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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 18233

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jana M. Lean

Chief, Elections Division

RE: General Election: Provisional Ballots and Conditional Voter Registration

While the number of people who vote provisionally on Election Day tends to be relatively steady, there is always the potential that a larger than normal amount of people will register on the deadline either online or by mail leading to an increase in the number of people who may not be listed on your polling place rosters and who thus need to vote using a provisional ballot. (See Elections Code section 14310)

The Secretary of State's office urges you to remind poll workers of the provisional balloting procedures and that every person has a right to cast a provisional ballot for any reason under Elections Code section 14310 and Help America Vote Act of 2002, section 302.

Additionally, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and CVR provisional voting are available at all permanent offices of the county elections official, all vote centers, and designated satellite offices, which can include polling places if in compliance with Section 20023(d) of the California Code of Regulations. The regulations pertaining to CVR can be found at: www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/current-regulations/elections/conditional-voter-registration/.

The Secretary of State's office recommends that you consider providing each polling place with sufficient supplies of provisional ballots, provisional ballot envelopes, CVR provisional ballot envelopes (if designated as a satellite office), and voter registration cards. All permanent offices of the county elections official and vote centers should likewise be adequately stocked.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov. Thank you.