

2021 Elections Recap

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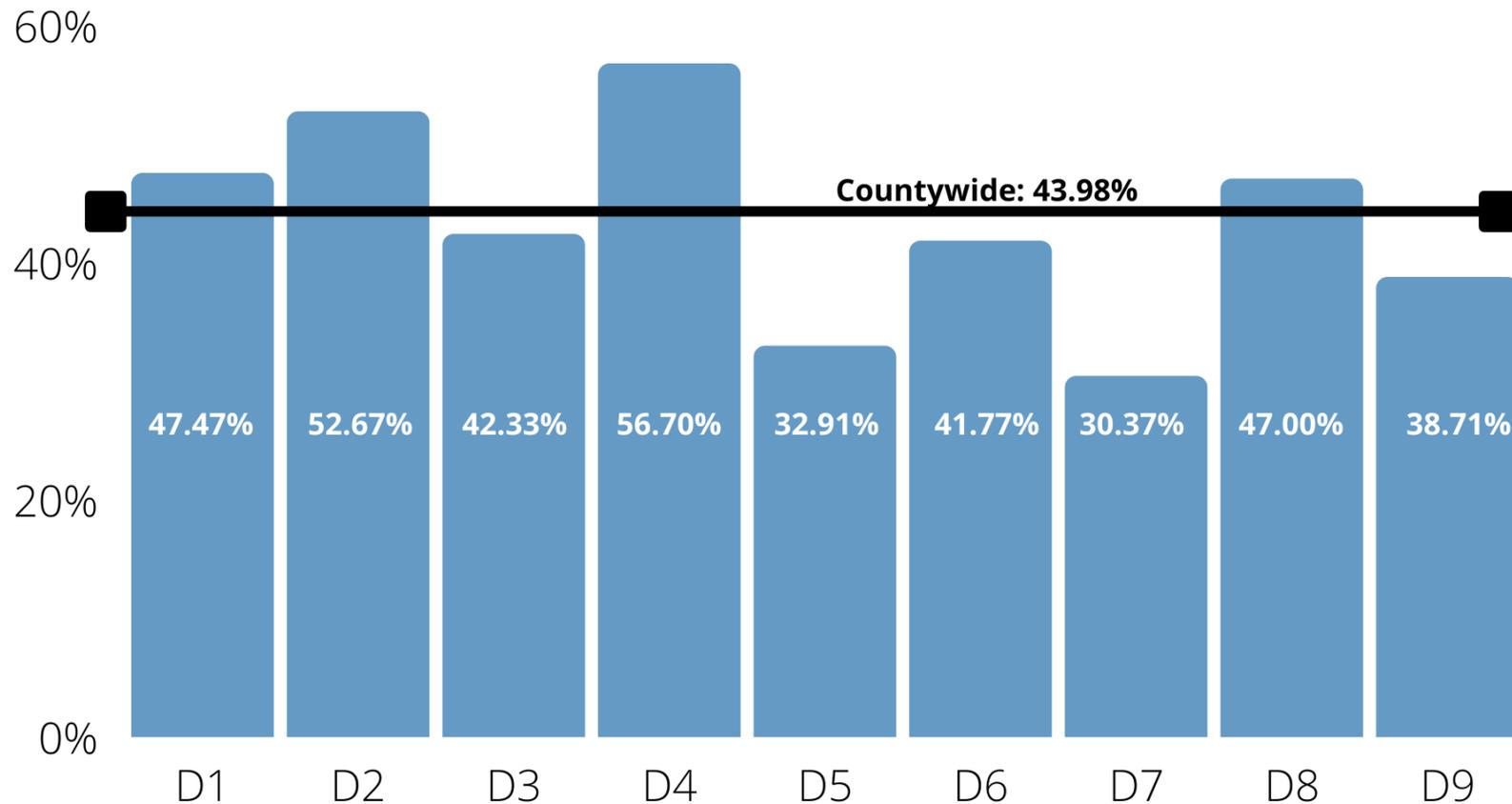


