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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

June 15, 2022

PRESS RELEASE - - Tulare County Registrar of Voters, Michelle Baldwin, is releasing the daily Tulare County Elections Update.

The Tulare County Registrar of Voters started the Official Canvass process of the June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election. Unofficial tally results can be found posted on our election website www.tularecoelections.org.

We processed a total of 303 ballots today. Remaining ballots to be processed are as follows:

- 0 Vote by Mail Ballots
- 0 Provisional Ballots
- 0 Conditional Voter Registration Provisional Ballots
- 800 Unprocessed Ballots that are damaged, need to be duplicated or require further review.

Canvass activities include:

- Continued to match Signature Verification Statements received for the no signature match and no signature ballots.
- Continued opening and flattening ballots for tabulation.
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- Completed the 1% manual tally process.
- Completed processing the Provisional Ballots involving the review and comparison of each voter envelope to that voter's original registration affidavit and signature on record. This process is required for accuracy of the vote, to ensure each eligible vote cast is counted and to credit each voter for voting.
- Completed processing the Conditional Voter Registration Ballots.
- Completed the process of reviewing Polling Place Ballot Statements for reconciliation.

Legislation requires counties to process ballots that have been received and postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company by the seventh (7th) day after Election Day.

Election Code 3019 went into effect on January 1, 2016 and now requires the Registrar of Voters office to allow eight (8) days after an election for an unsigned vote by mail ballots to be counted if the voter submits or comes into the office and signs the envelope ballot statement. Our office will contact the voters advising them that they have eight (8) days to sign their ballot statement.

Senate Bill 759 eliminates the prohibition on counting a vote-by-mail ballots if the signature on the identification envelope does not compare with either the signature appearing on the voter's affidavit of registration. SB 759 requires, among other things, the elections official to follow specified procedures to notify the voter and allow the voter an opportunity to verify (cure) his or her signature before certification of the election.

California Law requires that the Election be certified by July 7, 2022.