The Journey of Your Ballot – A Deeper Look

November 8, 2022
General Election
Community Presentation
City of Chino Hills

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What we'll cover today

Overview of the November 8, 2022, General Election

The Journey of Your Ballot

Chain of Custody for a Paper Ballot

Getting Involved in the Election Process

Resources

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In the 2022 General Election, registered voters will be able to cast a ballot for

- Federal, state, county and city/town contests

- Statewide propositions

- School, county and city measures

The Journey of Your Ballot: A Deeper Look

In this election, we're seeing more public interest in how the Registrar of Voters manages an election. Our goal is to inform voters how a ballot is protected from the moment a vote is cast to the point it is counted.
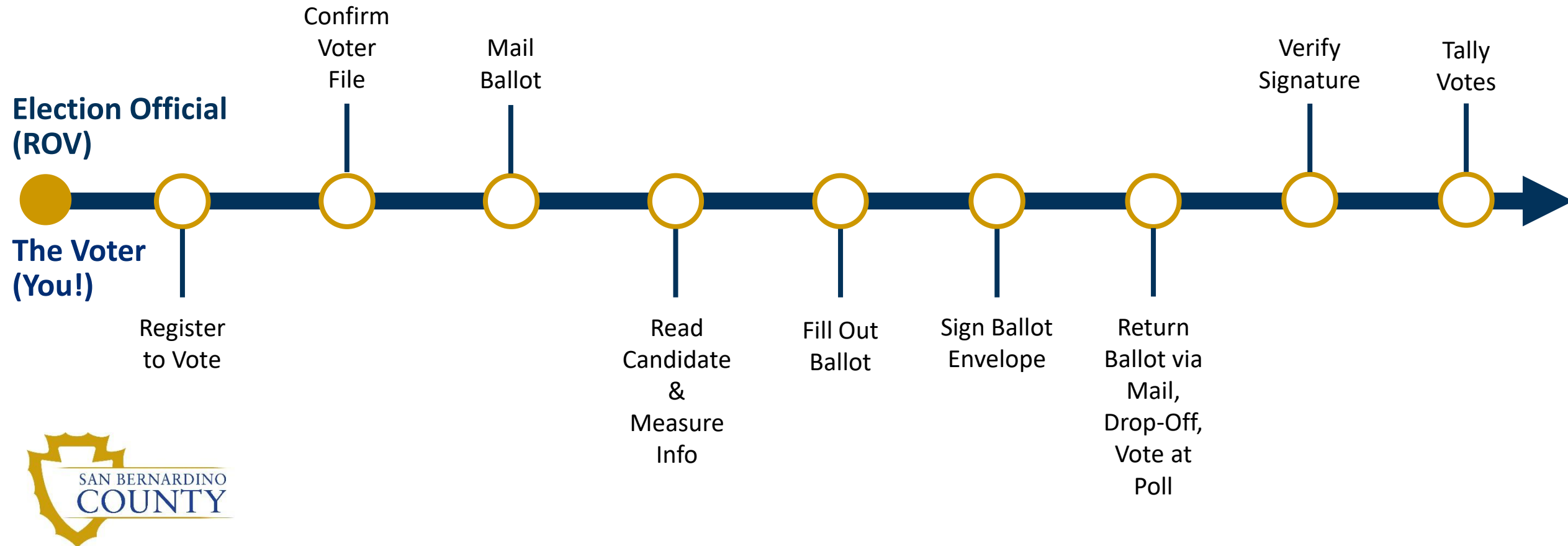
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The security of your ballot and protecting the integrity of the election are our highest priorities. We provide accessible, fair, accurate, secure and transparent elections.
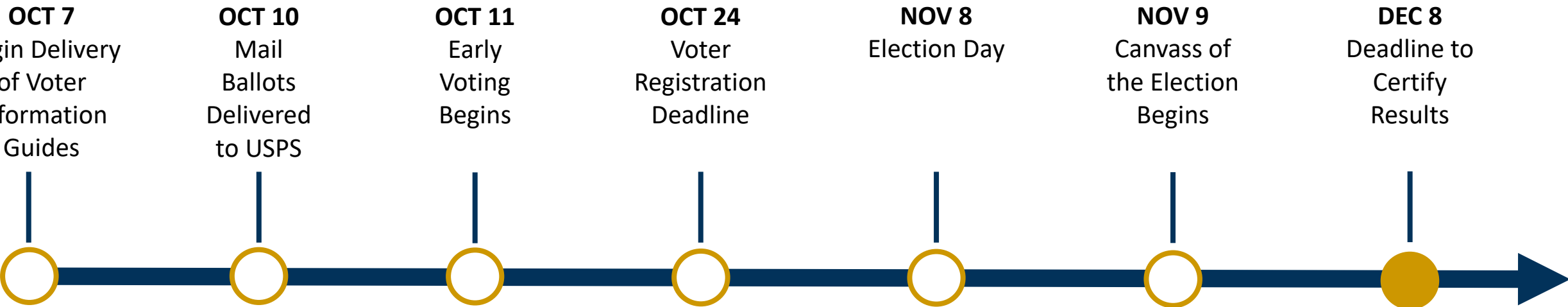
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A collaborative process...

