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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #21002

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Joan Hackeling
NVRA and Outreach Coordinator

RE: Recall: Reporting of Signatures

Our office has received inquiries from counties regarding the signature verification and reporting requirements for state recalls.

Pursuant to Elections Code section 11104(d), county elections officials shall not begin the signature verification process until the number of received signatures in a recall attempt reaches 10% of the total required signatures needed to qualify the recall for the ballot.

Pursuant to Elections Code sections 11104(b) and 9031(b), county elections officials have 30 business days to verify all signatures received, and 30 business days each time any additional signatures are received by the county elections official.

Pursuant to Elections Code section 11104(a), county elections officials are required to report every 30 days for the period ending five days previously: 1) the number of raw signatures received; 2) the cumulative total of raw signatures received since the recall was initiated; 3) the number of valid signatures submitted during the previous and current reporting period; and 4) the cumulative total of all valid signatures since the recall was initiated.

Should the 30-day reporting period required under Section 11104 fall within the 30-business day signature verification period provided under Section 9031(b), counties must report the number of valid signatures as of the date of that reporting period, even if signature verification is not complete, and report any remaining valid signatures at the next regularly scheduled reporting period. No reporting is required outside of these regularly scheduled recall reporting periods.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joan Hackeling at petitions@sos.ca.gov.

Thank you.