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### ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

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#### THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE EARNS PRAISE FROM THE GRAND JURY

**Santa Ana, California**---The 2012-2013 Orange County Grand Jury released a report today titled, "Registrar of Voters Earns High Marks for 2012 Election." Traditionally, the Grand Jury has monitored the voting process during elections where high voter turnout is anticipated. General topics studied in the report include election fraud, voter identification and voting-by-mail. The Grand Jury found that the Registrar of Voters Office is very efficient and cost-effective and has confidence in the security of ballot processing and the accuracy of voting results. Most importantly, the Grand Jury found "that the Registrar of Voters Office is a model for other County Departments and Agencies to emulate."

#### Other Findings Include:

- In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the Grand Jury also determined that the Registrar of Voters Office has a plan to maintain operations in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.
- Voting-by-mail's popularity continues to increase among the Orange County electorate. However, due to errors by the voter, casting a ballot by mail is more likely to be disqualified than other methods of voting. The rejection rate of ballots cast via vote-by-mail remains relatively low at 0.54%.
- Electronic voting equipment at polling places is beginning to age and the County needs to consider a replacement plan.

The Grand Jury report, including Findings/Conclusions and Recommendations, can be found on the Orange County Grand Jury's website, [www.ocgrandjury.org](http://www.ocgrandjury.org). This report will also be included as part of the Final Report of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury, to be published later this year.

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