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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #19110

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Raj Bathla
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RE: Regulations: Risk Limiting Audits

The Secretary of State has submitted proposed regulations relating to Risk Limiting Audits to the Office of Administrative Law. These regulations establish the procedures for conducting risk-limiting audits in lieu of the 1% manual tally beginning with the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election.

The 45-day written public comment period begins today, October 25, 2019, and goes through December 10, 2019. Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments pertaining to the changes in the text of the proposed regulations. The Secretary of State will accept written comments on the changes from October 25, 2019 to December 10, 2019. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2019. The Secretary of State will only consider comments received at the Secretary of State's office by that time.

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 Monday, November 25, 2019.

Following the public hearing, if one is requested, or following the close of the written comment period if no public hearing is requested, 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 or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

The regulation packet has been published on the Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/proposed-regulations/>

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