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2021 General Election Turnout: County

Turnout by County Council District



1,400,321 registered voters as of Election Day - Nov. 2, 2021

44% turnout

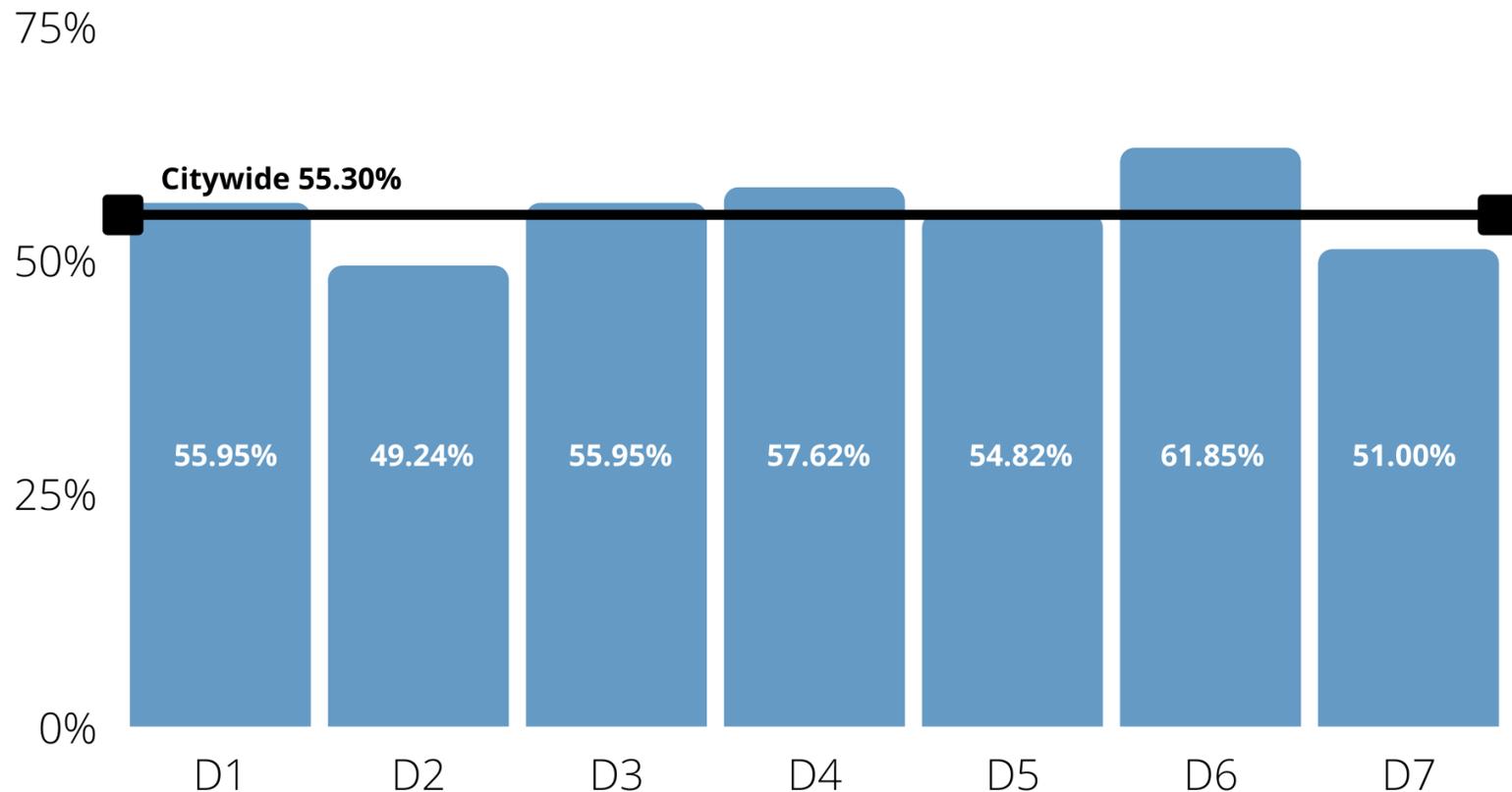
2019: 49%

2017: 43%

Turnout varies widely throughout the county.