Both the voter and election official have responsibilities throughout the voting process.

Election Official (ROV)

The Voter (You!)

Confirm Voter File

Mail Ballot

Verify Signature

Tally Votes

Register to Vote

Read Candidate & Measure Info

Fill Out Ballot

Sign Ballot Envelope

Return Ballot via Mail, Drop-Off, Vote at Poll

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Dates to remember...

Federal, state and county election guidelines dictate the dates and deadlines throughout the election process.

OCT 7
Begin Delivery of Voter Information Guides

OCT 10
Mail Ballots Delivered to USPS

OCT 11
Early Voting Begins

OCT 24
Voter Registration Deadline

NOV 8
Election Day

NOV 9
Canvass of the Election Begins

DEC 8
Deadline to Certify Results

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Essential election tools...

State Voter Information Guide (VIG)

County VIG, includes sample ballot

Official ballot

SBCountyElections.com – Easy to navigate ROV website with voter-specific resources, voter education materials, and answers to frequently asked questions

Tools available in seven other required languages – Spanish, Chinese, Indonesian, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese

Your Ballot.
Your Vote.
Always Secure.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 10, 2022
Mail Ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office and Early Voting begins on October 11

October 24, 2022
Voter Registration Deadline

November 8, 2022
Election Day

4 Ways to Vote
1. Vote by Mail
2. Ballot Drop-Off Locations
3. Early Vote Sites
4. Polling Places

For details on locations and hours of Early Vote Sites and Polling Places, visit **SBCountyElections.com**

To track your mail ballot, sign up to use the Secretary of State Ballot Tracking system, **WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov**

Guia oficial de información para el votante en español esta adentro

Voted mail ballots must be postmarked on or before November 8

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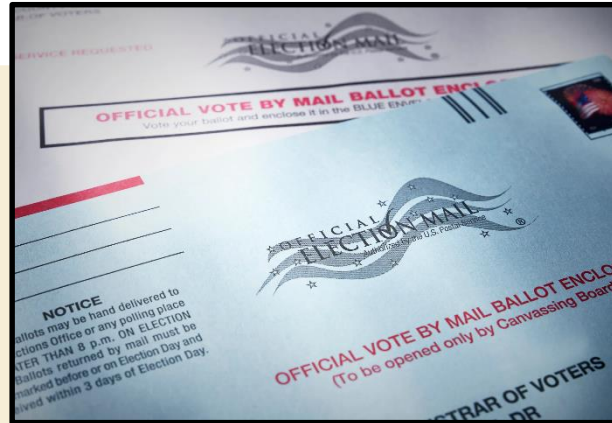
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You choose how you want to vote…

Easiest: Vote by mail (postage paid!)

Take ballot to official ROV location
- Place in one of 76 drop-off locations throughout County
- Visit one of 5 early vote sites

Traditional in-person: Visit your designated polling place on Election Day (292)
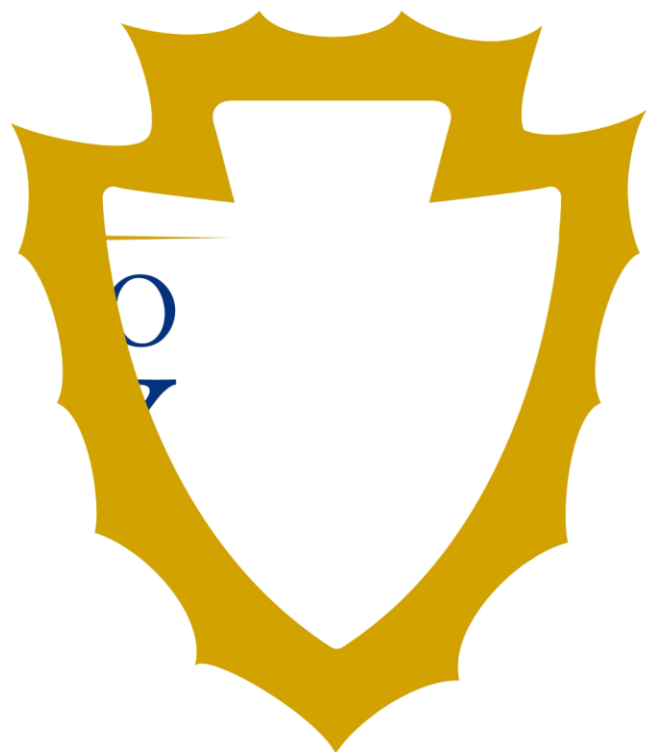

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The journey of your mail ballot...

