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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 21205

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Robbie Anderson
Election Counsel

RE: Regulations: Petition Processing, Signature Verification, Ballot Processing, and Ballot Counting

The Secretary of State has submitted proposed regulations to the Office of Administrative Law to make permanent the emergency regulations it adopted on September 28, 2020, related to Signature Verification, Ballot Processing, and Ballot Counting. The permanent regulations will also include provisions for the processing of elections-related petitions.

Written Comment Period: December 10, 2021 – January 24, 2022

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments pertaining to the text of the proposed regulations. The Secretary of State will accept written comments on the proposed regulations from December 10, 2021, to January 24, 2022. The Secretary of State will consider only comments received at the Secretary of State's office by that date. No hearing date has been scheduled; however, any interested person, or their authorized representative, can submit a written request for a public hearing no later than Wednesday, January 10, 2022.

Following the close of the written comment period, the Secretary of State, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals provided by the public or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available from our office for 15 days prior to its adoption and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Copies of the Notice of Modification to Proposed Regulations Rulemaking, the text of the proposed regulation, and addendum to the initial statement of reasons with changes identified in underline and strikeout are attached herewith, and can be accessed through the Secretary of State's website at:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/proposed-regulations/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robbie Anderson at aanderso@sos.ca.gov or Raj Bathla at rbathla@sos.ca.gov or (916) 657-2166