



COUNTY OF ALPINE
Office of the County Clerk

Barbara Howard, County Clerk
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
Ex Officio Registrar of Voters

April 4, 2011

Re: Letter of Recommendation/Runbeck Ballot Printing Services

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to recommend Runbeck Election Services ballot printing. I have used Runbeck's ballot printing services since November 2009. I hope my perspective will be helpful to you as you evaluate this service.

I am sure you can appreciate that time is of the essence in the printing and delivery of ballots. We have had several tight timeframes and they have always delivered as promised.

Runbeck staff always reviews the artwork and gives me proofs to approve prior to printing; there is one color proof for each district and distinct ballot type. They also create our test ballots for logic and accuracy testing. The ballots are delivered to us folded and numbered for easy ballot accountability and insertion into the vote-by-mail envelopes.

Runbeck uses the California Secretary of State approved ballot tint and watermark. The cardstock is of a high quality and we have not had any problems reading them with our optical scan central count machines. We are entirely vote-by-mail and we are able to adequately flatten the tri-folded ballots for central count processing.

Please contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Howard".

Barbara Howard
County Clerk