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25. You currently document and make public whether a voter cast a ballot in an election and, if they did vote, which method the voter used to cast a ballot. Do you have a new category to document ballots cast utilizing the ballot collection methods authorized by AB 1921?

We currently document whether a voter voted a polling place ballot, provisional ballot, or vote-by-mail ballot. A ballot returned under AB 1921 is still considered a vote by mail ballot and would be documented as a vote by mail ballot.

26. When vote by mail ballots are returned by an individual, what procedures do you and your staff follow to ensure the ballots were not tampered with?

Our office follows the procedure set forth in the California Elections Code, which includes the following steps: each vote by mail return envelope is reviewed to make sure that it is sealed and signed by the voter. The signature on the envelope is compared to the signature on the voters original voter registration card. If the signature is valid the ballot is counted. If the signature does not match a signature verification statement is mailed to the voter prior to certification of the election. The voter is given a second opportunity to submit a valid signature.

27. If physical evidence, such as opened and taped envelopes or a high frequency of spoiled ballots, was present in a batch of vote by mail ballots returned by an individual, what steps would you take?

I would contact the voters to offer a replacement ballot and the physical evidence would be provided to the California Secretary of States fraud unit and the Riverside County District Attorney's office for investigation.

My staff and I take election integrity and voter fraud seriously. We administer elections in compliance with election laws and non-partisan decision making. We pride ourselves in conducting honest and impartial elections in a fair and accurate manner on behalf of those we serve. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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