

PROVISIONAL VOTING

Every Vote Counts,
Every Election Matters.



Provisional voting has been used in California since 1984. Once voted, a provisional ballot is placed in a pink envelope and secured for processing. Provisional ballots are counted after elections officials have confirmed the validity of the voter's registration and that the voter did not already vote in the election.

Historically, nearly 90% of provisional ballots are valid and counted.

WHY PROVISIONAL VOTING?

- ★ Provisional voting ensures that no properly registered voter is denied his or her right to cast a ballot if that voter's name is not in the roster due to clerical, processing, computer, or other error.
- ★ Provisional voting allows the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk the ability to verify that no voter mistakenly votes twice in any given election.
- ★ A voter may vote a provisional ballot at any polling place in the county in which they are registered to vote, however, only the contests the voter is eligible to vote for will be counted.

WHEN IS PROVISIONAL VOTING NECESSARY?

- **★** Name not found in roster.
- ★ Voter appears to vote at wrong location
- ★ Roster states VBM ISSUED and voter does not have unvoted vote by mail ballot to surrender.
- ★ Roster states NEW and voter does not provide ID.

HOW CAN YOU CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

★ Every voter who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason it was not counted.