



Press Release

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Imperial County Registrar of Voters Offers Public Observation of Logic and Accuracy Testing of Voting Systems

El Centro, CA – The Imperial County Registrar of Voters will offer public observation of logic and accuracy testing of election voting machines and tabulation systems on **Monday, September 21, 2026**, from **9:00 a.m. to noon**, in preparation for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Logic and accuracy testing is conducted before every election to ensure that all voting equipment functions properly. During the test, the voting system's vote-counting software is examined through a series of sample ballot casting exercises to verify that votes are correctly tabulated and recorded.

The process includes:

- Confirming that ballot formatting is correct so that tabulators read ballots accurately.
- Running ballots through each tabulation machine to ensure totals match the test desk records.
- Verifying that the number of votes counted is consistent with the number of ballots cast.

This test is one of two key election audits conducted by the Registrar of Voters. After the election, a manual tally of 1% of all vote-by-mail and precinct ballots will also be completed to further confirm accuracy.

Ballots for the November 3, 2026 General Election will begin mailing to all active registered voters on Monday, October 5, 2026. Military and overseas voters will begin receiving their ballots on October 14, 2026.

Voters may return their completed ballot by mail or by depositing it into any official drop box located throughout the county until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3rd. Voters choosing to return their ballot by mail are encouraged to send it at least one week early to ensure postmark requirements are met.

For more information on the election, Vote Center locations or ballot return options, or to secure your reservation for public observation, please contact the Imperial County Registrar of Voters at (442) 265-1060 or visit www.elections.imperialcounty.org.

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