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RE: Request to Continue Statewide Recount of Proposition 37 in Fresno County

Dear Ms. Resnick and Mr. Courbat:

On Monday, January 7, 2013 the California Secretary of State forwarded Ms. Resnick's letter requesting a manual recount of State Proposition 37 (formally titled "GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS. LABELING. INITIATIVE STATUTE") to my Office.

The letter asks that this Office manually recount votes cast on Proposition 37 during the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election. The letter did not include the number of precincts to be recounted, nor the order of the precincts to be recounted.

In compliance with Election Code Section 15626, this Office has set the manual recount to begin on Monday, January 14, 2013 at the County Elections Warehouse, our secure facility located at 4525 E. Hamilton, Fresno, California. The manual recount hours will be 9:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm each business day, with a one hour lunch period and two 15 minute breaks daily. The recount will continue per code until completed, or a withdrawal is received, or end if the daily deposit is not received.

The California Code of Regulations Section 20815 requires the elections official to estimate the costs necessary for the recount activities. Section (c) states that "at least one day prior to the commencement of the recount, the elections official shall determine the estimated cost". To assist with your planning we are providing this cost estimate today.

Attached is a summary of the cost breakdown for the first day and each day thereafter. The attached three pages show the applicable costs for one recount board, two recount boards and three recount boards.

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Please provide an initial payment in the amount of \$18,823.52 prior to 9:00 am on Monday, January 14, 2013, in either cash, cashier's check or money order made payable to the County of Fresno. If you will be proceeding with one recount board, for each day of continuing recount activities, please provide the daily payment of \$4,029.96 prior to the start of that day's recount activities.

As I explained to Mr. Courbat in our telephone conversation earlier this afternoon, Fresno County has 142,109 voted vote-by-mail ballots, stored in over 315 storage boxes. We estimate that it will take 5 business days at six hours per day to manually locate the vote-by-mail ballots for the precincts involved in the recount, before the recounting of ballots can commence.

Please feel free to contact me at 559-600-3011 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandi Orth".

Brandi Orth
County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

Cc: Jana Lean, Chief of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State
Arthur Wille, Deputy County Counsel

Attachment:
Cost Estimate

Fresno County

Proposition 37 Recount
Scenario with One Recount Board

	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Start Up Cost			
CD	2	\$ 33.00	\$ 66.00
Research (Per Day)	3.5	\$ 2,227.11	\$ 7,794.89
Executive Staff (Per Day)	3.5	\$ 1,945.62	\$ 6,809.67
Misc - Postage	1	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Materials: Tally Sheets, supplies	1	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
Daily Cost (one recount board) Per Day	1	\$ 4,029.96	\$ 4,029.96 * See below for breakdown of costs
Total			<u>\$ 18,823.52</u>

	Quantity	Amount	Total
*Daily Cost			
Board	5 Per Staff	\$ 322.42	\$ 1,612.10
Executive Staff	3 Per Staff	\$ 648.54	\$ 1,945.62
Research	4 Per Staff	\$ 108.56	\$ 434.24
Daily Result Reports	1	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
Additional Materials	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total Daily Cost			<u>\$ 4,029.96</u>

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Proposition 37 Recount
Scenario with Two Recount Board

Start Up Cost	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	TOTAL
CD	2	\$ 33.00	\$ 66.00
Research (Per Day)	3.5	\$ 2,227.11	\$ 7,794.89
Executive Staff (Per Day)	3.5	\$ 1,945.62	\$ 6,809.67
Misc - Postage	1	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Materials: Tally Sheets, supplies	1	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
Daily Cost (two recount board) Per Day	1	\$ 5,325.94	\$ 5,325.94 * See below for breakdown of costs
Total			<u>\$ 20,119.50</u>

*Daily Cost	Quantity	Amount	Total
Board	9 Per Staff	\$ 323.12	\$ 2,908.08
Executive Staff	3 Per Staff	\$ 648.54	\$ 1,945.62
Research	4 Per Staff	\$ 108.56	\$ 434.24
Daily Result Reports	1	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
Additional Materials	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total Daily Cost			<u><u>\$ 5,325.94</u></u>

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Proposition 37 Recount
Scenario with Three Recount Board

Start Up Cost	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	TOTAL
CD	2	\$ 33.00	\$ 66.00
Research (Per Day)	3.5	\$ 2,227.11	\$ 7,794.89
Executive Staff (Per Day)	3.5	\$ 1,945.62	\$ 6,809.67
Misc - Postage	1	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Materials: Tally Sheets, supplies	1	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
Daily Cost (three recount board) Per Day	1	\$ 6,511.04	\$ 6,511.04 *see below for breakdown of costs
Total			\$ 21,304.60

* Daily Cost	Quantity	Amount	Total
Board	Per Staff 13	\$ 314.86	\$ 4,093.18
Executive Staff	Per Staff 3	\$ 648.54	\$ 1,945.62
Research	Per Staff 4	\$ 108.56	\$ 434.24
Daily Result Reports	1	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
Additional Materials	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total Daily Cost			\$ 6,511.04