 **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

To:         Board of Supervisors

From:       Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator

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Subject:    Significant Issues Update

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## May 4, 2021 – City of Vacaville, District 2 Vacancy Election Update, ROV

The following information is from the Solano County Registrar of Voters (ROV) regarding the certification of results for the City of Vacaville District 2 Vacancy Election conducted on May 4, 2021.

The ROV issued a total of 11,218 ballots.  Of those, 3,322 ballots were returned as valid ballots as follows:
- 689 were returned by ROV provided drop-off locations
- 210 voters voted in-person at a Satellite ROV office setup in Vacaville
- 2,423 ballots were returned by the USPS

A total of 47 ballots were retuned and challenged as followed:
- 7 envelopes had no signature, or the signature did not match but were later cured by voters
- 30 envelopes were challenged due to no signature, or the signature did not match and were not cured by voters
- 10 envelopes were returned and deemed not valid due to either the voter moving out of the district before the registration cut-off, deceased, or failed to return a ballot in the envelope

The ROV conducted three successful audits during the election resulting in zero errors:
- March 23 – independent validation of the 11,218 voters prior to mailing ballots
- May 4 – repeated the independent validation to ensure official list matched only for voters within the district.  Verified 43 voters outstanding ballots were cancelled due to ineligibility
- May 7 – conducted a manual voting system audit, manually counting 862 ballots (26% of total) and verified they matched the electronic count from voting system

Throughout the election period, March 29 to April 27, 2021, the ROV closely monitored registration updates, ensuring only eligible voters were receiving and returning ballots.

In preparation for upcoming elections, the ROV will continue to improve processes to validate voters more frequently by using an automated process developed within the DoIT/GIS department. Additionally, the ROV will create a new extract feature that shows voter registration information at the time the ballot was mailed and/or received with the intent to more clearly represent Vote by Mail activity.

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