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### ELECTION EQUIPMENT TESTING IS UNDERWAY TO ENSURE ACCURACY

#### *Voting equipment undergoes scrutiny before being used in June 5<sup>th</sup> Election*

In an effort to ensure that every Contra Costa vote is counted completely and accurately, technicians from the Elections Division are in the process of programming and testing every piece of voting equipment that will be used in the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Primary Election.

The central-count voting system for vote-by-mail ballots and the scanners for paper ballots located at each polling place are being tested for logic and accuracy. The ballot-marking equipment used at Regional Early Voting locations and on Election Day is also tested at this time since it interacts with those counting systems.

The series of tests starts by making sure all machines are working and functioning properly, followed by a series of test ballots running through each machine to make sure they are properly programmed and pick up intended ballot marks.

There are five central count machines that will record results for approximately 600,000 vote-by-mail ballot cards, along with about 300 ballot scanners at polling places throughout the County.

The public is always invited to check out the equipment testing in action. Those interested in observing the process should contact the Elections Division at 925-335-7800 for a schedule, as testing is being conducted intermittently during the next several weeks and at multiple locations.

A public demonstration of the central count voting equipment is scheduled for 9:00 am on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office, 555 Escobar Street in Martinez. Visitors will check-in at the Elections lobby.

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