What Happens to Your Ballot?

7 am - 8 pm



Ballots Cast

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

8 pm - 8:45 pn



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.

8:45 pm - 10:45 pm



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.

3:15 pm on



Final Counting & Reporting

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