

# 2025-2026 Amador County Grand Jury

## Other Activities: Election Observer Panel

June 23, 2026

Ballot Drop Off, Jackson, CA



Official Ballot Drop Box

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### **SUMMARY**

The Amador County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) was invited by the Amador County Registrar of Voters, to participate in the Election Observer Panel, for the Statewide Special Election held on November 4, 2025.

Members of the Election Observer Panel were provided with the opportunity to observe activities related to the administration of the election. The Elections Office routinely informs the public about these procedures and encourages community participation.

Individuals who wish to participate as Election Observers, may attend key events, including testing of ballot processing machines for accuracy, ballot envelope processing, voter registration and signature verification, polling site operations, vote tabulation, and the recording and transmission of election results.

### **METHODOLOGY**

Members of the Grand Jury observed the following activities:

- **Logic and Accuracy Testing** on October 7, 2025
- **Signature Verification Testing** on October 15, 2025
- **Tabulation Testing** on October 21, 2025
- **Polling Site Operations** on November 4, 2025

### **DISCUSSION**

Members of the Grand Jury were present at the Amador County Administration Center's Election Polling site on Election Day, November 4, 2025. They observed election operations from opening through final closing of the polls, including the receipt of ballots collected from remote ballot-drop locations and the secure handling of all ballots processed.

Members of the Grand Jury monitored the post-election processing of ballots and reviewed the Certification of the Election issued by the Elections Office on December 2, 2025.

The Vote Center provides accessible parking and is fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Staff ensure that each site is equipped with the necessary materials and technology to meet accessibility standards. The Amador County Elections Office maintains up-to-date policies and security procedures. Staff and Poll Worker Training Manuals are updated regularly to be in full compliance with current California state election laws and established procedures. These procedures are very specific and effectively carried out by trained elections staff.

Elections office staff maintain their California State Elections Official Certification by attending training offered by the Office of the Secretary of State, allowing them to collaborate with local, state, and federal election and security personnel to maintain up-to-date county election procedures and security protocols.

## **Commendation**

The Grand Jury commends the Amador County Elections Department for exemplary performance in all aspects of election operations, including ballot preparation, election system configuration, publication of voter materials, community outreach, maintenance of updated training manuals for Election and Vote Center workers, voting-system security and management, and technical support. Their efforts reflect a strong and continued commitment to ensuring voting integrity within Amador County.

Elections staff demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of regulations and procedures and exhibited a high level of professionalism throughout the election cycle. Their performance reflects positively on Amador County and underscores their dedication to safeguarding the integrity of local elections.

The Registrar of Voters conducts all elections in accordance with the Election Code and maintains effective management controls across all election processes and procedures.

The Grand Jury further commends all employees of the Amador County Registrar of Voters Office and the citizen poll workers who contribute significant time and effort to ensuring that county elections are conducted openly, accurately, and impartially.

The Elections Department staff are recognized for their outstanding professional performance in elections operations, voter assistance, tabulation accuracy, procedural integrity, and overall dedication to the election process. Their professionalism and impartiality, and depth of knowledge are a credit to Amador County.

## **FINDINGS**

**F1:** The Vote Center provides accessible parking and is compliant with ADA requirements, equipped with the necessary materials and technology to meet accessibility standards.

**F2:** The Elections Office operates in full compliance with current California state election laws and established procedures, maintaining up-to-date policies and security procedures.

**F3:** Elections office staff have maintained their California State Elections Official Certification.

**F4:** The Amador County Elections Department demonstrated exemplary performance in all aspects of election operations, including ballot preparation, election system configuration, publication of voter materials, community outreach, maintenance of updated training manuals for Election and Vote Center workers, voting-system security and management, and technical support.

**F5:** The Elections Department maintained effective election management controls, reflecting a strong and continued commitment to ensuring voting integrity within Amador County.

**F6:** The employees of the Amador County Registrar of Voters Office and the citizen poll workers contributed significant time and effort to ensure county elections are conducted openly, accurately, and impartially.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R1.** The Grand Jury recognizes the outstanding professional performance in elections operations, voter assistance, tabulation accuracy, procedural integrity, and overall dedication to the election process. Thus, the Grand Jury has no recommendations for action at this time.

## **REQUIRED RESPONSE**

No response is required.