



## Understanding the Difference

### Poll Watcher (Observers)

- **Role:** Observe the election process.
- **Qualifications:**
  - No specific qualifications required.
- **Training:**
  - No formal training specified.
  - Document on Election Observer Rights and Responsibilities available.
- **Responsibilities:**
  - Observe election proceedings.
  - Sign in at observing locations and wear identification badges.



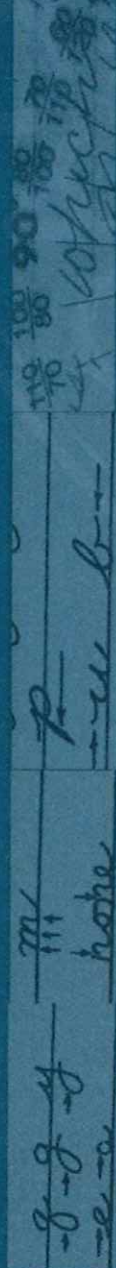
### Poll Worker (Elections Officer)

- **Role:** Actively participate in conducting elections.
- **Qualifications:**
  - Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.
  - High school students eligible under certain conditions.
- **Training:**
  - Specific training on Election Day rules and procedures.
  - Hands-on and online instruction with voting equipment.
  - Variety of training methods including role-playing, mock setups, team exercises.
- **Responsibilities:**
  - Set up and close polling places.
  - Assist voters at the polling places.
  - Protect ballots and voting equipment.





# Signature Verification Training



## California Elections Code Requirements

- **Purpose:** Outlines the legal framework and standards for signature verification in California.
- **Use:** Serves as a guideline for consistent and lawful signature verification practices.

## Forensics Signature Comparison Training

- **Purpose:** Provides practical training methodologies and techniques for signature verification.
- **Use:** Enhances the skills and knowledge of staff involved in signature verification, ensuring accuracy and efficiency.

# SIGNATURE COMPARISON TRAINING

For Elections Department Personnel



with  
Larry C. Liebscher  
Forensic Document Examiner (Ret.)

Ascender (Upper Zone) ————— *f l k*

Body (Middle Zone) ————— *a c e g i o r s*

Bow ————— *D*

Compound Curve ————— *2 5*

Cross Bar ————— *t*

Cusp ————— *s*

Descender ————— *g j y*

Eyelet ————— *e a*

Foot (Feet) ————— *m*  
↑↑↑

Hiatus ————— *none*

Hook ————— *t a*

Lower Loop (Descender/Lower Zone) ————— *g j y*

Retrace ————— *p*

Spur ————— *u b*

Staff (Stem) ————— *T*

Trough ————— *w y*

Upper Loop (Ascender/Upper Zone) ————— *f l k*

When the same distinctive, personal writing characteristics are found in both the known and unknown writing in sufficient number that the likelihood of accidental coincidence is eliminated—and there are no basic fundamental differences between the two sets of writing—then both must have been prepared by the same person.

Orway Hilton, *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents*



Repeated small differences establish clearly that two specimens are the work of two individuals despite a great number of general similarities... If two writings are by the same person, then no fundamental differences should exist.

Ordway Hilton, *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents*



*A single significant difference between the (known and unknown) specimens is a strong indication of two writers, unless the divergency can be logically accounted for by the facts surrounding the preparation of the specimens.*

*Ordway Hilton, Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents*



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place to eat dinner. Tom went home  
and I got to sleep for a while. Things

**SKILLED**—Fast, rhythmic, tapered beginning/ending strokes, rounded letterforms, variance in pen pressure (shading), free movement (natural-look).

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place to eat dinner. Tom went home  
and I got to sleep a while. Things

**UNSKILLED**—Slow, awkward, blunt beginning/ending strokes, angular letterforms, same pen pressure (no shading), restricted movement (drawn-look)



# FEATURES TO LOOK FOR IN SIGNATURE COMPARISONS

(Non-Exhaustive Listing)

