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To: Honorable Sonia Cortés
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RE: 2019-2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report: Election Security in Yolo County

Honorable Sonia Cortés:

The following is the response to the findings and recommendations in the 2019-2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, "Election Security in Yolo County" from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Response from the Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters was sent under separate cover on November 19, 2020.

F8. Although there are numerous Yolo County manuals and documents online concerning contingency planning and mitigation, no plan includes disaster planning for a potential county-wide disruption of the election process.

Response: The respondent agrees partially with the finding. The Elections Department portion of the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plan is complete and can be utilized in an emergency. However, we agree it is currently not available online. The full Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plan will not be publicly available until all departments have completed their portion of the continuity plan.

Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters response under separate cover:

We note that this finding is under the purview of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to respond. We confirmed with the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services that a Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plan was in-place as of the March Elections. This Election department specific plan, along with the County's plan, could have been implemented if such an event had occurred. The public release of the Election plan is pending completion of plans from other County departments. For the record, we will continue to collaborate with the Board and other County Departments to ensure that all necessary steps are addressed and all parties know their roles and responsibilities should a disaster occur.

- R3. By July 1, 2021, Yolo County should include disaster contingency planning for the county-wide disruption of the election process in an existing county emergency document that is accessible to the public online.**

Response: The recommendations have not yet been implemented. The Elections Department portion of the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plan is complete and can be utilized in an emergency. However, it is currently not available online. The full Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plan will not be publicly available until all departments have completed their portion of the continuity plan.

Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters response under separate cover:

We note that this is under the purview of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to respond. With many possible changes legislatively, the election process remains very fluid. As documented in our earlier response, we have a Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plan that was in-place as of the March Elections. This report however was not published on the internet due to the pending completion of plans from other County departments. We will continue to collaborate with the Board and other County Departments to ensure that the document and plan are tailored and appropriate for the current election model.