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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 20001

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jana M. Lean
Chief, Elections Division

RE: Presidential Primary: Approved Alternative Procedures

As a reminder, in all statewide elections, Elections Code section 14102 requires counties to provide a sufficient number of official ballots in each precinct to reasonably meet the needs of the voters in that precinct on Election Day. In no case shall the number of ballots be less than 75 percent of registered voters in the precinct. Furthermore, Section 14102 requires counties to provide an additional number of ballots for vote-by-mail and emergency purposes.

In the unlikely event there are insufficient ballots or insufficient ballot printing supplies, if applicable, at a polling place Elections Code section 14299 requires counties to have an alternative procedure in place. Any ballot cast using an approved alternative procedure must be duplicated in accordance with the procedure set forth in Elections Code section 15210.

Attached to this memorandum is a survey requesting the specific alternative procedure(s) that your county will have in place in the event there are insufficient ballots or insufficient ballot printing supplies, if applicable, at a polling place for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election. (See Elections Code, § 14299(c).)

Please complete and return the attached survey to Stacey Jarrett at SJarrett@sos.ca.gov by Friday, January 17, 2020.

Survey: Alternative Procedures
March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election

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Stacey Jarrett at SJarrett@sos.ca.gov by Friday, January 17, 2020.

County: _____

County Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please provide the specific alternative procedure(s) that will be in place for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election, in the event there are insufficient ballots or insufficient ballot printing supplies, if applicable, at a polling place. For your convenience, the following is a list of alternative procedures that have been approved by the Secretary of State.

Place a check mark next to the alternative procedure(s) that will be in place. If an alternative procedure will be in place that is not listed below, please provide information in the "Other" field.

If more than one alternative procedure will be used, please rank them in the order that they will be used on the blank line following each alternative procedure.

- Provisional ballots _____
 - Vote-by-mail ballots _____
 - Sample ballots _____
 - Direct Recording Electronic voting systems _____
 - Reasonable facsimiles of polling place, vote-by-mail, and sample ballots _____
 - Ballots from neighboring precincts, provided the ballot types are identical _____
 - Emergency ballots or test ballots that many counties include in their regular precinct supply kits, provided these ballots contain the names of all the candidates and titles of ballots measures, along with corresponding areas to allow voters to select their choices _____
 - A blank piece of paper upon which the names of all the candidates and titles of ballots measures are printed, along with corresponding areas to allow voters to select their choices _____
 - Other _____
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