

News Release

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Public invited to observe all phases of the September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election

The Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department invites the public, the media, members of the Grand Jury, political party organizations and anyone interested in the election process to observe all aspects of the September 14, 2021, Gubernatorial Recall Election. All processing and counting will take place at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department 701 Ocean St. Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Observers must sign in and observe current County Health COVID 19 protocols including wearing a face covering. If necessary, observers may be scheduled at different times to maintain voter and staff safety.

“We welcome observers to be a part of our democratic process,” announced Santa Cruz County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Tricia Webber, “Those who wish to observe the election should contact us 24 hours in advance so that we can facilitate the observation process. You can call the election office at 831-454-2060 or toll free 866-282-5900 or send an e-mail to info@votescount.us.”

Logic and accuracy testing of the ballot tabulation equipment begins on Thursday August 19, 2021. Vote-by-mail ballot processing will begin Monday August 23, 2021, at 9 am and in-person ballots will be processed at the end of each day. Results from processed vote-by-mail and in-person ballots are available shortly after 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Counting will resume on Friday September 17, 2021 and continue through the end of the canvass period.

The selection process for the 1% manual tally required under the California Election Code will occur at 10 am on Thursday September 16, 2021. The 1% manual tally will begin on Monday September 20, 2021, at 8:30 am and continue until certification of the election. Pursuant to California election law, the Registrar of Voters has 30 days after the election to certify the election results.

Observers are also welcome at any of our voter service centers (in-person voting locations). Beginning Monday August 16, 2021, two locations will provide services and 17 more will open on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Locations are listed at www.votescount.us or calling 831-454-2060. The VoteMobile will also begin providing a mobile voter service center on Monday, August 16 at various sites around the county daily. The schedule is posted at www.votescount.com. Please contact Tricia Webber 831-454-2409 or tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.us with questions or comments.

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