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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 20244

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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

RE: General Election: REMINDER - Ballot Identification Envelopes:
Mismatched Signatures and Unsigned Envelopes

This memorandum is intended to remind county elections officials of [CCROV #20227](#), which details the required procedures in the Elections Code and the California Code of Regulations as they pertain to voters who have failed to sign their vote-by-mail or provisional ballot identification envelopes or when their signatures do not compare to the signature(s) in their voter registration records.

As set forth in [CCROV #20227](#)'s recitation of Elections Code section 3019: elections officials must post a signature verification statement and an unsigned ballot statement on their internet website. They shall also provide their mailing address, email address, and facsimile transmission number on the top of the internet web page containing the statements and instructions. (Elec. Code, §§ 3019(d)(6), (e)(4); 14310(c)(1).)

In addition, the appropriate "cure" notice must be sent to the voter within 24 hours of discovery of the missing or mismatched signature. (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, §§ 20990(d), 20992(d).)

Finally, a mailed "cure" notice must be sent with a postage-paid return envelope. (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, §§ 20990(e), 20992(e).)

For additional information and sample notices, please review [CCROV #20227](#) (<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/pdf/2020/september/20227jl.pdf>). The above-noted emergency regulations may be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/current-regulations>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rachelle Delucchi at rdelucch@sos.ca.gov or Robbie Anderson at aanderso@sos.ca.gov.