# EL DORADO COUNTY ELECTIONS UPDATE

Integrity/Trust and Security Presentation

# Integrity/Trust – Through Transparency

- ✓ Transparency is the FIRST STEP to building Integrity!
- ✓ Transparency is Achieved by:
  - ✓ Available to the public during ALL business hours
  - ✓ No appointment needed
  - ✓ We give tours as time and work permits
  - ✓ The public can come as often, and stay as long as they want
- ✓ Achieved through Education.
  - ✓ Website has videos of the process and information papers explaining the processing. edcgov.us/Government/Elections/election-integrity
  - ✓ Calendar listing all key events with explanations and invitation to observe
  - ✓ We ENCOURAGE questions
  - ✓ Process Informational papers on our Election Integrity page
- ✓ Achieved through Empowerment.
  - ✓ Voting Advisory Committee
    - ✓ This is not a County Department. This is the Public's Department.
    - ✓ Representatives of major political parties
    - ✓ General public
    - ✓ Election staff
    - ✓ Answer ALL questions without hesitation or fear

# Integrity/Trust – Through Action

- ✓ Building Integrity and Trust must also be achieved through conducting accurate registration and elections
- ✓ Follow the Law!
  - ✓ All processes and procedures are updated after every election and done according to all applicable Election Laws, Executive Orders, and Court Decisions
  - ✓ All decisions, while sometimes unpopular, are made based on what is allowed by Law
  - ✓ All decisions must be Legally consistent
  - ✓ Our department is always neutral in ballot disputes between candidates, committees, etc.
  - ✓ Our department is Non-Partisan in all decisions and process
- ✓ Highly Trained Staff
  - ✓ Bi-Annual Signature verification training
  - ✓ Regular registration system training
  - ✓ Constant processes improvement and review
  - ✓ Semi-Annual Conference participation with educational classes
  - ✓ Regular interaction with other election departments in the state
- ✓ Retain extra-help temporary staff:
  - ✓ Maintains a strong pool of highly trained temporary staff familiar with our processes and standards
  - ✓ Ensures security working with trusted temp staff
- ✓ Every Candidate, Voter, and Visitor are treated openly and honestly with respect and understanding and have the same experience

# Security - Cyber

✓ Completed a Cybersecurity Audit in 9/2020
✓ Implemented recommended improvements beginning in 9/2020
✓ Our Tabulation system is paper-based and it **IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET**
✓ Continuous improvements every day
✓ IT has added:
  ✓ CloudStrike
  ✓ Outside monitoring for intrusion
  ✓ Chief Information Security Officer(CISO)
✓ IT and Elections Dept. Participate in Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)
  ✓ Registrar has Secret Clearance
  ✓ Daily to weekly threat updates
  ✓ Monthly update meetings
  ✓ Constant awareness bulletins and communications
✓ Participate in Ca SoS Cybersecurity Meetings and Updates
✓ Participate in FBI, DOJ, DHS Meetings:
  ✓ Cover local and Internal Threats and status

# Security - Physical

- ✓ Card key access to office and warehouses
- ✓ Additional, limited, card key access to tabulation room
- ✓ 24/7 camera monitoring with motion detection in:
  - ✓ Warehouse – 3 Cameras
  - ✓ Tabulation – 3 Cameras
  - ✓ Office front desk and entry door – 1 Camera
- ✓ Adding 1 camera to each vote center to monitor equipment after hours
- ✓ Adding 1 portable camera to monitor other office areas as needed
- ✓ Sheriff Deputy in office on Election Night
- ✓ Sheriff Deputy escort from South Lake Tahoe
- ✓ Notification to SLT Police, Placerville Police, and EDC Sheriff of all location and hours of Vote Centers and Drop Boxes

# Security – Physical, cont.

- ✓ Drop Box Security
  - ✓ Two Types – Manned and Unmanned
  - ✓ Drop Box camera at main office 24/7 drop box. Others being added at County facilities in the coming year.
  - ✓ Drop boxes are bolted or secured with a cable and lock
  - ✓ Each box has 3 keys to access and lock
  - ✓ Picked up by two people
- ✓ Voting System Security
  - ✓ All equipment, when not in use, is secured in our locked and camera-monitored warehouse
  - ✓ All equipment when at a vote center is secured in a locked cage with camera monitoring.
  - ✓ All systems are tested prior to every election, then results are verified through a randomly-selected manual count audit AFTER every election before we certify.
- ✓ Tabulation System Security
  - ✓ **<u>NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET!</u>**
  - ✓ …or any other network. Fully Self-Contained.
  - ✓ Only 3 people have card key access
  - ✓ Everyone entering must be let in and sign in
  - ✓ Use only trusted temporary staff for support

# Questions