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Message from the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Regarding Mis-Precincted Voters During the 2024 Consolidated General Election – UPDATE 11-26-2024

FRESNO, CA –

On November 19, 2024, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Department (the “Department”), announced that a small number of voters were mailed the incorrect ballot for the November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election. 11 voters had been identified as having received and voted the incorrect ballot. The Department is committed to a full and thorough review of the situation and provides the following update regarding our investigation.

The Department has determined that a routine registration list maintenance activity to identify voter registration residence addresses with precinct errors conducted in September 2024 fixed incorrect addresses for many voters, but created a small number of novel address update errors. Our review of the precinct changes made in this address update process has taken longer than anticipated due to the number of poor-quality addresses in the process sample. The existence of these poor-quality addresses was known prior to our review and was a key reason the address update process was conducted in September 2024.

Our review has also highlighted that the Department’s Geographic Information System (GIS) address database is outdated, which directly contributed to some of the inadvertent address update errors that occurred in September 2024. The Department will update our GIS database using the Fresno County Regional Address database as soon as possible following the certification of the November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election. The Department will also implement a plan that ensures the Department’s GIS database remains updated even in situations where back-to-back elections (i.e., multiple elections held in rapid succession over

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an extended time period) limit the opportunity to conduct an extensive address update process prior to each election.

The Department is transitioning to a second stage of our review of the September 2024 address update process, focusing on determining if any additional voters were affected by the address update process. We know that not all addresses involved with the address update process had active voters assigned to these addresses and not all registration precinct changes resulted in a change of ballot received. We anticipate this stage of our review will be completed by the certification of the election on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

The Department has previously announced the implementation of several procedural changes to ensure that address update errors are not introduced in the future when this important registration list maintenance activity (i.e., address review process) is conducted. Additional changes will be implemented if the Department's continuing review identifies other areas of procedural improvement.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (559) 600-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 844-977-8683, or visit www.votefresnocounty.com.

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