



Failures in California's 2018 Midterm Election Demand Serious Investigation

Summary of Report

For the November 6, 2018 midterm election in California, Election Integrity Project, California (EIPCa) deployed poll observers to watch and document the election process in precincts throughout the state. This report summarizes serious election irregularities documented by EIPCa observers in eight counties, primarily in Southern California. These irregularities expose serious flaws in California's election system:

- a) **Thousands of vote-by-mail (VBM) voters did not receive their VBM ballots in the mail.** These voters had to vote provisionally because they had no VBM ballot to surrender.
- b) **Voters who normally vote at the polls found their voter registrations had been changed to vote-by-mail without their knowledge or consent.** Automatic voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) was the primary cause of the unconsented voter registration changes.
- c) **Election Day rosters listed some voters as VBM voters, even though their voter registrations still list them as poll voters.** Without a VBM ballot to surrender, they were forced to vote provisionally. This is the third serious roster error EIPCa has documented since 2014.
- d) **There was an unprecedented surge in provisional voting due to undelivered VBM ballots.** For example, Los Angeles County voters cast 120,928 provisional ballots in the 2014 midterm. In the 2018 midterm, they cast 389,229 provisional ballots. A 222% increase, more than triple previous election.
- e) **Due to unprecedented numbers of upset voters observed, EIPCa had to create a new incident category** called "Angry/frustrated/worried voter."
- f) **Only one county of the eight summarized in the report admitted** that their vendor failed to mail 1,129 late-requested VBM ballots. Nearly 60% of these voters did not vote.
- g) **The undelivered VBM ballots may have been caused by technical errors** that need correcting.
- h) **Other Election Day observations.** Excessive VBM ballots dropped off at the polls, unlawful conditional (same day) voting, what appeared to be "intentional" provisional voting, suspicious poll worker behavior and unprovoked disruptions by voters.

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