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**Statement from San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Regarding
Election Worker Testing Positive for COVID-19**

MEDIA AVAILABILITY AT 11:30 A.M.

STOCKTON – In response to a report this morning that an election worker in Escalon tested positive for COVID-19, the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters (ROV), Melinda Dubroff, made the following statement:

“At 6:15 a.m. this morning, I was informed that an election worker from an Escalon Voter Service Center located at the Escalon Community Center (at 1055 Escalon Ave), tested positive for COVID-19. We do not know at this time when or where this individual was originally exposed to the virus. Since opening on Saturday, Oct. 31, the Voter Service Center followed all public health protocols recommended by the County’s Public Health Department, which can be found on our [website](#), including wearing masks, gloves, face shields, social distancing, hand sanitizing, use of plexiglass windows, deep cleaning of work areas and multiple other precautions. All 16 staff that have been working with this individual are currently under quarantine. In addition, the facility underwent a deep cleaning this morning and new election workers were brought in to staff the Voting Service Center. The facility opened at 7:00 a.m. for voters to drop off their voted ballots, and opened for in-person voting at 8:30 a.m. Over the past three days, prior to the election worker testing positive for COVID-19, about 50 people dropped off their ballot at that particular Voter Service Center and approximately 200 people voted in-person inside the facility. Contact tracing will begin immediately in coordination with the Department of Public Health. As a reminder, the safest way for voters who already received a Vote-by-Mail ballot to cast their vote is to fill-out their ballot at home and simply drop the ballot off at one of the 34 Voter Service Centers or the 28 Official Ballot Drop Boxes. Locations can be found at www.sjcrov.org or by calling 468-VOTE (8683). Voters who need a replacement ballot, wish to vote in person or need to vote through same-day registration should wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing when entering Voter Service Centers.”

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