SIZE

t-CROSSINGS

SLANT

SPEED

SPACING

LINE DIRECTION

PROPORTIONS

PEN LIFTS

INITIAL STROKES

TREMOR

CONNECTING STROKES

LETTER FORMATIONS

TERMINAL STROKES

INDIVIDUALITIES

ALIGNMENT

MARGIN PATTERNS

i-DOTS

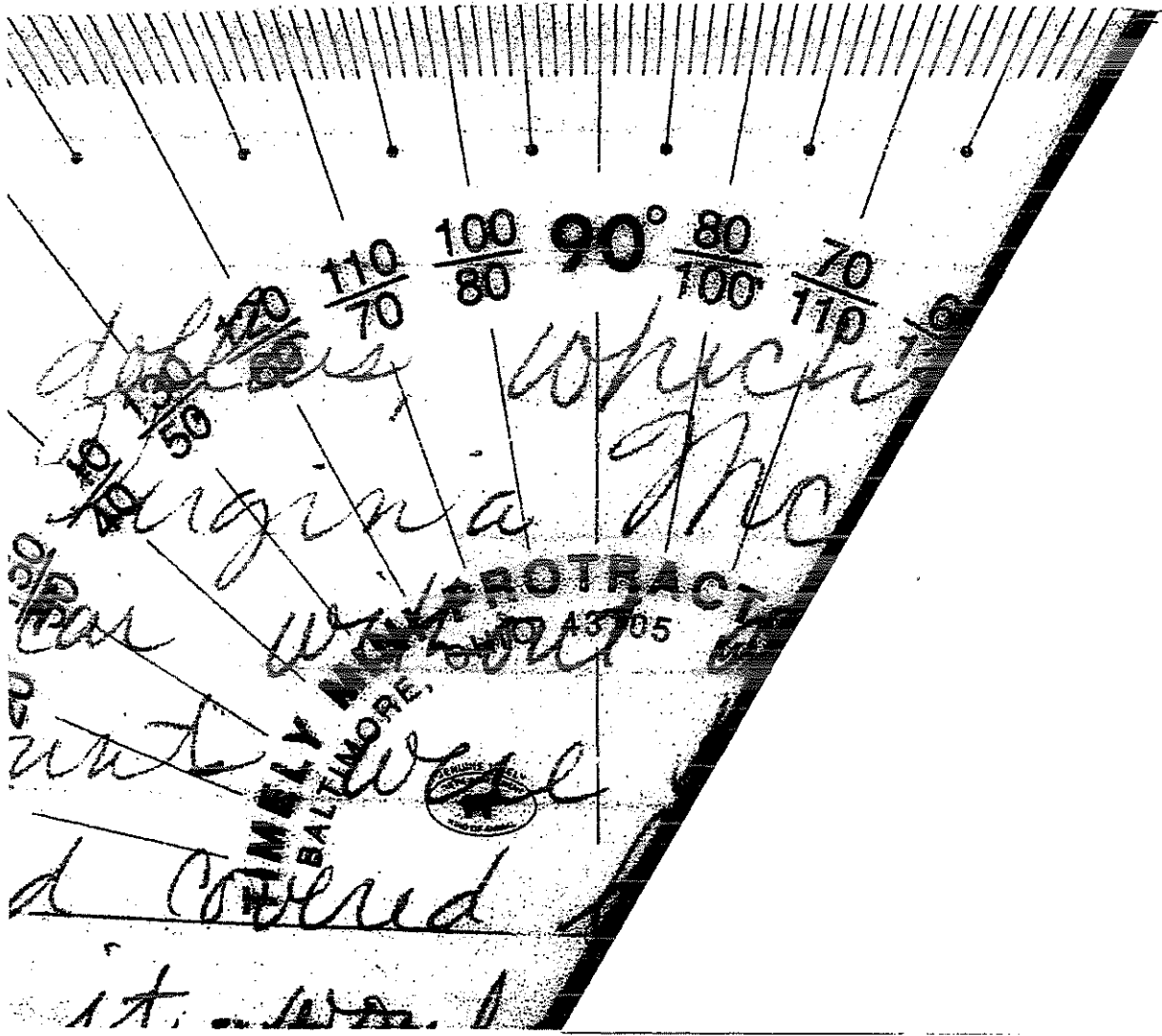


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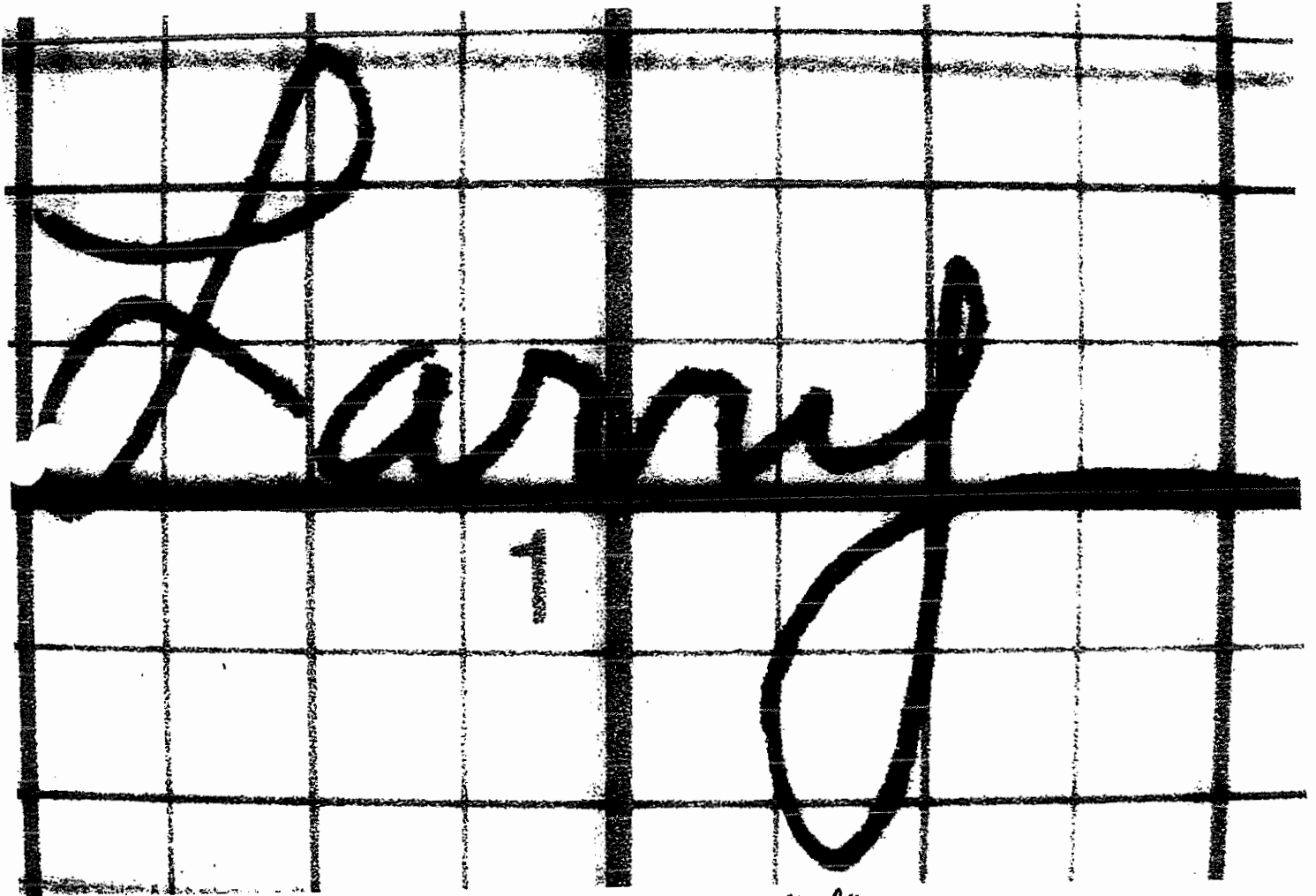
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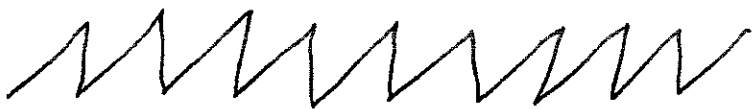


PROPORTIONS: "l" TO "a" = 3:1

## CONNECTING STROKES

GARLAND A series of connected, rounded, wave-like strokes that resemble a garland or a string of beads.

