



Memorandum

To: Chris Jerdonek, Elections Commissioner

From: John Arntz, Director

Date: July 14, 2022

RE: Inquiry on Election Numbers of Interest

This memorandum provides the information you requested in your request received on June 10, 2022, seeking information about voting methods and ballot remake in the June 7, 2022, Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election.

Vote-by-mail (VBM)

Of the VBM voters—

- How many submitted / sent their vote-by-mail ballot—
 - By mail (US postal service)
 - By drop box
 - By voting at a Voting Center (e.g. City Hall)
 - By dropping off at a polling place on Election Day

Figure 1: Vote-by-Mail Ballots Returned by Return Method

Return Method	# Ballots	% of Total
Mail*	127,793	61.5%
Drop Box	34,705	16.7%
City Hall Voting Center	3,133	1.5%
Polling Place	42,221	20.3%
Total	207,852	

*In addition to USPS delivery, this category also includes vote-by-mail ballots forwarded by other CA counties to the Department and delivered by private mail delivery.

- Are there any other categories of VBM return not listed above? No.
- How many submitted a ballot from the Accessible Vote-by-Mail (AVBM) System? 930 voters accessed their ballot via AVBM. This count represents the number of unique visitors via Google analytics to access the AVBM ballot. 614 voters downloaded, printed and returned their AVBM ballot to the Department.

Ballot-marking Device (BMD)

Of the voters that used one of the Department's BMD's, how many used it—

- At a polling place on Election Day? 147 BMD ballots were cast at polling places.
- At a Voting Center (e.g. City Hall)? 2 BMD ballots were cast at the City Hall Voting

Center

- During emergency voting (e.g. hospitalized or homebound voters)? No BMD emergency ballots were cast.
- Are there any other BMD categories not listed above? No.

Miscellaneous (emergency and fax)

- How many used emergency voting (e.g. hospitalized or homebound voters)? Approximately 70 voters utilized an emergency ballot.
- How many sent their ballot by fax (e.g. Military and Overseas Voters)? 315 voters residing overseas or serving in the military returned their ballot by fax.

Ballot Remakes

- How many voters had one or more of their ballot cards remade? Department staff remade 1,437 full sets of vote-by-mail ballots**, 614 AVBM ballots, and 2,915 single card ballots.**
- How many ballot cards were remade in all? Department staff remade a total of 5,624 ballot cards.***
- How many cards were remade due to the ballot being damaged in some way? Department staff remade a total of 4,417 ballot cards due to any kind of damage.

**4,966 represents the total number of VBM ballots cards that were remade, and is the sum of 1,437+614+2,915. While the ballot for the June 7, 2022 Election contained three cards in a set, any ballot printed by the ICX ballot-marking device is counted as a single card since the ICX prints all the votes onto a single printout, rather than printing three separate cards. The Department uses the ICX to remake full sets of VBM ballots, therefore, the number of remade cards is equal to the number of remade sets, even in multi-card elections.

***5,624 represents the total number of ballot cards that were remade, including VBM, PV, and CVR.