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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Press Release**

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Inadvertent posting of write-in selections clarified

Write-in votes cast in some contests on Election Day were inadvertently and temporarily included with results posted on the Registrar of Voters website on June 10 – 11. The inadvertent postings were cleared out in subsequent postings that, correctly, did not include the write-in tally.

The inadvertent postings have no effect on election results.

State law permits the tally of write-in votes for qualified write-in candidates certified by the Secretary of State.

The election system used by Riverside County can report that a voter has chosen to write in a name for a particular contest but cannot “read” the voter’s handwriting to record the vote for a particular write-in candidate.

All write-in votes are reviewed by Registrar of Voters staff during the 28-day canvass period that follows every election. If the name is of a qualified write-in candidate, the vote is manually tallied and recorded for the candidate. If the name is not for a qualified write-in candidate, it will not be included in the final vote count.

The Registrar of Voters regrets any confusion that might have been caused by inadvertent write-in reporting on interim count updates.