ARCADE A series of connected, rounded, arch-like strokes that resemble a row of arches or a simple arcade.

ANGULAR A series of connected, sharp, zigzag strokes that resemble a sawtooth or a series of sharp peaks and valleys.

THREADY A series of connected, irregular, wavy strokes that resemble a thread or a string of irregular beads.

*The general appearance of writing can change from any cause that affects movement, such as different writing positions, stress, illness, undue restraint, accidents, use of drugs, and alcohol. Signatures may vary in general appearance depending on the occasion or purpose requiring a signature.*

*-Edna W. Robertson, Fundamentals of Document Examination*

The baseline in a handwritten document is the ruled or the imaginary line on which the writing rests.

STRAIGHTEDGE ASSISTED HANDWRITING



## FAST OR SLOW?

A

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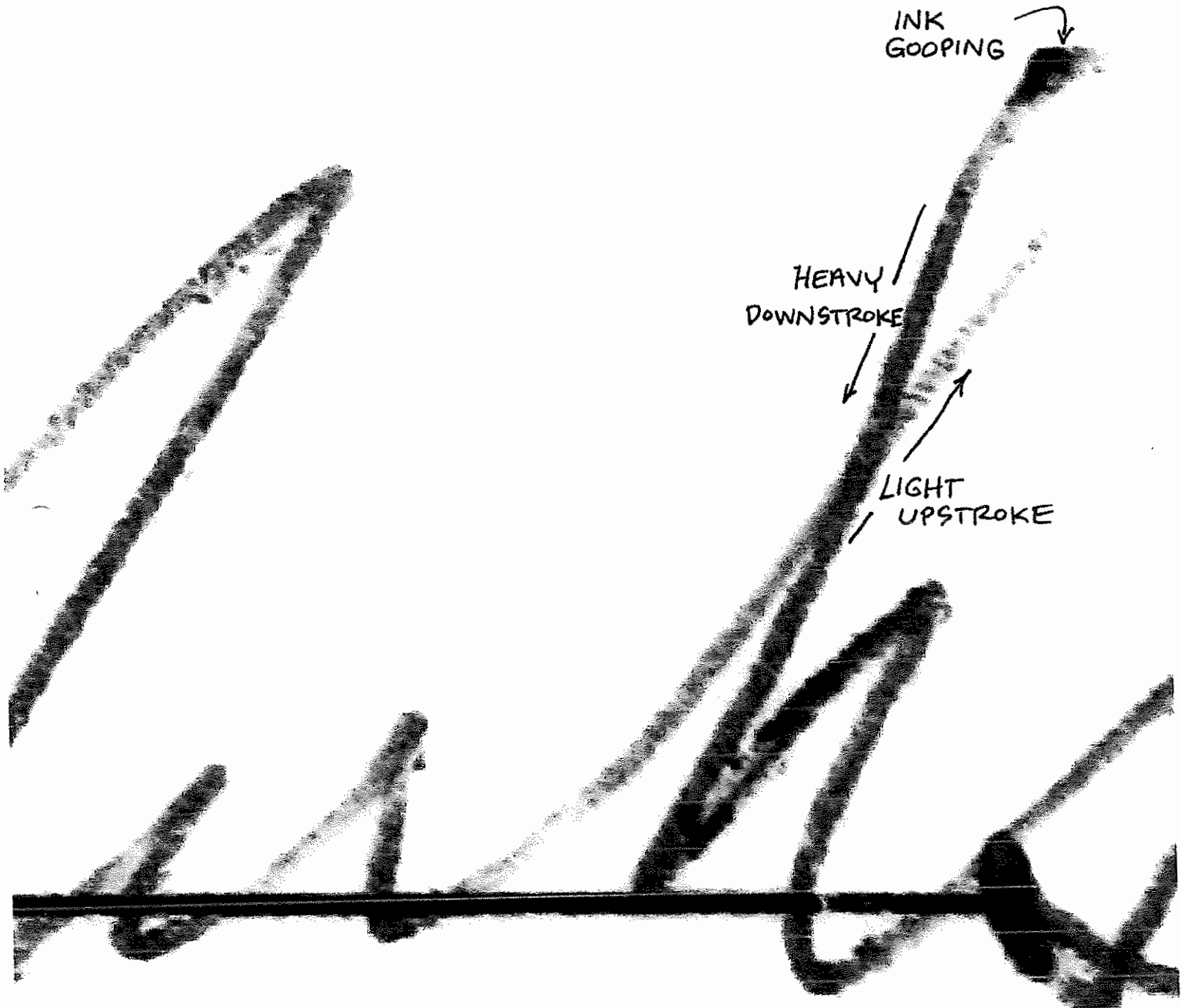
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## EAST HANDWRITING INDICATORS

