

RIFKIN'S KEYLESS SECURITY™ BAGS

A BETTER ALTERNATIVE FOR SAN BERNARDINO ELECTIONS



Jean Hansen, Clerk 3, San Bernardino County, California

Located in the Southeast portion of California, San Bernardino County has 1.7 million residents spread across 20,160 square miles. It is the largest county by area in the state and there are over 600,000 registered voters.

When Mr. Terry Kouba, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters for San Bernardino County needed to replace the county's plastic ballot box and padlock system he turned to A. Rifkin Co. Several months before making his decision, he visited a Rifkin display at a local election trade show and saw several security products that were better alternatives to the county's outdated ballot collection systems. The upgrade to the county's election products is part of their Help America Vote Act initiative.

The primary purpose for Rifkin's Ballot Storage and Supply Bag (B10372-Y20) is to protect provisional and absentee ballots. In special elections that only use paper ballots, the bag also serves as the primary vote collection container. Currently, 34% of California voters use provisional ballots for primary elections and almost 100,000 San Bernardino County residents are permanent absentee voters. This equates to a staggering 600,000 paper ballots that must be properly secured during a typical primary election.

Terry explains that Rifkin's Keyless Security™ bags are better for San Bernardino County for three reasons:

First, the bags are much easier to manage because they have single-use, numbered security seals that "lock" the bag instead of a padlock and key. Cumbersome key management procedures have been eliminated and lost keys are a thing of the past.

Secondly, the bag folds down for easy storage. Several hundred Rifkin Keyless Security™ Bags easily fit on one pallet. The bags use considerably less costly warehouse space than the rigid plastic ballot boxes.

Finally, the bag serves a dual purpose. Its large capacity is perfect for delivery of poll supplies while the built-in ballot slot allows the bag to function as a ballot collection container.

In addition to the primary Ballot Storage and Supply Bag, San Bernardino County also uses Rifkin's Light-Duty Courier (B05711-X10) as a Depot supply bag and a Clear Hood Seal bag (B00440-B20) as a data module transport bag. The Depot bag is used to deliver voter registration logs and other precinct specific information to the polling location while the data module bag is used to secure electronic voting data cartridges when they are outside the voting machine.

For more information on Rifkin's complete line of Election Bags and Security products please call our Customer Service Department.

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