



REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Organizing Ballot Boxes

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Purpose

The purpose for this procedure is to determine the location of boxes based on the category. This procedure will ensure easy identification and efficient inventory.

Scope

This procedure is used in the Ballot Department and is not applicable in any other departments. It has been designed to determine pallet number based on the category as well as how to palletize and shelve boxes in its proper location. All of ballot storage will be assigned to allocate boxes to its designated spot.

Equipment

- Pallet
- Pallet Jack
- Masking tape
- Computer + Printer

Process

Determining Pallet Numbers

When a pallet fills up, or you must create a pallet for a ballot category you have not received yet, a new pallet number must be determined for data entry purposes.

The pallet number is composed of two parts:

- two-digit number on the left (11 in the example) indicates how many pallets there are, and
- two-digit number on the right (10 in the example) indicates the box category.

The runners behind the data entry team will indicate when it is time to create a new pallet.

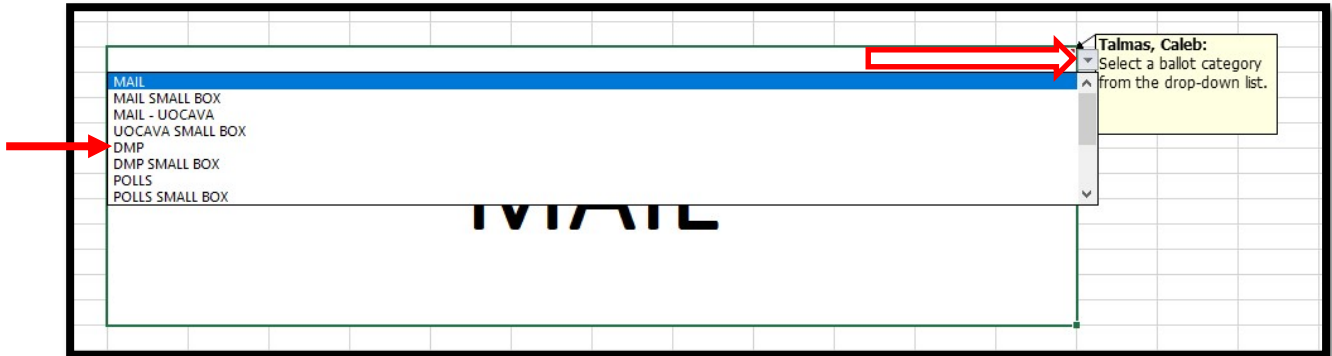
1. Open the BallotStorage_SignsForPrint spreadsheet located at: IT → Technology_Support → Ballot_Counting_Coord → Ballot_Storage → EDOCS → Templates.
2. In the Printout tab, select the first box next to "Pallet #", then type in the next available number (E.g., If you have 10 pallets already, the next pallet # would be 11).

Note: Please do not enter anything on box to the right. it will automatically change based on the type of ballot mail you are working with.