Regardless of how you submit your ballot, we make sure it gets to the Registrar of Voters office for processing.

Let's take a look at how a vote-by-mail ballot gets processed and counted.

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Let's recap…

Whether you cast your vote-by-mail ballot at an early vote site, a drop-off location, or the U.S. Post Office, the ballot will be processed the same.

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Mailing your vote-by-mail ballot...

Ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office on October 10

Ballots do not have any personal information; each one has a unique barcode that matches it to a specific registered voter

Vote-by-mail ballot envelopes must be postmarked by November 8

No postage necessary – it is already prepaid

Make sure to sign the mail ballot envelope

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If you dropped off your ballot…

76 ballot drop-boxes available throughout the County

Drop boxes are heavy reinforced steel, bolted to the ground, and have a tamper-deterrent design

Ballot boxes in areas with high public visibility, accessibility, convenience

Ballots collected at regular intervals

Ballots are placed in box, sealed, and recorded in detailed log

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Early vote sites and Election Day...

Similar collection process for vote-by-mail ballots dropped off at an early vote site or polling place on Election Day

Vote-by-mail ballots are received at the Registrar of Voters headquarters or a designated collection site throughout the county

To track the status of your ballot, go to WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

WHERE'S MY BALLOT?

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My dog ate my ballot & other contingencies...

No matter what happens, we got you covered!

- Just moved?
- Can't find your ballot?
- Stationed overseas?
- Need accommodations?
- Can't find your polling place?
- Dog ate your ballot?

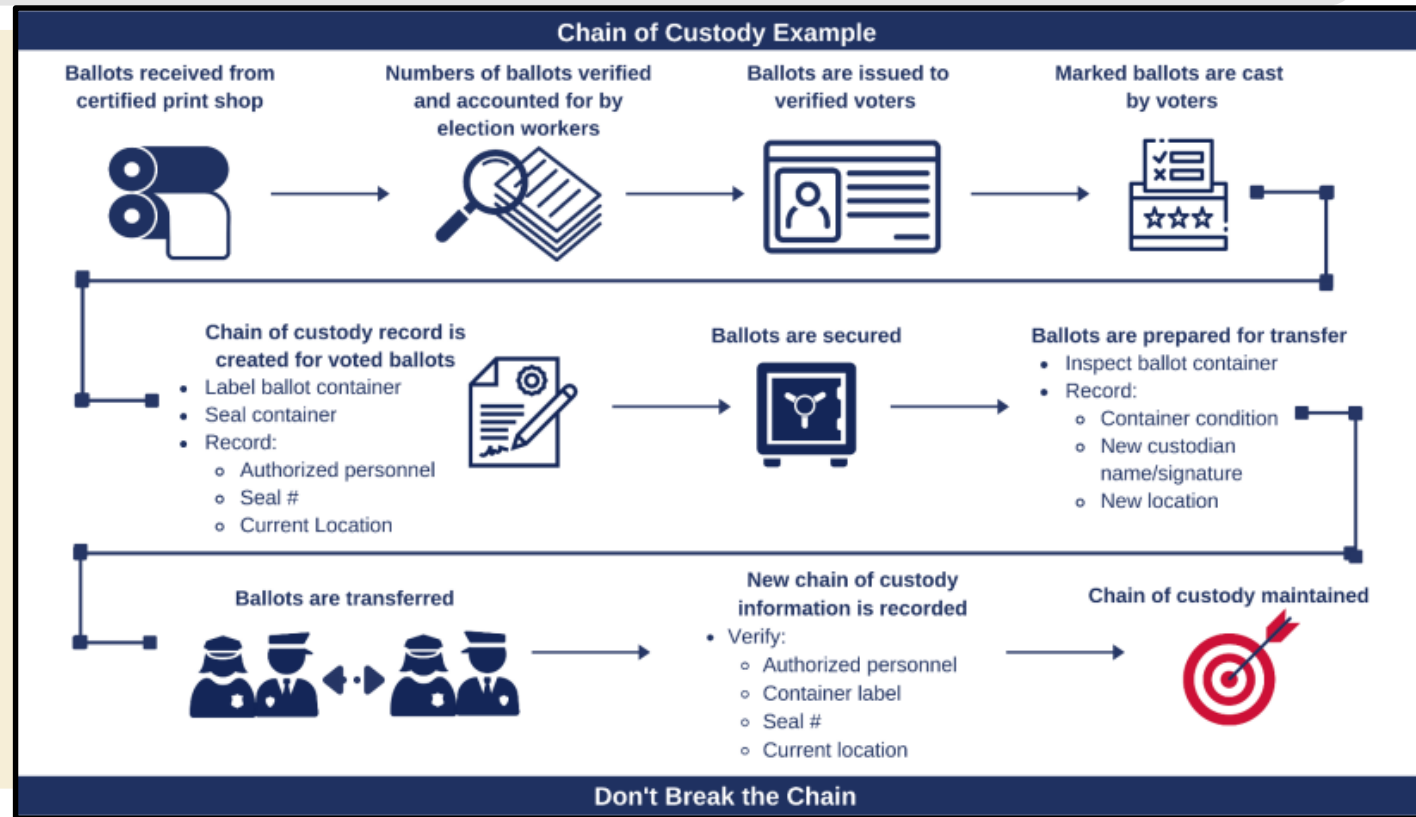Find answers at SBCountyElections.com or 909-387-8300