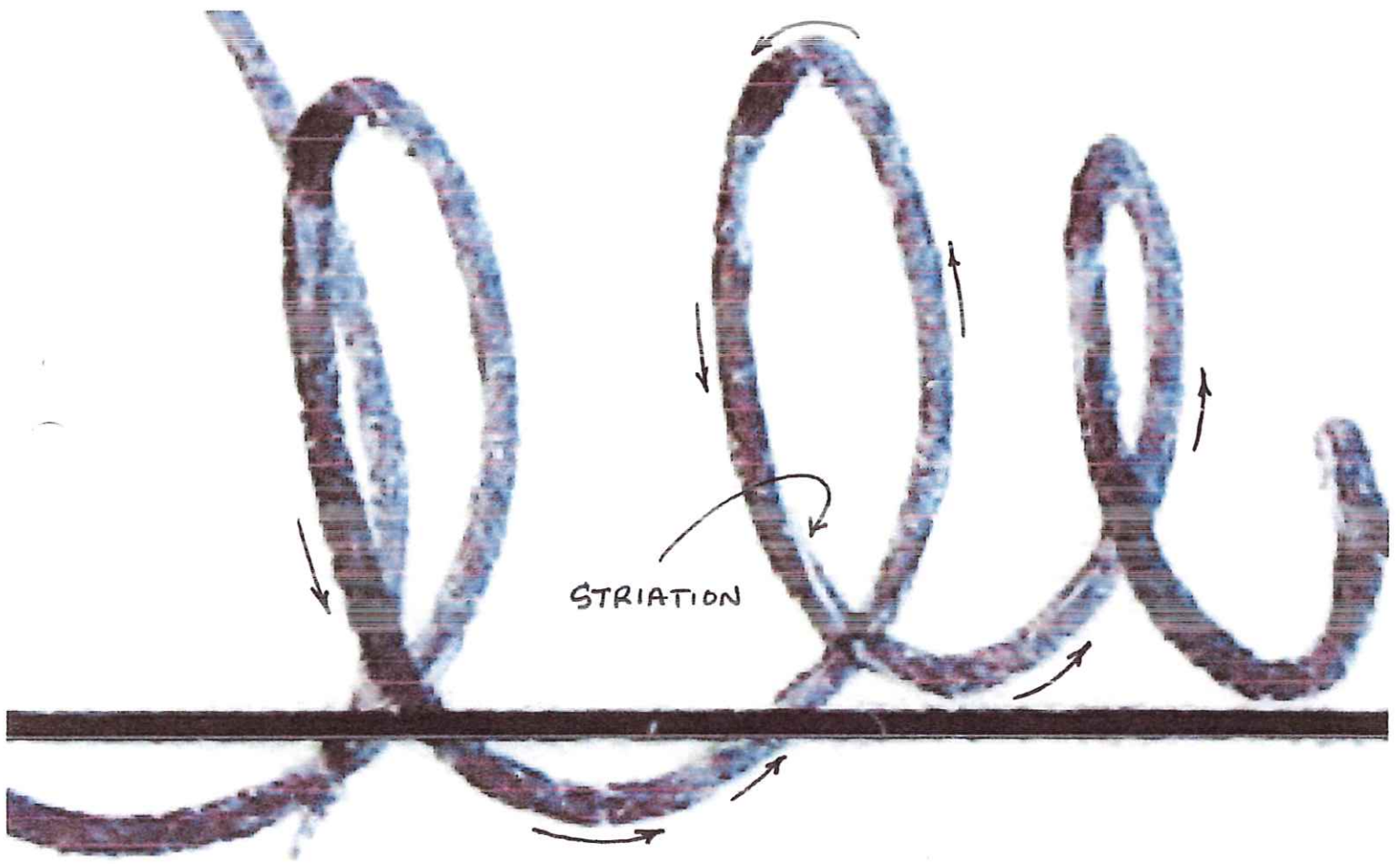
- Smooth, rounded letterforms.
- Pressure variance.
- Tapered beginning and ending strokes.
- Letters often become smaller toward word-end.
- Unreadable or illegible words; e.g., doctor's prescription.
- I-dots and t-crossings often misshaped and misplaced.
- Absence of tremor, angles, and patching.

## SLOW HANDWRITING INDICATORS

- Angular letterforms.
- Heavy, constant pressure.
- Blunt beginning and ending strokes.
- Letters often become large toward word-end.
- Readable (often, but not always).
- Careful placement of i-dots and t-crossings.
- Presence of tremor, angles, and patching.



LIGHT UPSTROKES, HEAVY DOWNSTROKES  
GOOPING IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHORT CURVES



STRIATION

STRIATION INDICATING STROKE DIRECTION

*The identification of signatures constitutes a specialized branch of handwriting examination. Fundamentally, the identification principles set forth for general handwriting are the same, but certain factors require greater emphasis. Standards of known signatures may contain elements not common to other classes of the person's writing. An individual's signature is modified to suit a person's own needs and abilities.... The identifying attributes that are given closest study in signature problems may not always receive the same special consideration in the identification of general writing. (Howard C. Rile Jr., "Identification of Signatures", *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents*, 2006)*

## GENUINE SIGNATURE CHARACTERISTICS

- Continuous movement v. Pen stops and pen lift interruptions.
- Rhythmic v. jerky movement.
- Shading and pen emphasis for certain strokes v. same writing pressure throughout (drawn-look).
- Rapid execution v. slow execution.
- Smooth, rounded letterforms and connecting strokes v. angular letterforms and connections.
- Tapered beginning and ending strokes v. blunt beginning and ending strokes.

## **ALCOHOL INFLUENCED SIGNATURE CHARACTERISTICS**

- o Poor coordination, space perception, carelessness
- o Spread out and larger than normal
- o Less and less detail, illegibility
- o Uneven baseline
- o Bad aim in i-dots and t-crossings
- o Part of letters or whole letters missing
- o Extreme variance in writing pressure

## **FORGERY**

AS A LEGAL TERM:

**Every person who, with intent to defraud, signs another persons name, counterfeits, alters, falsifies, forges *documents...***

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AS A DOCUMENT EXAMINATION TERM:

**Authentic v. non-authentic writings or documents**



*Writing habits, especially those of the experienced writer, are very strong and firmly implanted. When attempts are made to discard them, the usual result is an elimination of the prominent characteristics while numerous unconscious, but individual, writing traits are left unaltered. (Dan C. Purdy, "Identification of Handwriting," Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents, 2006)*

1 Element Suzanne Jordan

2 Element Suzanne Jordan

3 Element Suzanne Jordan

4 Element Suzanne Jordan

5 Element Suzanne Jordan

WHICH SIGNATURE IS A SIMULATION? WHY?