2021 General Election Turnout: Seattle

Turnout by Seattle City Council District



55% turnout citywide

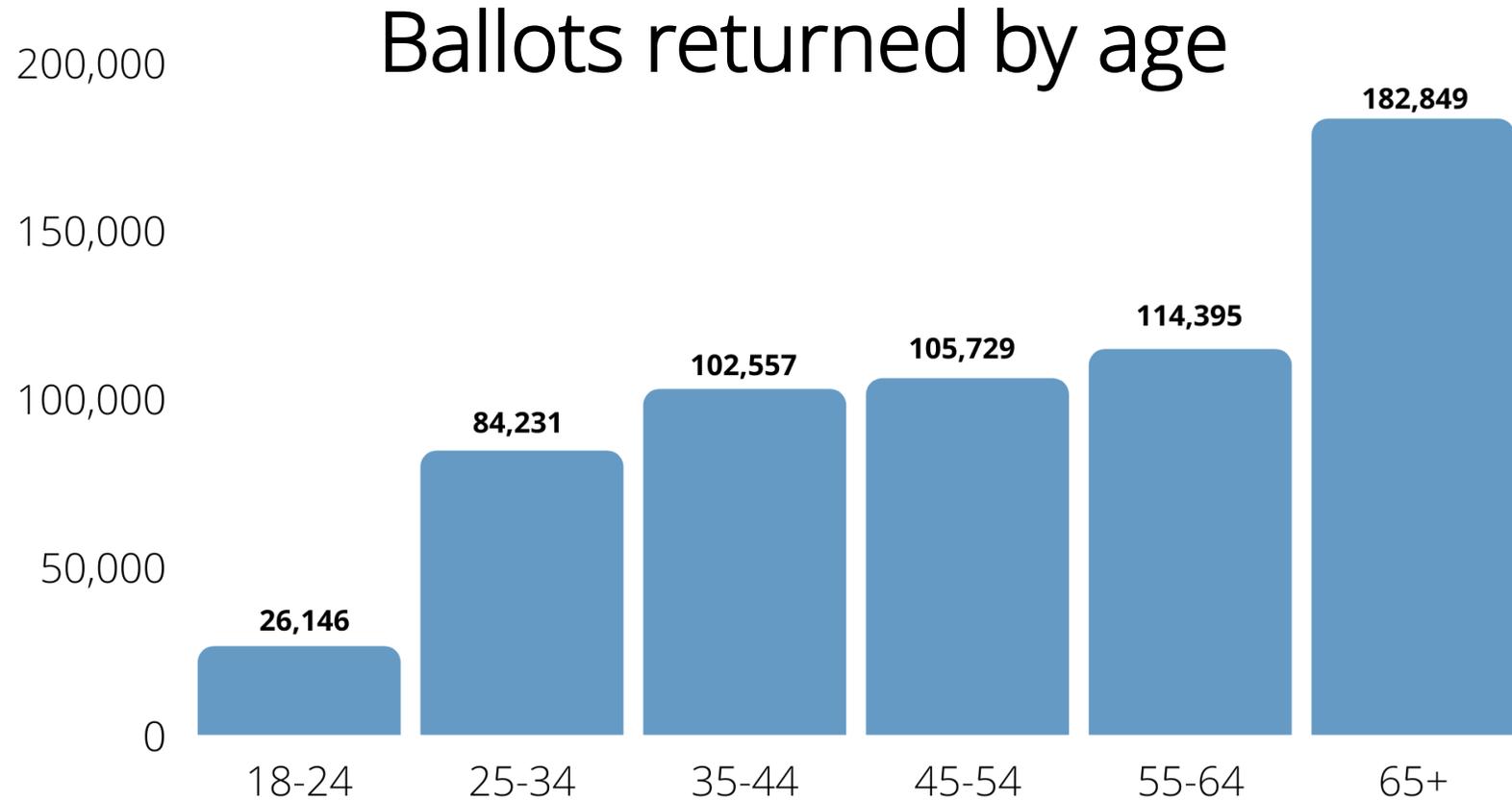
High profile contests for:

