

Ventura County Canvass Activities Summary November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Per Elections Code Section 15360, 1 % of precincts must be hand tallied to determine that the voting system is reading and tabulating votes correctly. In the November 2020 election, 50 batches of ballots were fully tallied and 2 additional batches with specific contests that were not included in the initial group were also tallied.

Batches were randomly selected using a random number generator. All votes cast in those batches were tallied. Blank ballots that were encountered were tallied as undervotes for each contest. Spoiled, cancelled and otherwise invalidated ballots were not tallied as they are not valid ballots.

Vote By Mail and paper ballots used at the In-Person Voting Locations were tallied by audit teams of three auditors, and one supervisor. All auditors were grouped around a large table. The ballots were distributed between all the auditors. Each auditor had to reconcile the number of votes cast to the number recorded from the ballots. The tally is kept by a team of two tally-takers. Both the tally-keepers and the caller had to match, and the total had to balance. The results were later compared to the central tally count and if the totals did not match, then the hand tally began again. The tally was concluded when the totals matched or there was a confirmed discrepancy.

Materials used to complete the tallies were minimal, but included specialized tally sheets, colored pens, calculators, and the central count reports.

In conclusion, our hand tallies matched the machine output totals with 100% accuracy.

Equipment Incidents

Election Day went well in Ventura County. Ventura County had no Equipment Incidents to report. Operator error incidents were omitted.