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GREAT PROGRESS COUNTING VOTES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Vote counting in Santa Clara County is going extremely well, as more than half a million ballots have already been tallied for the November 2nd Gubernatorial General Election.

The county has approximately 100 Vote by Mail ballots and 18,000 provisional ballots remaining to be processed. Provisional ballots are used to record a vote when there is an issue on Election Day, such as a voter casting a ballot at a precinct other than the voter's assigned polling place. Provisional ballots require more research before they can be verified and counted. They are typically the last ballots to be processed.

"When you look at the estimated number of unprocessed ballots statewide, you can see that Santa Clara County's figures are comparable to or better than other counties of similar size," said Jesse Durazo, Registrar of Voters. He is pleased with the progress his office has made in counting ballots.

"Our ability to stay on schedule," he said, "is the result of good planning and preparation. As part of our election planning, we take into consideration situations that may arise, such as the printing issue that occurred this election with the Vote by Mail ballots."

He credits his employees, temporary staff and the many volunteers who worked long hours and weekends to correct the issue. "They performed magnificently," he commended.

With almost all mail and precinct ballots counted, provisional ballots are now being processed. The Registrar of Voters will certify the election by the November 30th deadline.

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Estimated Unprocessed Ballots for November 2, 2010, General Election

County	Vote-By-Mail	Provisionals	Other*	Estimated Total Remaining	Last Update Provided by County
Alameda	15,000	9,500	0	24,500	11/9/10 2:48 PM
Contra Costa	91,000	11,000	0	102,000	11/9/10 2:00 PM
San Francisco	4,097	15,000	2,279	21,376	11/8/10 3:55 PM
San Mateo	16,500	9,512	800	26,812	11/8/10 4:55 PM
Santa Clara	100	18,000	0	18,100	11/10/10 4:45 PM

* This category includes (1) ballots that are damaged or ballots that could not be machine read and need to be remade, and (2) ballots diverted by optical scanners for further review.

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