- Mayor
- Two citywide council seats
- City Attorney

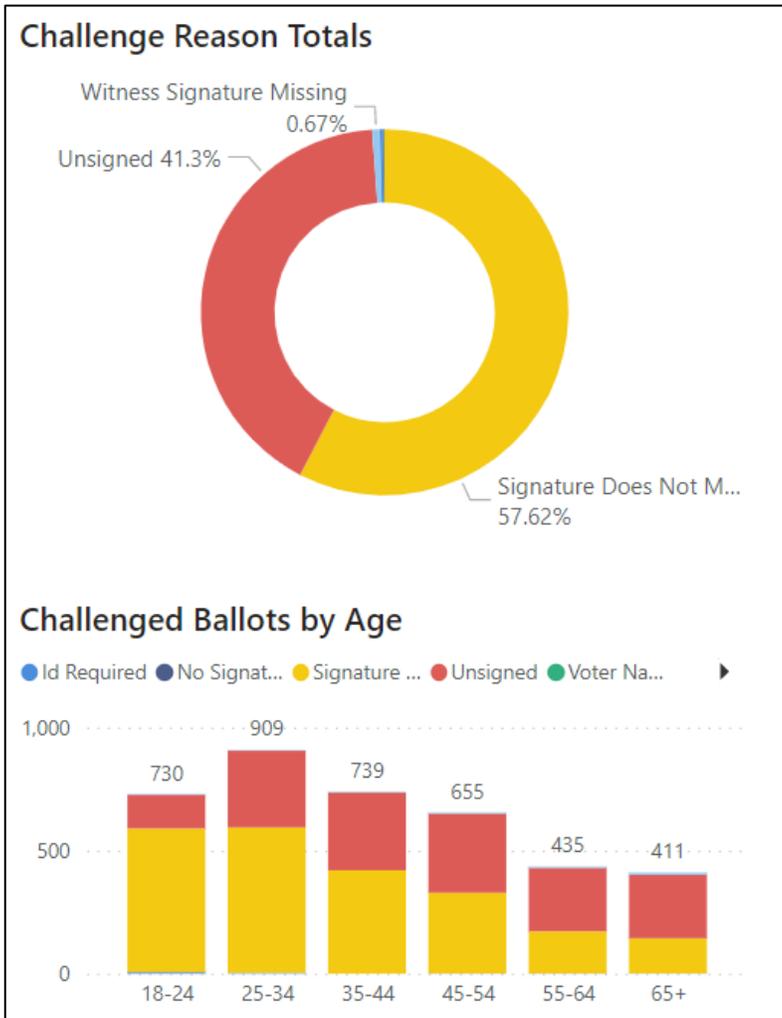
Over 58% of Seattle voters returned their ballot on Election Day or the day before.

2021 General Election Turnout: Age

- Big gaps when you look at ballots returned by age
- In even years, we continue to see the gap between younger and older voters, though it shrinks



Signature Challenges



- Around 3,900 signature challenges that never got resolved
- 41% were unsigned, 58% didn't match the one we have on record
- About 4,500 ballots received too late

Drop Box Returns

- 74 Ballot Drop Boxes
- Newest location: UW Bothell
- 57% of voters used a ballot drop box
- No big surprises in top locations, seeing increasing use of boxes like Garfield and Green Lake

Top 10 Locations

Return Location	# of Ballots
Ballard Branch Library	15748
King County Elections	15643
Redmond City Hall	10979
Seattle Central College Broadway-Edison Building	10601
Broadview Library	10290
Alaska Junction	9799
Green Lake Community Center	9708
Lake City Library	9136
Crossroads Shopping Center	9043
Garfield Community Center	8811



