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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #23038

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Danielle Dawson
Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment

RE: Regulations: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action Regarding Ballot Counting

The Secretary of State has submitted proposed regulations for ballot counting to the Office of Administrative Law for review.

Written Comment Period: May 19, 2023 – July 5, 2023

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 May 19, 2023, to July 5, 2023. The Secretary of State will consider only comments received at the Secretary of State's office by that date. No public hearing date has been scheduled; however, any interested person, or their authorized representative can submit a written request for a public hearing to the contact person listed below no later than midnight, on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Following the close of the written comment period, the Secretary of State may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially 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 by 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.

Any person interested may present statements or arguments in writing relevant to the action proposed. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail, must be received by the Secretary of State at its office not later than Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Copies of the notice of proposed regulations, the text of the proposed regulations, and the initial statement of reasons can be accessed through the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/proposed-regulations>.

Questions or written comments should be directed to the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment, Attn: Danielle Dawson at: (916) 695-1680 or email votingsystems@sos.ca.gov.