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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Releases Report on Parallel Monitoring Program for the November 7th General Election

Results conclude votes cast on electronic voting machines were accurately recorded

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today Secretary of State Bruce McPherson released results of the parallel monitoring program for counties using electronic voting equipment for the November 7, 2006 General Election. The results conclude that the electronic voting equipment tested on Election Day accurately recorded all of the votes cast on those systems.

“Over the past year and a half, I have led the charge to restore integrity, trust and confidence to the office of the Secretary of State,” said Secretary McPherson. “Parallel monitoring is an important security measure to ensure the reliability of electronic voting machines used in California. The results of the report confirm for voters that their votes were successfully recorded November 7, 2006.”

In all counties and precincts where the parallel monitoring program took place, the actual results exactly matched the expected results for all election contests after adjustments were made for the noted discrepancies that were caused by human errors.

The parallel monitoring program was conducted to ensure the integrity and accuracy of votes cast on electronic voting equipment used in the November 7, 2006 General Election. The program provided for random selection of electronic voting systems in eight of California’s counties, covering four types of electronic voting systems currently approved for use in California. The eight counties that participated in the parallel monitoring program were: Kern, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo and Tehama.

The parallel monitoring teams consisted of forty-four individuals, including Secretary of State staff as well as independent technical experts, who simulated actual voting conditions on Election Day in order to determine the accuracy of the machines in recording, tabulating and reporting votes.

The full parallel monitoring report findings are available at: www.ss.ca.gov.