Vote Centers



- Seven Locations Open
 - King County Elections HQ in Renton
 - Federal Way Performing Arts Center
 - Kent City Hall
 - Bellevue College
 - Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle
 - Kenmore City Hall
 - Student Hub at the UW Seattle Husky Union Building
- Helped around 1,500 folks in-person
- Most traffic at Lumen Field with 300 voters on Election Day

Recounts



- City of Newcastle, Council Position No. 6 (Irigon/Charbonneau)
- Issaquah School District, Director District No. 4 (Mullings/Ghiora)
- Public Hospital District No. 1, Commissioner District No. 2 (Griggs/Lambro)

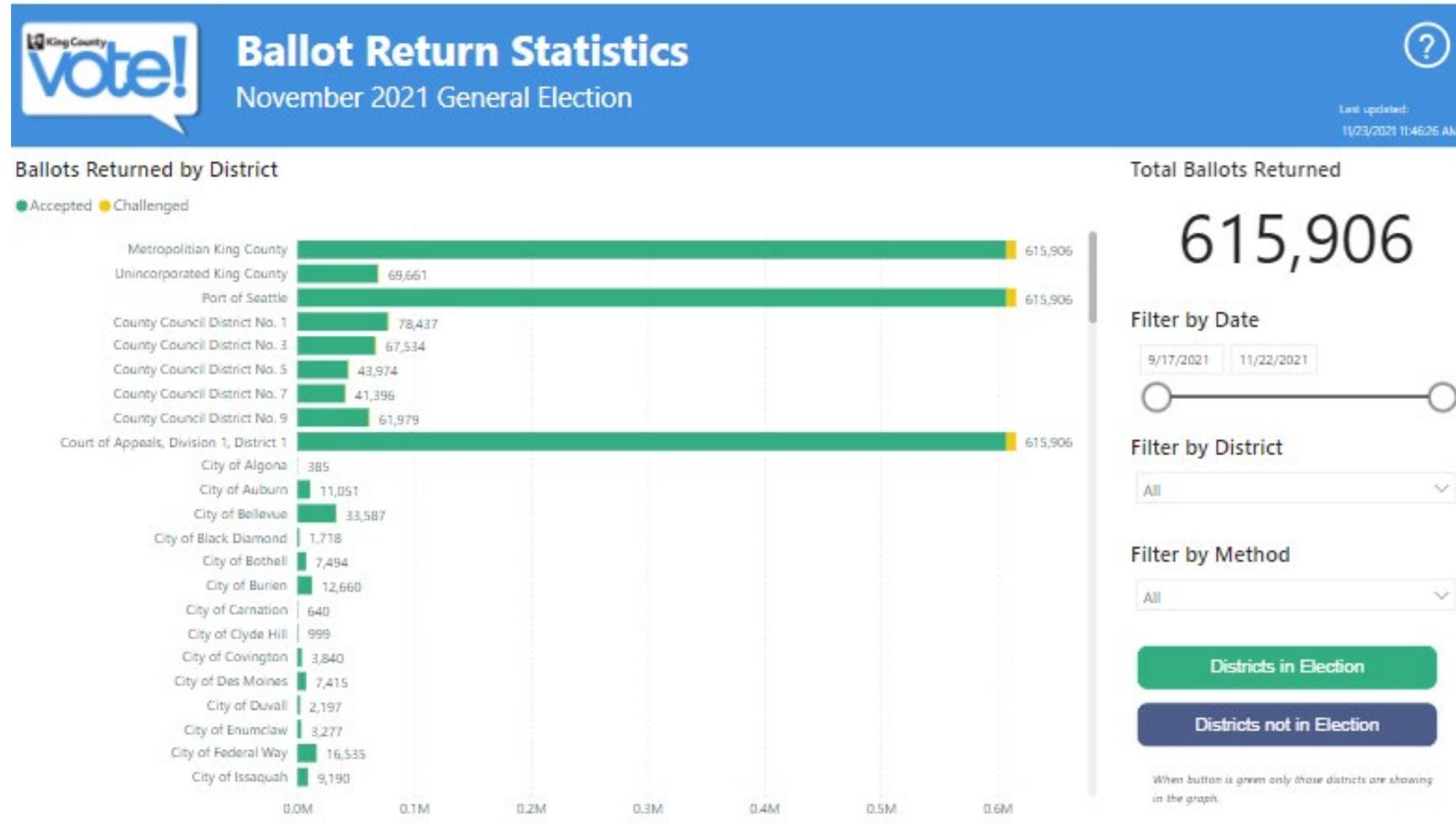
