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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS' OFFICE RELEASES POST-ELECTION REPORT FOR THE AUGUST 16 SPECIAL ELECTION IN SUNNYVALE

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office released today its analysis of the August 16, 2016 Special Election. The Special Election was held to fill a vacancy on the Sunnyvale City Council for an unexpired term; only voters in the City of Sunnyvale were eligible to participate.

The Post-Election Report contains a comprehensive review of the election, as well as numerous FAQs about election administration and planning. The full report, along with post-election reports for the two most recent elections, is available for download on the Statistics page of Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' website, www.sccvote.org.

"The Post-Election Report is intended to provide a glimpse into how this special election compares with prior special elections in the areas of voter participation and turnout, election preparation and vote tallying," said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey.

The Post-Election Report compiles data from the August 16, 2016 Special Election and past similar elections into easy-to-read infographics. Readers can learn about issues such as how the timing of the receipt of vote-by-mail ballots affects the speed of vote-tallying results, and how challenged ballots are corrected to ensure that every vote counts.

Additionally, the report includes an Executive Summary section, also available as a separate download, that provides the most prominent statistics of the report, as well as contextual facts of interest to Sunnyvale voters.

The report also shows how the Registrar of Voters' Office has implemented new laws and programs. Pursuant to a new state law, the Registrar of Voters' Office was able to tally nearly half of the polling place ballots early through a new midday pickup program where couriers retrieved voted ballots before the polls closed.

Another new law allowed the Registrar of Voters' Office to count an additional 28 ballots missing the voter's signature by allowing voters to provide within eight days of the election the required

signature using a new Unsigned Ballot Statement form. In prior elections, voters would have needed to come to the Registrar of Voters' Office before the close of the polls on Election Day to provide the missing signature in person.

Additionally, a law that was passed last year enabled the Registrar of Voters' Office to count 316 ballots that were postmarked on or before Election Day and received within three days after the election. Prior to this new law, these ballots would have been received too late to count.

The Registrar of Voters' Office anticipates continuing to release post-election reports in the future, although the reports may vary depending on the type and complexity of each election. "As a government agency, we are always striving to help voters understand the intricacies of the elections process and provide transparency in government use of taxpayer dollars," Bushey said.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683) or visit www.sccvote.org.

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