What is chain of custody and why it matters...

It's important that every legitimate ballot gets counted.

San Bernardino County is proud of its commitment to a free and fair election.

There is a secure **chain of custody** for both vote-by-mail and in-person ballots.

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When ballots reach the Registrar of Voters ...

Boxed ballots are checked for intact official seals and the collection team log pick-up location is matched.

Ballots are then loaded into a sorting machine.

Trained staff compare each voter's signature on the ballot envelope to signature found on the voter's record.

If the signature compares, the envelope is opened and the ballot is counted using high-speed ballot scanners, each monitored by teams of three.
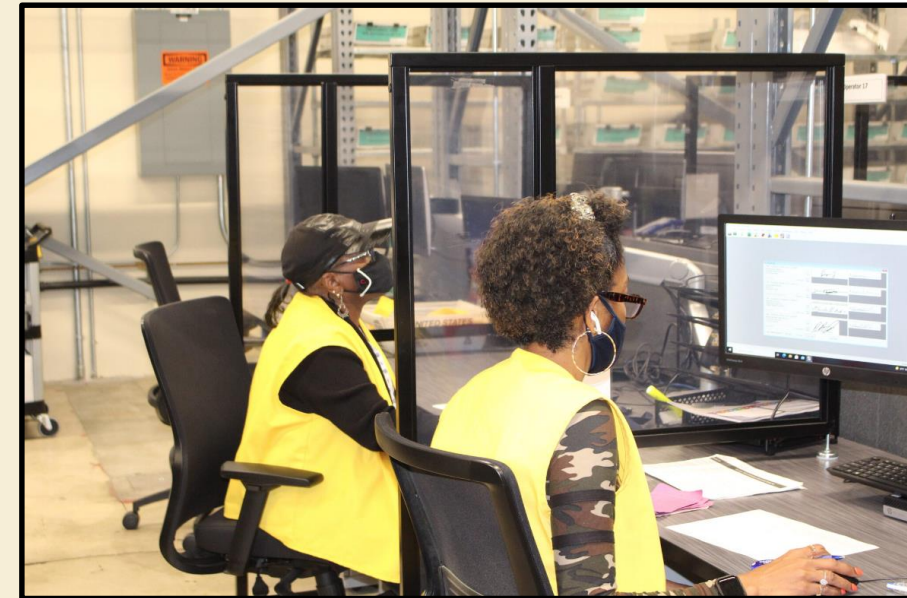

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How are ballots counted?...

If there is a problem with a signature, the ballot is placed on hold and the voter is notified of the hold and ways to resolve it.

If a scanner cannot determine the voter's intent, trained two-person teams work to review issue.

After ballots are counted, they are placed back in the original collection box, which is resealed and archived.

The entire counting process is monitored 24/7 by cameras. Ballot process activities may be observed by any member of the public.

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How can I get involved ...

There are a few ways to get involved in the election process.

- Poll worker – must be at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in California; stipends based on role

- Student poll worker – must be at least 16 years of age and in good academic standing; stipend available

- An election observer – may observe any ballot processing or audit activity at the ROV office; observation schedule is posted on ROV website

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Resources

State

- California Secretary of State Elections – www.sos.ca.gov
- SOS Ballot Tracking System – WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

County

- Voter Information Guide – www.SBCountyElections.com/Voting/VIG/
- My Elections Gateway – portal for personalized election information
- San Bernardino County Redistricting 2021 – www.SBCountyRedistricting.com
- Voter Education – 2022 General Election Communications Toolkit
- Poll Worker Program – www.SBCountyElections.com/election-workers/
- Observer and Poll Watcher Information – www.SBCountyElections.com/community-outreach/observation
- ROV helpline: (909) 387-8300 or Communications@rov.sbcounty.gov

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Questions & Answers