Recall Election

- 77,579 registered voters in Seattle's D3
- 54% turnout
- 61.5% returned by mail, 38% by drop box, 0.5% by email/fax
- Small in terms of number of voters, big in terms of interest
- Certified on December 17

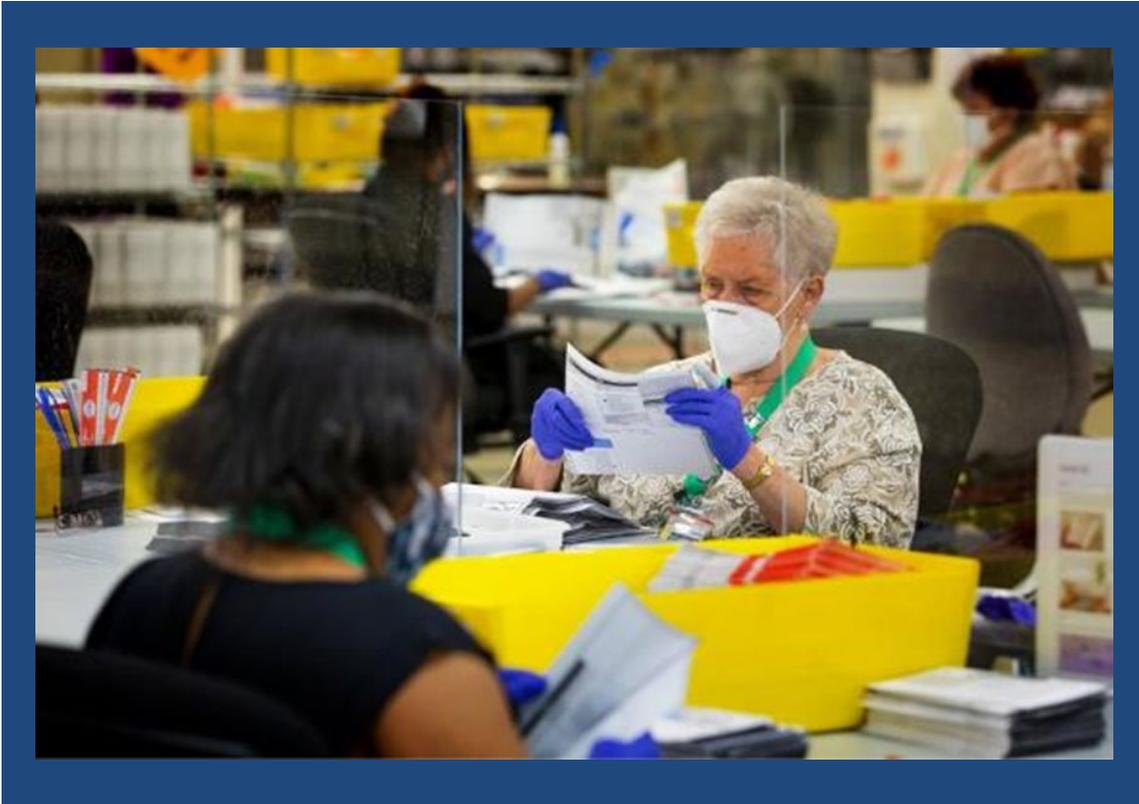


Lessons Learned

- 2021 was a tough year for election administrators
- Records requests and increased observer scrutiny
- Ballot return stats



What's Ahead



- Restoration of rights - January 1, 2022
- Legislative Session
- Redistricting
- Additional Languages
- Elections!

Questions?



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