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Dear Registrar Of Voters,
Michelle Ascension

Concerning the present Election Administration Plan (EAP), I would like to share my deep concerns with the present voting plan for Ventura County as follows:

The present EAP does not guarantee Dropbox security and the integrity and validity of every vote. Every legal vote should count beyond a shadow of any doubt. The use of electronic tabulation machines or electronic voting devices that are connected to network cables is not to be trusted and casts doubt on election results. The estimated cost of Mail-In Balloting (Voters Choice Act and Universal Mailed Out Ballots) for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary is projected at \$6.91 million compared to the March 3, 2020, last Polling Place Voting Presidential Primary, which cost \$4.31million. This is a 60% increase of \$2.59 million. In an effort to remedy these egregious concerns, I am respectfully requesting a return to the "One Day Polling Place Precinct Voting Model" with paper ballots and hand counting. Return voting and ballot counting back to "The People". The very "People" who elected you. The "People" can count votes faster, cheaper, and more accurately than centralized electronic ballot counting. Machines have no conscience nor are bound by an oath. Tabulation machines deprive the "People" of being witnesses in elections. This violates the People's basic Right of Suffrage and deprives the People of a guaranteed republican form of government.

I am appealing to your duty to represent the will of the people to protect and ensure that the sacred act of voting is conducted without even the appearance of any impropriety and to use the most cost-effective election model for the taxpayers of Ventura County. This should be the highest

fundamental priority of our elected officials. The County of Ventura should be an example to all counties, demonstrating the highest standards of any Election Administration Plan. I am urging the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to withdraw from the Voters Choice Act and go back to the "One Day Polling Place Precinct Voting Model" with paper balloting and hand counting. Ventura County should resubmit an amended EAP to the State for approval. As a resident of Ventura County, I vehemently reject the implementation of The California Voters Choice Act in our County. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors should boldly stand against Election Tyranny legislated from Sacramento prohibiting hand ballot counting. Our Board of Supervisors should defend the residents of Ventura County from legislative overreach. Please support election self-determination for Ventura County.

Respectfully,

Laurie Romero

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