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To: Elections Commission

From: Scott T. Nago
Chief Election Officer

Re: Status of Operations

The 2016 Primary Election was conducted on Saturday, August 13. Over 3,000 volunteers staffed 233 polling places, 4 control centers and counting centers, and over 100 delivery and collection teams.

From the start of election day, with the delivery of ballots to the opening of the polls, operations went smoothly. We did not receive reports of any serious issues that arose during election day. After the polls closed, staff and volunteers at the counting centers received election materials and began to tabulate and audit results. We were able to process and release 99.7% of the votes by 11:30 p.m.

In the days following the Primary Election, we conducted audits of the results and prepared for the General Election ballot. The deadline to file a contest for cause was Monday, August 22. As there were no contests filed, we certified the results and list of winners. Additionally, we are processing payroll and conducting debriefs with the volunteers to improve the 2016 General Election and future elections.

Special Election

A proclamation was issued for a special vacancy election to fill the remaining term of office for United States Representative, District I. The special election contest will appear on the General Election ballot. The deadline for a candidate to file a nomination paper is August 25.

Voter Registration

Voter registration in the 2016 Primary Election increased 2.9% from the 2014 General Election and 4.3% from the 2014 Primary Election. As of August 23, there have been 35,428 transactions on the online voter registration system, of which 10,750 are new registrants.

The deadline to register for the General Election in order to vote by absentee mail or at an election day polling place is Monday, October 10. An individual missing the deadline may register and vote in person at any early walk in location from October 25 through November 5.

In the coming months, we will recruit additional Election Day Officials, print and pack the General Election ballot, and conduct tests of the vote counting system for the precinct counters and mail scanners.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-442-VOTE (8683).