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November 2, 2023

Melvin E. Levey Merced County Registrar of Voters 2222 M Street Merced, CA 95340

RE: Submission of Voter's Choice Act Election Administration Plan

Dear Melvin E. Levey,

Congratulations on Merced County's decision to implement the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) election model! In accordance with the VCA and pursuant to Election Code Section 4005 (a)(10)(I)(i), the Secretary of State must approve, approve with modifications, or reject the voter education and outreach provisions of the Election Administration Plan.

On behalf of Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., she has approved your 4-year Election Administration Plan for Outreach and Education. Thank you for sending to our office the final version of the plan with accessible format in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which will be posted on our website. In accordance with Election Code Section 4005(a)(10)(G), Merced County's next 4-year Election Administration Plan will be due to the Secretary of State by October November 1, 2027.

We commend you for your commitment to the success of the VCA in Merced County and the ongoing communication between our office and yours. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LaKenya Jordan

LaKenya Jordan, Deputy Secretary of State

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