# What Happens to Your Ballot?

**Ballots Cast**
Your ballot is cast at one of over 700 polling places in Riverside County on Election Day.

**Boxes Unlocked & Count Begins**
At 8 p.m., ballot boxes can be unlocked, and over 4,000 poll workers begin conducting an inventory at each polling place to account for the number of ballots cast, spoiled/ruined and unused.

**Ballots Transported to Central Locations**
The ballots are then packaged and transported up to 100 miles by poll workers to one of 22 central collection centers in Riverside County.

**Ballots Received & Consolidated**
At each collection center, ballots are received and consolidated to ensure safe and secure transport to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters office.

**Ballots Checked In & Sent for Inspection**
On arrival, approximately 200,000 to 400,000 ballots are unloaded, checked in and sent for inspection.

**Ballots Inspected for Damage**
Ballots are inspected by a prep team that checks each ballot for damages prior to final tabulation.

**Sent for Final Tabulation**
Ballots are sent for final tabulation where hundreds of thousands of ballots are processed through automated scanners at a rate of 2,500 per hour, and are then boxed and secured for storage.

**Manual Counting for Write-Ins or Errors**
Ballots that could not be sent through normal processing such as write-in and ballots with errors, must undergo time consuming manual inspections.

**Final Counting & Reporting**
After 8:15 p.m., votes are counted and results are reported by the Registrar of Voters throughout Election Night.