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Imperial County 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election Update

September 14, 2021- The Imperial County Registrar of Voters has issued an “Unofficial Election Results” update on the Registrar’s website at <https://elections.imperialcounty.org/> for the September 14 Gubernatorial Recall Election. This first unofficial update includes vote-by-mail ballots received before Election Day. This will not be a final tally of all ballots. Additional “Unofficial Election Results” updates will be provided throughout the evening.

As of today, there are an unknown number of vote-by-mail ballots, including an undetermined number of vote-by-mail ballots postmarked by September 14, 2021 not yet received by the Registrar’s office. These postmarked ballots must be received by the Registrar’s office by 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2021. Furthermore, the Registrar’s office may receive additional ballots that were deposited to outside counties.

Provisional ballots are counted after all voter rosters are reviewed and the voter’s history is applied to the voter’s record. The procedure for tallying provisional ballots is just as lengthy as processing vote-by-mail ballots, but require some additional steps to take. This process includes:

- Staff members work one precinct at a time and one provisional envelope at a time;
- Each voter of a provisional ballot must be located on the Election Management System (EMS) identified by name, address and/or birthdate. Updates to changed addresses are made at this time;
- Signatures are validated through the EMS; and
- Provisional ballots are cross-referenced to precinct voter rosters to ensure multiple ballots were not cast.

As mandated by the State of California, the Registrar of Voters has until October 14, 2021 to certify the election. The Registrar’s staff will work diligently to complete the election canvassing process and update the public of results in a timely manner. The Registrar’s office wishes to thank the public for their patience as staff and poll workers continue to conduct canvassing for this election.

For further information, visit the Imperial County Registrar of Voters website at <https://elections.imperialcounty.org/>.

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