(No. 5)

*Before any meaningful comparison can be made there is an indispensable first step to be undertaken: a determination of whether the writing under study was naturally made.*

*Irby Todd, The Process of Comparison*

## 8 Natural Writing Indicators

- 1) Smooth, continuous, rapid execution
- 2) Rounded letterforms
- 3) Misplaced and misshapen i-dots and t-crossings
- 4) Letters often taper illegibly near the end of words
- 5) Pressure difference between upstrokes and downstrokes
- 6) Tapered beginning and ending strokes
- 7) Letterform simplifications
- 8) Absence of approach strokes

**C.A.T.**

Comparable

Adequate

Timely

Apples & Apples

Larry C. Keescher | Larry C. Keescher

Apples & Oranges

Larry C. Keescher | Barbara M. Jones

Larry C. Keescher | Larry C. Keescher

1. *apple* A. *apple*

2. *apple* B. *apple*

3. *apple* C. *apple*

4. *apple* D. *Apple*

5. *Apple* E. *Apple*

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12. *apple* L. *apple*

13. *apple* M. *apple*

14. *apple* N. *apple*

15. *apple* O. *apple*

16. *apple* P. *Apple*

17. *apple* Q. *Apple*

18. *apple* R. *Apple*

19. *apple* S. *apple*

20. *apple* T. *apple*

Answers

1. Q
2. G
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Answers

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Answers

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EXERCISE (NUMERALS)

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# EXERCISE (NUMERALS)

## Answers

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*Note: Authority cited: 52 U.S.C. 21081(a)(6); 3026, 14314, Elections Code; Section 12172.5, Government Code. Reference cited: Sections 100, 333, 3019, 14310, Elections Code; Section 12172.5, Government Code.*

## ARTICLE 6. SIGNATURE COMPARISON

### 20960. Signature Verification Process

- a. For signature verification, the elections official must compare the signature on an initiative, referendum, recall, nominating petition or paper, signature in-lieu of filing fee, and any other petition or paper must be compared to the voter's signature(s) in the voter's registration record. In addition, the elections official must compare the signature on a voted vote-by-mail envelope and a voted provisional ballot envelope to the voter's signature(s) in the voter's registration record prior to counting a ballot.
- b. The comparison of a signature shall begin with the basic presumption that the signature on the petition or ballot envelope is the voter's signature.
- c. Exact matches are not required for an elections official to confirm a valid signature.
- d. Similar characteristics between a signature being compared and any signature in the voter's registration record are sufficient to determine a signature is valid.
- e. In comparing signatures, elections officials may not review or consider a voter's party preference, race, or ethnicity.
- f. In comparing the signatures, the elections official may consider the following characteristics when visually comparing a signature to determine whether the signatures are from the same signer:
  1. Slant of the signature.
  2. Signature is printed or in cursive.
  3. Size, proportions, or scale.
  4. Individual characteristics, such as how the "t's" are crossed, "i's" are dotted, or loops are made on the letters f, g, j, y, or z.
  5. Spacing between the letters within the first and/or last name and between first and last name.
  6. Line direction.
  7. Letter formations.
  8. Proportion or ratio of the letters in the signature.
  9. Initial strokes and connecting strokes of the signature.
  10. Similar endings such as an abrupt end, a long tail, or loop back around.
  11. Speed of the writing.
  12. Presence or absence of pen lifts.
  13. Misspelled names.
- g. In comparing signatures of vote-by-mail identification envelopes and provisional ballot envelopes, elections officials shall consider as explanations for the following discrepancies in signatures:
  1. Evidence of trembling or shaking in a signature could be health-related or the result of aging.
  2. The voter may have used a diminutive of their full legal name, including, but not limited to the use of initials, or the rearrangement of components of their full legal name, such as a reversal of first and last names, use of a middle name in place of a first name, or omitting a second last name.
  3. The voter's signature style may have changed over time.

4. The signature on the vote-by-mail identification envelope or provisional ballot envelope may have been written in haste.
  5. A signature in the voter's registration file may have been written with a stylus pen or other electronic signature tool that may result in a thick or fuzzy quality.
  6. The surface of the location where the signature was made may have been hard, soft, uneven, or unstable.
- h. In addition to the characteristics listed in subdivisions (f) and (g), the elections official may also consider factors applicable to a particular voter, such as the age of the voter, the age of the signature(s) contained in the voter's record, the possibility that the voter is disabled, the voter's primary language, and the quality of any digitized signature(s) contained in the voter's record.
- i. Only a signature possessing multiple, significant, and obvious differing characteristics with all signatures in the voter's registration record will be subject to additional review by the elections official.
- j. A signature that the initial reviewer identifies as possessing multiple, significant, and obvious distinctive differing characteristics from the signature(s) in the voter's registration record shall only be rejected if two different elections officials unanimously find beyond a reasonable doubt that the signature differs in multiple, significant, and obvious respects from all signatures in the voter's registration record.
- k. When evaluating signatures, elections officials may review using broad characteristics to evaluate an entire signature as a unit or they may narrow the scope of their examination to that of specific letters within a signature.

