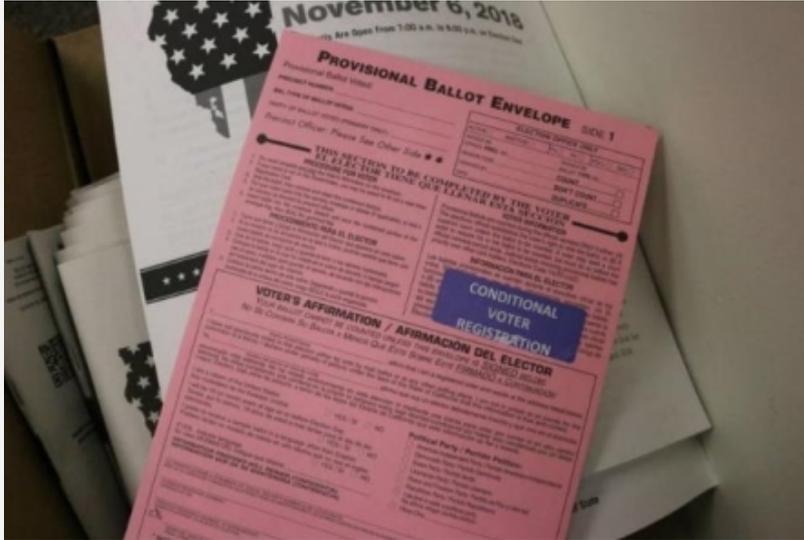


Can be received through March 12
IF postmarked by Election Day

Don't forget to sign your envelope, or you'll be asked to CURE your signature before your ballot can be counted!



Canvass: Provisionals and Duplication/Adjudication



Provisionals/CVRs are held until researched



Canvass: One Percent Manual Tally



CERTIFICATION!!!



Recount...!

Must be requested within 5 days after certification

It's not automatic

It's not free

Requester must pay for each day of work

VC Star.

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See how elections officials are conducting the manual recount of Ojai mayor's race

Ventura County Star
Published 2:21 p.m. PT Dec. 19, 2022



Erica Erickson, right, retrieves ballot boxes as election workers conduct a recount of the Ojai mayor's race at the Ventura County Government Center on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022. Only 42 votes separated incumbent Betsy Stix from challenger Anson Williams.

ANTHONY PLASCENCIA/THE STAR

Going Above and Beyond

Background checks on Election Workers

Two-Factor Signature Verification

Hired Legal Compliance Officer – in-house attorney and investigator

Election Education



What YOU Can Do



OBSERVER

Name

 **COUNTY of VENTURA**
County Clerk & Recorder

The County of Ventura Invites Applications For

ELECTIONS ASSISTANT I
\$22.00 PER HOUR

ELECTIONS ASSISTANT II
\$25.00 PER HOUR

THANK YOU ELECTIONS TEAM!



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@VCClerkRecorder

