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BALLOTS REMAINING TO BE COUNTED FOR JUNE 23 SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION IN SAN JOSE COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters reported Unofficial Semi-Final Election Night Results at 10:30 p.m. last night after all precincts had reported and all Vote by Mail ballots received prior to Election Day had been counted. The results show that an estimated 20 percent of outstanding ballots need to be processed during the Canvass period.

The estimated figure for remaining ballots includes both Provisional and Vote by Mail Ballots that were dropped off by voters at their polling places. The estimate also includes Vote by Mail Ballots that were collected by the Registrar of Voters from the district's Ballot Drop-Off locations at 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

A new law took effect on January 1 that allows Vote by Mail ballots to be counted if they are postmarked on or before Election Day and arrive within three days thereafter. This law was implemented for the first time in Santa Clara County with the April 7 Special Election. The Registrar of Voters is required to wait until Friday, June 26, to determine the exact number of outstanding Vote by Mail ballots before adding them to the final results tally.

Approximate Number of Ballots Remaining to be Processed

Provisional:	140
Vote by Mail:	1,150

Post-Election Canvass

California Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results. The Canvass should be completed and the June 23, 2015 Special Run-off Election should be certified on Tuesday, June 30.

During this time, the Registrar of Voters counts all remaining valid ballots and performs a series of mandated audits to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election. Election results will be updated daily by 5:00 p.m. during the Canvass period. Updated results will be made available on the sccvote.org website at [Election Results](#), as well as posted on the [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



Ballots counted after Election Day: "Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots: Vote by Mail ballots that arrive prior to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or are postmarked on Election Day and arrive by Friday, June 26, are processed and counted starting Wednesday, June 24. These take longer to count than precinct ballots because they have to be signature-verified; however, most of these will be counted by Friday, June 26.

Provisional Ballots: These are ballots cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined in the polling places on Election Day or who had received Vote by Mail ballots but did not have them to surrender at the polls and wanted to vote in person. These are the last ballots counted because they have to be researched and verified, but every valid vote will be counted.

Damaged/Unreadable Ballots: Some ballots are torn, damaged, or marked in such a way that the tallying machines cannot read them and require additional processing.

Write-In Votes: When the voter writes in the name of a qualified candidate, that vote must be tallied manually.

Audits: A Review of all paperwork completed at the precincts to make sure all ballots are accounted for will be conducted. A Manual Recount of ballots from a random 1% sample of the precincts will be done to ensure that the vote tabulation equipment is working accurately.

Media outlets that want to capture footage at the Registrar of Voters' Office should contact Media Officer Philip Chantri at media@rov.sccgov.org or 1-408-282-3008.

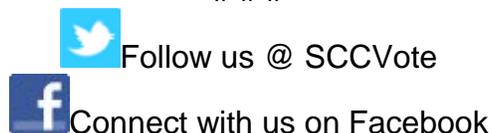
For updated election results, follow the Registrar of Voters on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or on the sccvote.org website at [Election Results](#). Election results will be updated daily by 5:00 p.m. during the Canvass period.

The Election included a single contest to decide who would fill a vacancy on the San Jose City Council for District 4. Only registered voters who live in San Jose City Council District 4 were eligible to participate in the election.

San Jose City Council District 4 consists of 40,786 registered voters.

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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