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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12169

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Macias", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Macias
Voting Systems Analyst

RE: Voting Systems: Uniform Vote Counting Standards

The updated "Uniform Vote Counting Standards" have been posted on the Voting Systems webpage at www.sos.ca.gov/voting-systems/. The updated standards reflect two changes in law that took effect on January 1, 2012.

- The first, pursuant to SB 183, makes it clear that when a voter makes random marks, draws, or doodles on their ballot, their ballot still must be counted if the intent of the voter can be determined. If the markings contain personal information, such as a driver's license number, signature, or social security number, then the ballot must be re-made before being counted.
- The second, pursuant to AB 503 and AB 461, changes how votes for qualified write-in candidates must be tallied in certain situations.

If you have any questions, please call Ryan Macias at (916) 651-7835.