*Note: Authority cited: Section 12172.5, Government Code. Reference cited: Sections 3019 and 14310, Elections Code; Section 12172.5, Government Code.*

## 20961. Signature Verification Technology

In the event the elections official uses signature verification technology to compare the signature on a vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to the signature(s) in the voter's registration file, and the technology rejects the signature, the elections official shall utilize the provisions of Elections Code section 3019 and Section 20960 to manually compare the signature.

*Note: Authority cited: Section 12172.5, Government Code. Reference cited: Section 3019, Elections Code; Section 12172.5, Government Code.*

## 20962. Signature Verification Training

In the event the elections official conducts training for staff who are responsible for the signature verification process, that training shall address, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Standards established by this Article and any applicable provisions of the California Elections Code.
- b. Standards established by this Article and any applicable provisions of the California Elections Code.
- c. Variations in signatures by voters whose primary language uses non-Roman characters.
- d. General handwriting identification principles.





San Joaquin County  
Election Advisory Committee  
January 4, 2024 Meeting

Discussion Item IV.3.: Discuss and Possibly Stagger Terms for Election Advisory Committee

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to the Election Advisory Committee (“EAC”) Comprehensive Plan for Formation approved by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors on April 11, 2023, the following guidance currently governs the terms of the appointed committee members and alternates:

“**Term:** Members will be appointed to a two-year term and serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms, as this is in alignment with election cycles. Terms shall be staggered for the committee members (rotation to be determined).”

In furtherance of facilitating the discussion related to the staggering of terms for the committee members and alternates, the following may prove useful:

**CURRENT COMPOSITION OF EAC:**

- One Board of Supervisors designee and five appointed members and five alternates with each member of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors nominating a member and an alternate.
- All members and alternates appointed to a two-year term commencing May 23, 2023.

**OPTIONS TO STAGGER TERMS (Select One):**

Option 1:

Two of the five district members and alternates reduce their existing term lengths from two-year terms to one-year terms.

Option 2:

Three of the five district members and alternates reduce their existing term lengths from two-year terms to one-year terms.

Option 3:

Two of the five district members and alternates increase their existing term lengths from two-year terms to three-year terms.

Option 4:

Three of the five district members and alternates increase their existing term lengths from two-year terms to three-year terms.



**METHOD FOR SELECTION RE: ONE OF THE OPTIONS SET FORTH ABOVE (Select One):**

The selection method ultimately applied to the terms of the appointed committee members shall also apply to their respective alternates.

- 1) Accept volunteers.
- 2) Randomized selection by EAC. For example, Chair to pull names/districts from hat.
- 3) EAC to defer to the Board of Supervisors by requesting that the Board take further action to stagger the terms of the EAC members and alternates.

**OUTCOME OF EAC DISCUSSION:**

Due to the fact that the Board of Supervisors imposed a term limit for the committee members and alternates upon forming the EAC, the staggering of terms will result in a conflict (changed terms) with the prior policy developed by the Board. Thus, the discussion and any decisions made by the EAC as result thereof will amount to a recommendation. This recommendation will then be agendized and presented to the Board of Supervisors with a request to amend the Comprehensive Plan for Formation of the EAC.



**State of California**

**ELECTIONS CODE**

**Section 3011**

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3011. (a) The identification envelope shall contain all of the following:

(1) A declaration, under penalty of perjury, stating that the voter resides within the precinct in which the voter is voting and is the person whose name appears on the envelope.

(2) The signature of the voter.

(3) The residence address of the voter as shown on the affidavit of registration.

(4) The date of signing.

(5) A notice that the envelope contains an official ballot and is to be opened only by the canvassing board.

(6) A warning plainly stamped or printed on it that voting twice constitutes a crime.

(7) A warning plainly stamped or printed on it that the voter must sign the envelope in the voter's own handwriting in order for the ballot to be counted.

(8) A statement that the voter has neither voted nor intends to vote a ballot from any other jurisdiction for the same election.

(9) The name and signature of the person authorized by the voter to return the vote by mail ballot pursuant to Section 3017.

(b) Except at a primary election for partisan office, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the voter's party preference may not be stamped or printed on the identification envelope.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (9) of subdivision (a), a ballot shall not be disqualified solely because the person authorized to return it did not provide on the identification envelope their name or signature.

(d) County elections officials may continue to use existing supplies prior to printing new identification envelopes that reflect the changes made to this section by the act adding this subdivision.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 161, Sec. 12. (AB 2608) Effective August 22, 2022.)



# Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2

## § 20133

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Section 20133 - Determination of Drop-off Locations and Number of Drop Boxes

**(a)** Drop-off locations shall be determined by the county elections official. In determining locations, the elections official shall, at a minimum, consider concentrations of population, geographic areas, voter convenience, proximity to public transportation, community-based locations, security, and available funding.

**(b)** Staffed drop box locations may include, but are not limited to, city offices, public libraries, county offices, assisted living facilities, local businesses, and offices of community organizations.

**(c)** The number of drop-off locations and drop boxes shall be determined by the county elections official.

*Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 2, § 20133*

1. New section filed 1-11-2018; operative 1-11-2018 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(b)(3) (Register 2018, No. 2).

*Note: Authority cited: Section 12172.5, Government Code; and Sections 10 and 3025, Elections Code. Reference: Section 3025, Elections Code.*

1. New section filed 1-11-2018; operative 1/11/2018 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(b)(3) (Register 2018, No. 2).

Section 20132 - Drop  
Box Design and  
Requirements

Section 20134 -  
Accessibility of Ballot  
Drop Boxes

# CA Elec Code Section 18540

(a)

Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(b)

Every person who hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

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Source: Section 18540, [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&sectionNum=18540](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&sectionNum=18540).

# CA Elec Code Section 18542

Every employer, whether a corporation or natural person, or any other person who employs, is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in paying his or her employees the salary or wages due them, encloses their pay in pay envelopes upon which or in which there is written or printed the name of any candidate or any political mottoes, devices, or arguments containing threats, express or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of the employees.

