



MEDIA ADVISORY

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San Joaquin County Residents Encouraged to Observe Voting System Equipment Demonstration and Test

STOCKTON – San Joaquin County residents and members of the media are invited to observe a state mandated Logic & Accuracy Test (L&A) of the voting system taking place on **Friday, October 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** in the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Office located at 44 N. San Joaquin St., Suite 350, Stockton, CA. As an L&A observer, participants also become a member of the Election Observer Panel.

The L&A test is intended to exercise all aspects of the tabulation programming. It will test all offices and measures including undervote and overvote capabilities. It will also check the reporting functions of the system. If any errors are found with the system or the system programming during the test, they must be corrected and the test performed again. Once the system has satisfactorily counted the test deck, the programming will be approved for ballot counting.

Testing is accomplished by providing L&A test ballots to Election Observer Panel participants who will mark their choices on the ballot. The completed test ballots will then be tabulated through the voting system and set aside so that the Panel can hand count the completed ballots first and then compare them against the ballots that were processed through the voting system.

“Observers are very important to the L&A Test process,” said San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters, Olivia Hale. “Attendees observe firsthand that the programming has been done accurately and the machine is operating correctly. This also helps to build public confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the election process.”

Any San Joaquin County resident can be part of the Election Observer Panel. The October 7th L&A testing kicks off the first of several activities Panel members can participate in. In addition to the L&A test, Panel members can also observe the processing of Vote-by-Mail ballots at the ROV office beginning October 10. They may also visit one or more polling places on Election Day and can visit the ballot counting center to observe the tabulation of ballots on election night after 8:00 p.m. at the ROV warehouse located at 7585 S. Longe St., Suite 112, Stockton, CA. They can also observe the official canvass of the election which occurs November 10 – December 8. To join or learn more about the Election Observer Panel contact Eric Diaz at (209) 468-9671 or ediaz@sjgov.org.

To RSVP for the October 7th event, contact Eric Diaz at (209) 468-9671 or ediaz@sjgov.org.
RSVPs must be received by October 6, 2022.

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