



# Protecting the Vote...before an RLA

CANVASSING THE VOTE AND OTHER PROTECTION MEASURES IN SHASTA COUNTY  
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# Protecting the vote before Election Day

- ▶ Daily, year round physical & cyber security of voter registration database (the physical server, controlling access to it, etc)
- ▶ Physical security of the building
- ▶ Pre LAT testing (logic & accuracy testing of election tabulation equipment)
- ▶ Cyber security training for staff
- ▶ Chain of custody procedures for mobile ballot printing/print on demand ballots, ballot stock
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# Protecting the vote on Election Day

- Poll workers and elections staff – rule of two
- Vote by mail ballots validated by hand, every single one – 52,607 for Nov 2018
- Chain of custody maintained for all materials delivered and returned from Elections Department and polling places (also vote by mail ballots)
- Seals on equipment and supplies, both single use and permanent, checked throughout the day
  - Polling place equipment
  - Ballots picked up from USPS or official drop boxes



# The Canvass – after Election Day

- ▶ Inspection of poll worker's work on election day, audit and examination of all supplies returned
  - ▶ This includes verifying that the seals we sent out on all devices and supplies were correctly used and recorded by poll workers
  - ▶ Verifying that elections staff who unsealed and resealed official drop boxes and delivered ballots back to the Elections Department completed their tracking correctly
- ▶ Reconciliation of signatures collected at the precinct as compared to votes actually counted
- ▶ Reconciliation of ballots generally; accounting for what was ordered and printed in house, what was voted, spoiled, etc.
- ▶ Processing conditional voter registration ballots, remaining vote by mail ballots, provisional ballots

# One Percent Manual Tally



- ▶ Elections Code 15360
- ▶ Randomly select precincts to include after polls close on Election Day
- ▶ Go find the ballots
- ▶ Hand count the ballots
- ▶ Counting board is never given results
- ▶ We like the sort and stack method you see here


# 2012 Recount in Shasta County

Redding City Council was the contested issue. First and second place finishers were 11 votes apart after certification.

After hosting more observers than counters, the recount ended 9 votes apart, no change in the winners. There were 37,777 ballots cast in Redding that election.

We utilized the same process for recounting we do for the 1% manual hand tally, and the observers left impressed. We were left tired and relieved.





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