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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 12293

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: Jana M. Lean
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Chief, Elections Division

RE: General Election: Approved Alternative Procedures

As you are aware, Elections Code section 14299 requires counties to have an alternative procedure in place during the allowed two-hour window for replenishing ballots to enable voters to cast their votes if they do not want to wait for more ballots to be delivered to the polling place.

Specifically, Elections Code section 14299 states:

> "(a) If a precinct board is unable to furnish a ballot to a qualified voter because there is an insufficient number of ballots at the precinct, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct additional ballots to ensure that all eligible voters can cast their ballots within two hours.
> (b) While awaiting the delivery of additional ballots, the precinct board shall provide each voter with the option of casting his or her vote immediately using an alternative procedure established prior to the election or waiting for the delivery of the additional ballots.
> (c) The alternative procedure required by this section shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of State. The elections official shall submit the alternative procedure to the Secretary of State for approval by a date to be determined by the Secretary of State."

Following is a list of alternative procedures that have been approved by the Secretary of State for use in the November 6, 2012, General Election.

- Provisional ballots.
- Vote-by-mail ballots.
- Sample ballots.
- Reasonable facsimiles of polling place, vote-by-mail, and sample ballots.
- Ballots from neighboring precincts, provided the ballot types are identical.
- Emergency ballots or test ballots that many counties include in their regular precinct supply kits, provided these ballots contain the names of all of the

candidates and titles of ballots measures, along with corresponding areas to allow voters to select their choices.

- A blank piece of paper upon which the names of all of the candidates and titles of ballots measures are printed, along with corresponding areas to allow voters to select their choices.

Any ballot cast using one of the above approved alternative procedures would have to be duplicated in accordance with the procedure set forth in Elections Code section 15210.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov or (916) 657-2166. Thank you.