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Newsbrief

WASHINGTON D.C. —

The White House announced that President Joe Biden would meet with President-elect Donald Trump this Wednesday to formally begin the transition between administrations leading up to Inauguration Day.

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The Associated Press called Arizona, the last state in this year’s election on Saturday around 6:00 PM Pacific Time. The estimated final Electoral College count, according to the AP is Trump with 312 and Harris with 226.

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The FBI is investigating how a wave of racist text messages were sent to people the day after Tuesday’s election. Some of these texts, sent to some California residents included the persons’ actual name, and—based on their race—would say for the recipient to prepare themselves for deportation or enslavement.



Ballot dropoff box outside the Orange County Registrar of Voters. (Daniel Diaz/The Santanero)

Bomb threats to Voter Registrars sent nationwide

FBI says similar threats were sent nationally by email with domains tied to Russia on Election Day.

BY DANIEL DIAZ

Numerous bomb threats were sent to local Voter Registrars over the weekend, forcing facilities to close as a precaution and

sent hundreds of ballot processing staff home.

The Orange County Registrar of Voters was one of those whom received a bomb threat, according to a press release issued Friday. Orange County Sheriffs, already on-site, aided all out safely and swiftly, adding that no staff were hurt. The entire evacuation and clearance of buildings

occurred 15 minutes prior to the end of the workday.

“The Orange County Registrar of Voters is committed to ensuring equal access to the election process, protecting the integrity of votes, and maintaining a transparent, accurate, and fair election system. We are working diligently to address this incident and keep all staff

and members of the public who visit our office safe,” said Bob Page, the Registrar of Voters for the County of Orange.

Evacuations also took place in Riverside, San Diego and Los Angeles counties’ Registrar offices. The OC RoV added that they were still able to update tallies, adding they were “undeterred.”

Calendar

11

Planning Comm. Mtg.
City Council Chambers
5:30-8:00 PM

12

Pacific Park N.A. Mtg.
Roosevelt-Walker Ctr.
6-7 PM

13

Thanksgiving Celebration
S.A. Senior Center
10 AM-1 PM
Thanksgiving Celebration
SW Senior Center
6:30-7:30 PM

14

Labor Mkt. Info Wrkshp.
Online (regist. required)
11 AM-12 PM
Police Oversight Com. Mtg.
City Council Chambers
5-7 PM

16

Native American
Heritage Festival
Thornton Park
11 AM-4 PM

Stay tuned to see how to add your event.

Updated returns tighten key races even tighter

BY DANIEL DIAZ

Newly added ballot results were published by the Registrar shortly after 5:00 PM Saturday. This update in vote counts have further pushed the possibility of calling several contests, not just ones that would affect the Republicans’ efforts to take control over the House of Representatives, but several races locally as well.

Within the scope of the races for City Council, The Santanero has called the race for mayor, projecting incumbent Valerie Amezcua to be reelected.

In Ward 1, incumbent Thai Viet Phan leads opponent Julie Tran by 641 votes, just a bit over five points.

Jessie Lopez has taken the lead by 44 votes against Jeffery Katz in a tight race for representing Ward 3.

Johnathan Hernandez has kept a steady lead since Election night and currently leads by nearly 11 points, or 824 votes, against opponent Mario Alvarado.

Moving on to the Santa Ana Unified School Board races, The Santanero had called contests for Area 2 for Valerie Magdaleno and Area 3 for Alfonso Alvarez.

The race for Area 1 has Brenda Lebsack ahead 215 votes, or two points, against incumbent Rigo Rodriguez. The contest remains too close to call and may not even be called until the Registrar certifies the results in a few weeks.

Six local ballot measures were presented to voters on top of the ten state propositions. The Santanero projected Measures I and EE to pass. As for the Rancho Santiago’s measure G, support for it has gained significantly enough to catch up, trailing 83 votes, a difference of less than 1%.

There is still a chance G fails in the event support is finalized below 55%, the minimum for local bond measures to pass.

Santa Ana’s local measures DD and FF are projected to fail according to The Santanero’s estimates. The rent control measure, CC, is too early to call, but has maintained a wide lead since election night. CC sits with a 13.4 point lead, or 8,734 votes in support.

There are still 212,152 ballots left to process according to the OC RoV. Stay close to The Santanero’s IG for updates.