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Dear Foreperson Stock and Members of the Grand Jury,

The Yolo County Clerk-Recorder is in receipt of your report on the Yolo County Elections Office.

We thank the Grand Jury for the effort and attention you brought to this review, and we find ourselves in complete agreement with your findings.

We agree that, "The Yolo County Elections Office performed commendably by consistent adherence to protocol and procedures designed to ensure that each vote was counted properly. However, crowded conditions at voting sites with multiple precincts at times led to voter confusion."

We regret those instances where we are forced to have more than one precinct at one voting site. This occurs when we exhaust every possibility for additional sites and are forced to double up. We make every effort to avoid this.

We appreciate the Grand Jury's suggestion that, "the Elections Office consider having one staff member at locations with multiple precincts, assisting voters to the proper precinct table." This was, in fact, our practice in the past. We recently ceased this practice in order to save the salary of the additional poll worker (approximately \$130.00 in each polling place concerned). We accept the Grand Jury's recommendation and will immediately resume the practice of having a "traffic guide" in each polling place with multiple precincts.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Freddie Oakley
Yolo County Clerk-Recorder

c: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Patrick Blacklock, Yolo County CAO
Robyn Drivon, Yolo County Counsel