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To: **Secretary of State**
Subject: **November 4, 2008 Election Reports**
Imperial County

Post-Election 1% Manual Tally report:

The random selection of precincts was conducted on November 12, 2008 at 12:00 noon as stated in the Notice posted pursuant to EC 15360, for the 1% Election Day manual tally.

The method used for the random selection of 1% of the precincts was a 'blind manual draw' of 108 precincts. The total number of precincts drawn were five, additional precincts which were selected at the discretion of the elections official as required by EC 15360(a) are included in this initial group of precincts selected. The five precincts drawn are, #387210, #483022, #281011, #121011, and #554021. The tally commenced on November 13, 2008.

Precinct number	Optical paper ballots	VVPAT
387210	Match to report	Match to report
483022	Match to report	Match to report
281011	Match to report	Match to report
121011	Variance to report*	Match to report
554021	Match to report	Match to report

* Manual tally of the optical scan paper ballots: Precinct #121011, the results of the contest selected did not compare to the precinct report, there was a 1 to 6 vote variance between candidates. The variance did not affect the final outcome of the contest, the spread was significant.

The 100% VVPAT manual tally commenced at 9:00 am beginning on November 13, 2008.

The Manual tally consisted of optical scan paper ballots and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail ballots.

VVPAT Rolls were left intact as a continuous roll after removed from DRE.

The manual tally was conducted by 4 boards consisting of 4 members, with 1 announcer, 1 observer, 2 tally clerks.

On the average there was 1 public/candidate observer present throughout the manual tally.

During the manual tally process 16 staff was involved and a supervisor, working daily from 9 am to 5 pm, utilizing tally materials, including paper, pencils, calculators, rulers etc. The overall cost during that period was approximately $8,000.00 for salaries and supplies.

10% manual tally for close contests based on semifinal official canvass:

There were no close contests identified for Imperial County.

Voting Systems Incident Reports

DRE incidents:

1. Printer jam: One precinct, 474117 had a paper jam, PW returned printer, and the ballots from the DRE cartridge were printed to conduct the 100% manual tally of the DRE. The results corresponded with the Machine precinct report.

2. DRE replaced: Precinct 245229, PW reported a blank screen, the Field Inspector was unable to restart the DRE. The DRE was replaced and the manual tally reported zero votes cast on the replaced DRE and the votes cast on the failed DRE VVPAT report corresponded to the machine precinct report.

3. Precinct 584020: PW reported a blank screen, the Field Inspector sent to troubleshoot found that the power supply cord was not plugged in and the battery was low. The 100% manual tally corresponded with the machine precinct report

I apologize for the late submission of the report; I misplaced it and had to re-do it.

Sincerely,

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Imperial County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters