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## ***LOCAL ELECTION INTEREST OVERWHELMS COUNTY WEBSITE***

On Tuesday night June 3, 2008 the County's public website was overwhelmed by an unprecedented interest in several local races. After confirming that the public was not able to view the site the General Services Agency IT staff spent several hours repairing and updating the website.

On a typical election night the County website receives approximately 10,000 visits mostly from local citizens. This election generated many times the normal number of visits in a three-hour period. The website received visits from local, State, and national sources due to the great interest in Measure B.

County staff is reviewing options to improve the public's access to the website in the future and will work closely with the Mendocino County Assessor-Clerk-Recorder's Office on a series of recommendations prior to the November ballot.

At the present time there are still 10,835 absentee ballots to process as well as 439 provisional ballots to review according to Assessor-Clerk-Recorder Susan M. Ranochak. These are ballots that were left at polling places or at the Elections office on Election Day. The County Clerk has 28 days to complete this process and final official results will be issued upon completion of the canvass.

All Five Supervisorial Districts have uncounted ballots which could affect local races and Measure B. A large number of those votes are from the Coastal areas and North County.

The County has already counted 16,436 ballots and the breakdown of the votes are available on the County's website at <http://co.mendocino.ca.us>.

According to County Counsel Jeanine B. Nadel there will be no decision regarding Measure B law enforcement activities until all votes are counted and the will of the voters is determined.

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