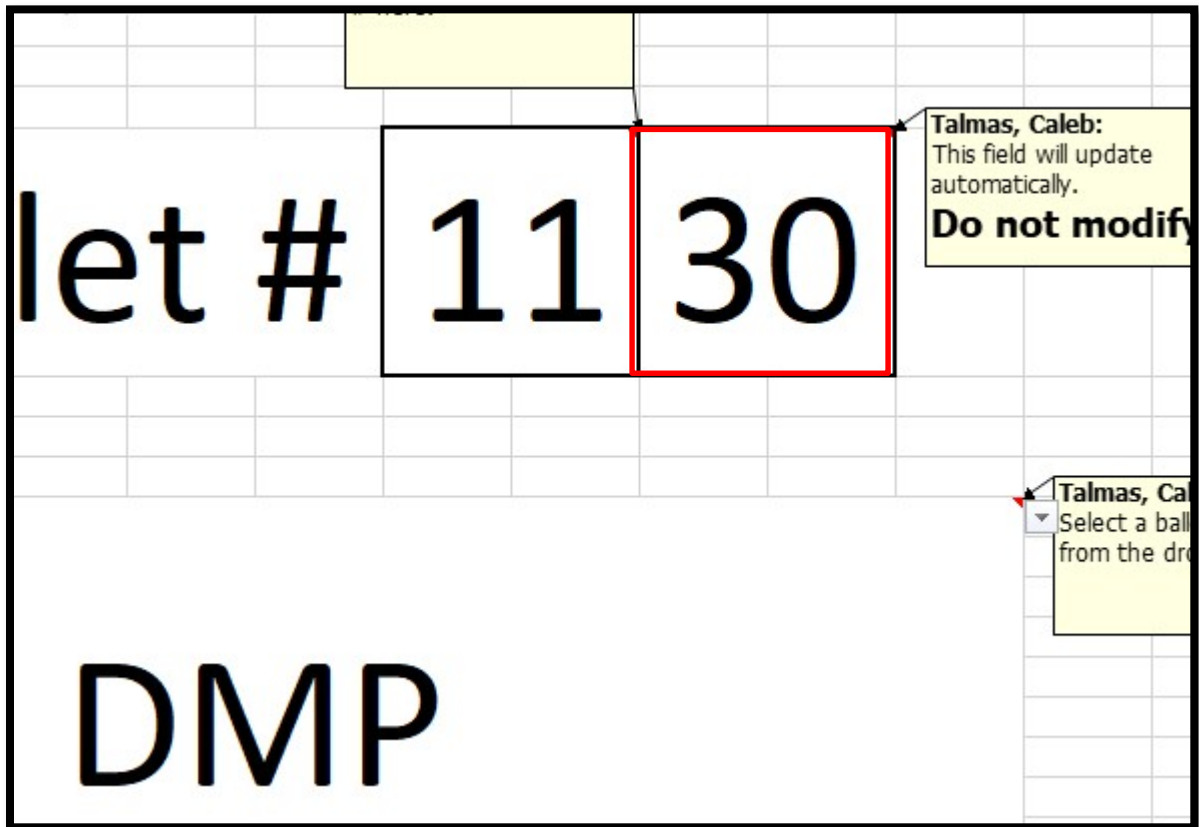
3. Check with data entry clerk how many more boxes to complete Pallet number 11 so you can start and print out pallet number 12.

The image shows a spreadsheet interface for San Bernardino County. At the top, the text "SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY" is visible. Below it, there is a large text field labeled "Pallet #". The value "11 10" is entered in this field. The "11" is enclosed in a red rectangular box. To the right of the "10" is another field, which is empty. Two callout boxes are present: one pointing to the "11" with the text "Talmas, Caleb: Enter the current pallet # here." and another pointing to the empty field to the right with the text "Talmas, Caleb: This field will update automatically. Do not modify."

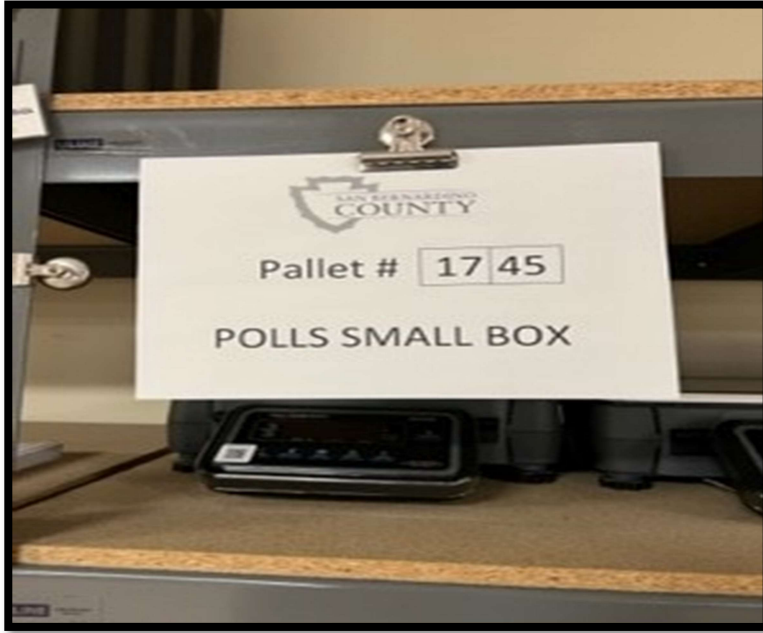
4. Select the ballot category box below the Pallet #. A drop-down arrow will appear to the right.
5. Click the drop-down arrow and select the category that matches with the pallet that was just filled up or the new ballot category.