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Source: Section 18542, [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELECSionNum=18542](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELECSionNum=18542).

# CA Elec Code Section 18543

(a)

Every person who knowingly challenges a person's right to vote without probable cause or on fraudulent or spurious grounds, or who engages in mass, indiscriminate, and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting, or who fraudulently advises any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote when in fact that person is eligible or is registered, or who violates Section 14240, is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 12 months or in the state prison.

(b)

Every person who conspires to violate subdivision (a) is guilty of a felony.

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Source: Section 18544, [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&ionNum=18544](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&ionNum=18544).

# CA Elec Code Section 18545

Any person who hires or arranges for any other person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections official is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the private guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which the election is held.

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Source: Section 18545, [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&ionNum=18545](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&ionNum=18545).

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# CA Elec Code Section 18548

The Voter Intimidation Restitution Fund is hereby established in the State Treasury. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the fund shall be allocated to the Secretary of State to be used in voter education campaigns addressing the specific crime committed by anyone convicted of violating this article. The funds shall also be used for the administrative costs associated with distribution of the fund.

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Source: Section 18548, [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELECTIONUM=18548](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELECTIONUM=18548).

Major Districts	Status	Total Freq	English	Spanish	Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Of San Joaquin	Active	365,519	352,997	9,654	2,868
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9th Congressional District	Active	345,384	333,580	9,149	2,655
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13th Congressional District	Active	20,135	19,417	505	213
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5th Senatorial District	Active	365,519	352,997	9,654	2,868
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9th Assembly District	Active	152,294	147,967	3,585	742
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13th Assembly District	Active	213,225	205,030	6,069	2,126
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1st Supervisorial Dist	Active	56,571	53,049	3,228	294
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2nd Supervisorial Dist	Active	70,489	68,341	1,451	697
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3rd Supervisorial Dist	Active	82,007	79,525	1,776	706
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4th Supervisorial Dist	Active	75,883	73,784	1,613	486
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5th Supervisorial Dist	Active	80,569	78,298	1,585	685
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton	Active	134,747	129,296	3,993	1,458
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton-1st Council Di...	Active	29,091	28,154	478	459
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton-2nd Council D...	Active	20,141	19,132	550	459
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton-3rd Council Di...	Active	25,389	24,817	415	157
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton-4th Council Di...	Active	24,863	24,319	401	143
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton-5th Council Di...	Active	15,579	14,588	897	94
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Stockton-6th Council Di...	Active	19,684	18,286	1,252	146
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Tracy	Active	47,693	46,064	1,182	447
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lodi	Active	34,141	33,350	720	71
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lodi-1st Council District	Active	9,941	9,857	62	22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lodi-2nd Council District	Active	6,740	6,630	107	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lodi-3rd Council District	Active	7,229	7,105	116	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lodi-4th Council District	Active	3,502	3,221	269	12
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lodi-5th Council District	Active	6,729	6,537	166	26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Manteca	Active	45,363	44,041	991	331
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Manteca-1st Council Di...	Active	11,672	11,301	254	117
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Manteca-2nd Council Di...	Active	12,327	12,008	190	129
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Manteca-3rd Council Di...	Active	9,312	8,936	344	32
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Manteca-4th Council Di...	Active	12,052	11,796	203	53
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Escalon	Active	4,417	4,323	86	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Ripon	Active	9,877	9,751	86	40
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Of Lathrop	Active	15,586	14,950	444	192



# Data Entry Statistics

08/01/2023 to 08/31/2023

User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records
	Voter Update	1		Voter 3PCOA	247
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>		Voter Update	6
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>253</b>
	COVR Online Registration	7		COVR Online Registration	4760
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>4760</b>
	Voter 3PCOA	39			
	Voter Add	1			
	Voter Update	129			
	Agency Cancel(Death)	301			
	Agency Update	233			
	Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	676			
	Agency Update(NCOA)	51			
	VoteCal Push Voter	19			
	COVR Online Registration	1342			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2791</b>			
	Voter Cancel	15			
	Voter Update	31			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>46</b>			
	Voter Add	241			
	Voter Update	4			
	COVR Online Registration	1509			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1754</b>			
	Voter Add	2			
	Voter Cancel	28			
	Voter Update	44			
	COVR Online Registration	229			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>303</b>			
	Voter Update	286			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>286</b>			

## VoteCal Message Processing Statistics Results

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	1151
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1151</b>
██████████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	21
	Potential Duplicate Match	121
	<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>
██████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	11
	NCOA Potential Address Change	316
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	25
	Potential Duplicate Match	585
	Push Voter	10
	Resolve UID	195
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1142</b>
██████████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	24
	NCOA Potential Address Change	15
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	16
	Potential Duplicate Match	25
	Push Voter	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>
██████████	Potential Duplicate Match	24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>



# Data Entry Statistics

09/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records
	Voter 3PCOA	63		Voter Update	311			
	Voter Cancel	45		COVR Online Registration	3993			
	Voter Update	178		<b>Total:</b>	<b>4304</b>			
	COVR Online Registration	697		Voter Add	79			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>983</b>		COVR Online Registration	183			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>262</b>			
	Voter Add	99		Voter Update	175			
	Voter Cancel	53		<b>Total:</b>	<b>175</b>			
	COVR Online Registration	1317		Voter Update	122			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1469</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>122</b>			
	COVR Online Registration	7		Voter Update	177			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>177</b>			
	Voter Update	1						
	COVR Online Registration	383						
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>384</b>						
	Voter Add	150						
	Voter Update	4						
	Agency Cancel(Death)	276						
	Agency Update	165						
	COVR Online Registration	887						
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1482</b>						
	Voter Update	3						
	COVR Online Registration	1						
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>						
	Voter Add	41						
	Voter Update	9						
	COVR Online Registration	8						
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>58</b>						

