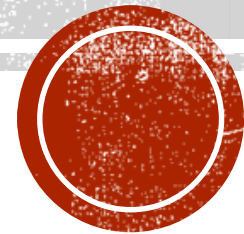


ELECTION 2020 UPDATE

**Security and Safety Related to the 2020
General Election**



LOCATIONS AND EMERGENCIES

Locations

- Ballot Boxes
- Main Office & Early Vote Location
- Polling Places

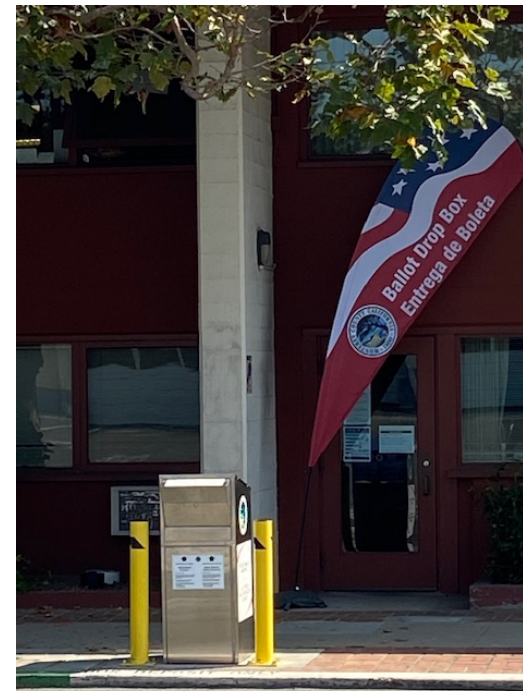
Emergencies

- Natural Disaster
- Physical Threat
- Disinformation/Public Campaign/PR Threat
- Virtual
- Staffing
- Pandemic



BALLOT BOXES

- Monterey County boxes
 - Placed following security measures in Election Code and Regulations
 - Retrieval processes follow or exceed regulations





**COMMUNICATIONS
ACROSS AGENCIES**

- Member (EI-ISAC)
- Participate in regular meetings with Homeland Security, FBI, and SoS
- Shared intelligence with federal and state agencies
- Shared intelligence with local law enforcement agencies and ITD Security Team
- Communications and planning with Public Utilities (PG&E) and RMA/City Public Works



COVID-19 AND VOTING SAFETY

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- All voters are asked to wear a face covering/mask and to practice social distancing while voting to protect all that are in the polling place.
 - Voters preferring not to wear a face covering can be assisted curbside or in an outdoor voting area
- Sanitation protocol in place for high touch surfaces
- All poll workers will be given masks, face shields and gloves.
- All employees are required to wear a mask and face shields when working in teams
- Gloves are required when working with ballots
- Partitions and table coverings are provided at each polling place and the early vote location
- Partitions were installed in the office
- Staff/volunteers take COVID safety training from county and SOS
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies are at each location
- Local and state observer guidelines were updated to include health and safety protocol



OBSERVER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- The website has an observer calendar which lists dates of various events they can observe.
- Observers will have to follow health and safety guidelines and may have to take turns observing or wait until voter traffic allows for safe observation
- Observers are encouraged to contact MCE to discuss trainings, materials, and what to expect given COVID-19 health and safety guidelines



DEPARTMENT STRATEGY

- In 2016 MC Elections developed a strategic plan to prepare the department for immediate and future challenges to the administration of election.
 - Moved to a larger facility
 - Changed voting system
 - Changed accessible marking devices
 - Changed election management system
 - Modernized vote by mail processing system



Registration 206,917

Vote by Mail
(processed)

87,606 (42% turnout)