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RESULTS CERTIFIED FOR JUNE 7, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office has posted final, certified results for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

"This election saw a turnout of 54.66 percent of registered voters, with 430,779 ballots cast," said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. "We are pleased to report that voter turnout increased nearly 16 percentage points compared with the last Presidential Primary Election in 2012."

Bushey noted that Santa Clara County had over 800 polling place precincts. "We are extremely grateful to the thousands of volunteers who staffed polling places throughout the county," Bushey said. "Their service and dedication are truly indispensable on Election Day."

Post-Election Canvass

California Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters' Office to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results of an election.

During the Post-Election Canvass, the Registrar of Voters' Office counted all remaining valid ballots and performed a series of mandated audits to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election. Election results were updated at least once daily by 5:00 p.m. during the canvass period.

Ballots Counted after Election Day

There are four types of ballots that are counted after Election Day – "last minute" Vote by Mail ballots, provisional ballots, damaged ballots, and ballots that contain write-in votes.

"Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots

Vote by Mail ballots that arrived on Election Day were processed and counted starting Wednesday, June 8. Vote by Mail ballots that were postmarked by Election Day and arrived by Friday, June 10, were also processed and counted after Election Day.

Vote by Mail voters who forgot to sign their return envelopes had the opportunity to complete and sign an [Unsigned Ballot Statement](#) form by 5:00 p.m. on June 15.



Provisional Ballots

Provisional ballots were cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined at 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. Provisional ballots must be researched and verified in order to be counted.

Damaged Ballots

Some ballots were torn, damaged, or marked in such a way that the tallying machines could not read them. These ballots required additional processing before they could be counted.

Write-In Votes

Write-in votes must be tallied manually. There were 33 contests with valid write-in votes in this election.

1% Manual Tally

The Registrar of Voters' Office conducted a manual tally of ballots cast in 1% of the total precincts within the county in order to verify the accuracy of the machine count. Precincts 3937, 1424, 1218, 4126, 1419, 3608, 1928, 5956, 2034, 3984, 3951, 1210, 1304, 1847, 1129, 1715, and 5751 were randomly selected for manual recount during the canvass.

The ballots of the precincts randomly selected for the 1% manual tally were hand-counted for comparison with the unofficial semi-final election results. No discrepancies were found between the machine and manual counts for these ballots.

The official elections results, published in the Statement of Vote, are posted on the Registrar of Voters' website at www.sccvote.org. These official results provide a complete picture of the election with the vote totals that are broken down by precinct and the method in which the ballots were cast. Anyone may download or print a complete copy of election results at www.sccvote.org.

The Registrar of Voters' Office will release its post-election report in the near future for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. This report will provide additional statistics, facts, and figures regarding the election, voter behavior, and comparisons with previous similar elections.

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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