6. The second box will update automatically.



7. Print four copies of the sheet in landscape mode and bulldog clip it to the nearby shelf or beam.



Palletizing Boxes

1. Determine the maximum number of boxes that a pallet may contain based on the box type.
 - a. Black and white ballot extraction boxes
 - 77 boxes (7 boxes/layer, 11 layers high)
 - b. Colored regular Red/Green/Yellow boxes
 - 56 boxes (7 boxes/layer, 8 layers high)
 - c. Small Green BMD boxes
 - 150 boxes (10 boxes/layer, 15 layers high)
2. Place the box labels outward and upright on the pallets following the diagram below.
3. Place the boxes so the corners/edges of the boxes touch the corners/edges of the pallet.
4. On the second layer reverse the position of the boxes (see picture on the right).

First layer



Second layer



Note: Spreading the boxes will increase the strength of each layer and will line up with the rear boxes. Set the first two or three layers with heavier boxes to create a safer and stronger pallet.

5. On the next layers reverse the position all the way till you reach the 10th layer



6. Continue until you have reached the maximum number of boxes for the pallet.
7. Four copies of the assigned pallet number are to be placed on each pallet, one copy on each side using masking tape.
8. The pallet is now ready to be Audited

Note: Only one type of box per pallet (Ex: Mail Ballots, Polls Ballots)



9. DO NOT audit if the pallet is not complete. You must wait until it is fully complete (with one exception; see note). If there are no more boxes to be added, then an audit can be done.

Note: A partial pallet could be due to IT finishing tabulation for the day. *Always perform a pallet audit on unaudited pallets at the end of the day.*



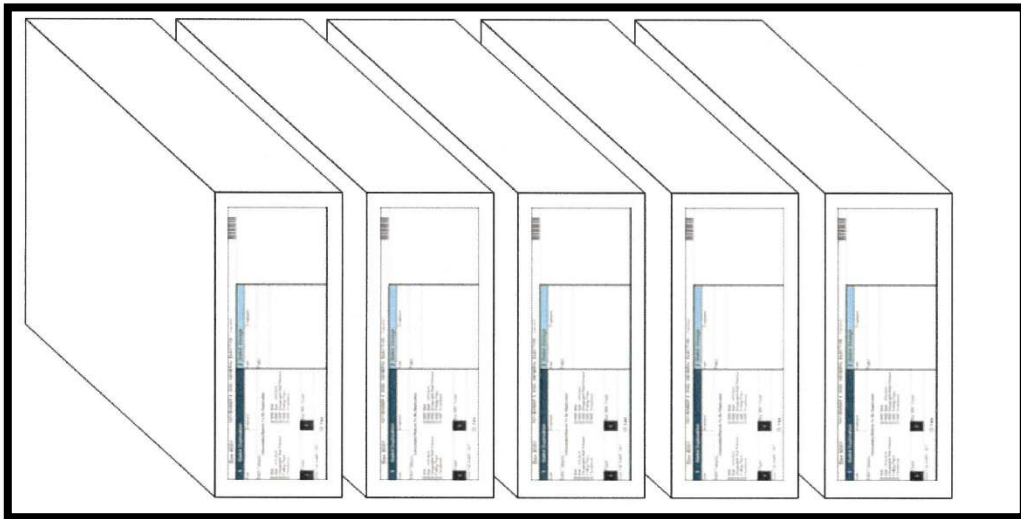
10. When staging pallets, stage in sequence (Ex: 4170, 4270, 4370, 4470, 4570, 4670)

4470	4170
4570	4270
4670	4370

Shelving 8000/9000 Series Boxes

The 8000 and 9000 series boxes are ballots that have gone through Duplication. Instead of being placed on pallets, they are placed on shelves. Every 8000 series box should have a corresponding 9000 series box (e.g. If you have box 8001, you should have a 9001 box).

1. Place boxes sideways so that the box label is facing you, the box number is in the lower left hand corner, following the diagram below:



2. There should be no more than 5 boxes per shelf.
3. **Make sure there is a pallet sign number on the shelf.**
4. Boxes of the 8000 or 9000 series must be arranged on separate neighboring shelves, with the 8000 series box on the left and the 9000 series box on the right.
5. When shelving boxes make sure you leave an empty spot for the next available number if needed.

Authorization

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