

NEWS RELEASE

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EXTENSION TO PERMIT TABULATION OF BALLOTS

The Butte County Clerk-Recorder certified the results of the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election on November 30, 2020. On December 8, the office discovered a sealed official ballot drop box that contained voted vote by mail ballots that were deposited prior to the November 3, 2020 deadline at 8:00 p.m. The drop box in question was located outside of the Bell Memorial Union at Chico State. These ballots were not included in the certified results published on November 30, 2020.

On December 10, the Butte County Clerk-Recorder, Candace J. Grubbs, successfully petitioned the Butte County Superior Court for an extension to the deadline for certification to allow these ballots to be included in a re-certification of the official canvass.

Signature verification has been completed on the ballots discovered in the box. 501 signatures have been verified. 28 signatures have been challenged. Notices have been sent to these 28 voters. They will be provided with an opportunity to cure their vote by mail envelopes.

The supplemental canvass for these ballots will begin on December 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall of Records in Oroville, CA and will continue until complete. The Clerk-Recorder has conducted an analysis of the ballots contained in this group. The analysis reveals that the only contest in the election that can possibly be affected is City of Chico MEASURE E: Charter Amendment. All other contests were decided by margins larger than the outstanding number of ballots to be counted.

The Butte County Clerk-Recorder's office remains dedicated to counting every single valid vote cast in the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. An official re-certification will occur following the supplemental canvass.