



PUBLIC NOTICE Election Observer Information

Anyone may observe all aspects of the election process. Due to COVID, face masks are required.

Elections Department location: Suite 121 Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael. Call 415-473-6456 for more information.

Weekdays: **Ballot processing** is performed in the Elections Department between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and may take place between the extended hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays except as noted below. Notice of ballot processing outside these hours and on weekends will be posted 48 hours in advance online, www.marinvotes.org, and at the Civic Center Hall of Justice. You may call the Elections Department at the number listed above for information about the daily processing schedule.

August 16: **Sorting returned vote-by-mail ballots** may start and will continue daily (depending on mail delivery) until all ballots are processed. Signature verification on ballot envelopes is part of this process.

August 16: **Preparing vote-by-mail ballots for counting** may start and will continue daily until all ballots are processed. The process includes removing ballots from envelopes and duplicating damaged ballots.

August 27: **Test of ballot counting equipment** is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the Elections Department.

August 30: **Counting vote-by-mail ballots** may start and will continue daily until all ballots are counted. This process includes scanning and adjudication of ballots.

September 3: **Test of ballot counting equipment** is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the Elections Department.

September 14: **Election Day polling places** are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A list of polling places and the Election Observer Guidelines are available at www.marinvotes.org.

September 14: **Precinct ballots** will be returned to the Civic Center Hall of Justice (middle arch) on Election Day after the polls close at 8 p.m. Precinct ballots will be counted on election night and will continue that night until all precinct ballots are counted.

September 15: **Official canvass begins** at 8 a.m. in the Elections Department. Provisional ballots from polling places and conditional voter registration will be processed after vote-by-mail ballots.

TBD: **The manual tally (audit) of ballots** is conducted at the end of the canvass period and will continue until the manual tally (audit) is finished. Notice of the specific date will be posted online five days in advance.