## VoteCal Message Processing Statistics Results

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	803
	<b>Total</b>	<b>803</b>
██████████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>
██████████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	6
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	5
	Potential Duplicate Match	545
	Push Voter	2
	Resolve UID	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>567</b>



# Data Entry Statistics

10/01/2023 to 10/31/2023

User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records
	Voter 3PCOA	509		Voter Update	19
	Voter Add	58		VoteCal Push Voter	2
	Voter Update	13		COVR Online Registration	633
	COVR Online Registration	2518		<b>Total:</b>	<b>777</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3098</b>		Voter 3PCOA	120
				Voter Add	8
	COVR Online Registration	6		Voter Cancel	97
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>		Voter Update	603
	Voter 3PCOA	11		COVR Online Registration	3552
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>4380</b>
				Voter Update	213
	Voter Update	1		<b>Total:</b>	<b>213</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>		Voter 3PCOA	19
	Voter 3PCOA	234		<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>
	Voter Add	60			
	Voter Cancel	6			
	Voter Update	21			
	Agency Cancel(Death)	337			
	Agency Update	246			
	Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	2255			
	Agency Update(NCOA)	178			
	Agency Update(Out of state)	1			
	VoteCal Push Voter	10			
	COVR Online Registration	231			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3579</b>			
	Voter Add	2			
	Voter Update	16			
	COVR Online Registration	15			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>33</b>			
	Voter Add	123			

## VoteCal Message Processing Statistics Results

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	498
	<b>Total</b>	<b>498</b>
████	NCOA Potential Address Change	201
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	61
	Potential Duplicate Match	189
	Push Voter	39
	Resolve UID	62
	<b>Total</b>	<b>552</b>
████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	32
	NCOA Potential Address Change	50
	Potential Duplicate Match	39
	Push Voter	1
	Resolve UID	54
	<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>
████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	7
	NCOA Potential Address Change	425
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	3
	Potential Duplicate Match	49
	Push Voter	3
	Resolve UID	61
	<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>





# Data Entry Statistics

11/01/2023 to 11/30/2023

User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records
	Voter Update	450		Voter Update	1873		Voter 3PCOA	686
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>450</b>		Agency Cancel(Death)	278		Voter Update	8288
				Agency Update	228		<b>Total:</b>	<b>8974</b>
	Voter 3PCOA	209		Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	853			
	Voter Update	1882		Agency Update(NCOA)	82		Voter Update	534
	VoteCal Push Voter	89		VoteCal Push Voter	157		<b>Total:</b>	<b>534</b>
	COVR Online Registration	3565		COVR Online Registration	570			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>5745</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>4267</b>		COVR Online Registration	1
				Voter Cancel	41		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>
	Voter 3PCOA	35		Voter Update	38			
	Voter Add	85		COVR Online Registration	4			
	Voter Cancel	28		<b>Total:</b>	<b>83</b>			
	Voter Update	3529						
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3677</b>		Voter Add	181			
				Voter Update	1491			
	COVR Online Registration	840		COVR Online Registration	84			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>840</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1756</b>			
	COVR Online Registration	5		Voter Update	84			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>84</b>			
	COVR Online Registration	546		Voter 3PCOA	641			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>546</b>		Voter Add	1			
				Voter Cancel	151			
	Voter 3PCOA	328		Voter Update	5073			
	Voter Update	5683		VoteCal Push Voter	754			
	COVR Online Registration	70		COVR Online Registration	1649			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>6081</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>8269</b>			
	Voter Update	290		Voter Update	180			
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>290</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>180</b>			
	Voter 3PCOA	120		Voter Update	73			
	Voter Add	106		<b>Total:</b>	<b>73</b>			

## VoteCal Message Processing Statistics Results

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	780
	<b>Total</b>	<b>780</b>
████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	60
	NCOA Potential Address Change	468
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	17
	Potential Duplicate Match	441
	Push Voter	32
	Resolve UID	105
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1123</b>
████	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	3
	NCOA Potential Address Change	5
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	37
	Push Voter	18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>



# Data Entry Statistics

12/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records	User ID	Group Type	Records
	Voter Update	1		Voter Update	855		Voter Update	855
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>		Agency Cancel(Death)	45		Agency Cancel(Death)	45
				Agency Update(NCOA)	1		Agency Update(NCOA)	1
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>232</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>122</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1794</b>
	Voter Add	282		Voter Update	131		Voter Update	131
	Voter Update	1077		<b>Total:</b>	<b>131</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>131</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1591</b>						
	Voter 3PCOA	196						
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1071</b>		Voter Update	82		Voter Update	82
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>82</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>82</b>
				Voter 3PCOA	79		Voter 3PCOA	79
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>1116</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1195</b>
				Voter Update	16		Voter Update	16
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>342</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>401</b>
				Voter 3PCOA	1772		Voter Add	13
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>2114</b>		Voter Update	12
							COMVR Online Registration	623
							<b>Total:</b>	<b>1049</b>
				Voter Add	96			
				Voter Update	8		COMVR Online Registration	1532
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>106</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1532</b>
				Voter 3PCOA	472			
				Voter Add	18			
				Voter Update	35			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>154</b>			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>679</b>			
				Voter 3PCOA	668			
				Voter Add	1			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>102</b>			
				Voter 3PCOA	343			
				Voter Cancel	10			
				Voter Update	878			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>1231</b>			
				Voter 3PCOA	18			
				Voter Add	6			
				Voter Update	8			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>262</b>			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>294</b>			
				COMVR Online Registration	1			
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>			

## Votecal Message Processing Statistics Results

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	214
	<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>
dfm2admin	Resolve UID	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>
[REDACTED]	NCOA Potential Address Change	134
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	28
	Potential Duplicate Match	69
	Push Voter	53
	<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>
[REDACTED]	Potential Duplicate Match	32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>