



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
ELECTION PREPARATION BUREAU**

POST- ELECTION 1% MANUAL TALLY RECONCILIATION: EXPLANATION / CORRECTIVE ACTION

Ballots Cast

(+) differences – Manual ballot count **greater than** computer count occurs when more than one ballot is processed through a System/Reader at the same time, counting two or more ballot cards as one. Ballots are recounted by a different tally board to verify number of ballots. If re-verified count is **greater than** computer count, ballots are reprocessed through a different System/Reader; and new precinct tally sheets are produced with corrected counts.

(-) differences – Manual ballot count **less than** computer count occurs when one ballot is processed through a System/Reader twice/multiple times, counting the same ballot more than once, when voided ballots or misfiled ballots from a different precinct are processed through a System/Reader, or if ballots were interfiled with another precinct. Ballots are recounted by a different tally board to verify number of ballots. Voided ballots are removed, misfiled or missing ballots are located and filed with correct precinct for reprocessing through a different System/Reader; and new precinct tally sheets are produced with corrected counts.

Votes Cast

(+) differences – Manual vote count **greater than** computer count occurs when more than one ballot is processed through System/Reader at the same time, or ballots with off-center or non-machine readable votes are processed through a System/Reader. Contest votes are recounted by a different tally board to verify number of votes. Ballots are examined by Supervisor and valid votes where clear voter intent can be determined are enhanced or duplicated for reprocessing, pursuant to Uniform Vote Counting Standards.

(-) differences – Manual vote count **less than** computer count occurs when same ballot is read by System/Reader more than once, when “blank” non-voted ballots, “voided” ballots with invalid votes, “ink smeared” ballots with indistinguishable votes, or misfiled ballots from a different precinct are processed through a System/Reader, or if ballots were interfiled with another precinct. Contest votes are recounted by a different tally board to verify number of votes. Voided ballots are removed, and misfiled or missing ballots are located and filed with correct precinct. Ballots are examined by Supervisor and valid votes where clear voter intent can be determined are enhanced or duplicated for reprocessing, pursuant to Uniform Vote Counting Standards.

Over Vote (+) or (-) differences – Occurs when a voter casts votes for more candidates than the allowable number to be elected to an office; or casts both “Yes’ and “No’ vote for a ballot measure; and vote will not count for the contest.

Zero (+) or (-) Differences – Manual ballot count and computer count is the same. No corrective action is required.

Manual tally count based on visual inspection of actual ballots takes precedence, when final supervisory examination review determines that ballot or vote count variances are irreconcilable after appropriate corrective action has been taken.