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ELECTION EQUIPMENT TESTING TO ENSURE ACCURACY

The Elections Division is programming and testing every piece of voting equipment that will be used in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election to ensure that every Contra Costa ballot is counted completely and accurately.

Three types of equipment are subject to the testing. The central-count scanners for Vote By Mail ballots and the ballot scanners located at each polling place are being configured and tested for logic and accuracy. The ballot-marking equipment used at Regional Early Voting locations and on Election Day is also tested.

The series of tests starts by confirming that all machines are in working order and functioning properly, programmed and then tested to make sure they are properly programmed to recognize, tabulate and report the intended ballot marks.

There are seven central count machines that will record results for approximately 1.5 million Vote By Mail ballot cards, along with about 300 ballot scanners at polling places throughout the County.

The public is invited to observe equipment testing. Those interested should contact the Elections Division at 925-335-7800, as testing is being conducted intermittently during the next several weeks and at multiple locations.

A public test of the central count voting equipment is scheduled for 10:00 am on February 21, 2020, at the Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office, 555 Escobar Street in Martinez. Visitors are asked to check-in at the Elections lobby. For more information, call 925-335-7800. ###