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RESULTS CERTIFIED FOR MAY 5 ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN PALO ALTO UNIFIED & CAMPBELL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters certified the results of the May 5, 2015 All Mail Ballot Election in Palo Alto Unified and Campbell Union School Districts today and reported Final Official Election Results.

A total of 28,759 ballots were processed and counted, with 33.47% of eligible registered voters casting ballots. For specific downloadable tallies, visit sccvote.org. For updates, follow SCCVOTE on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/sccvote) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sccvote). The results were certified today following the conclusion of the Official Post-Election Canvass, which began on Wednesday, May 6.

Post-Election Canvass

California Elections Code required the Registrar of Voters to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results. The Canvass was completed and the May 5, 2015 Special Election certified on Tuesday, May 12.

During this time, ROV 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.

Ballots counted after Election Day: "Last Minute" VBM Ballots: VBM ballots that arrived prior to 8:00 p.m. Election Day or were postmarked on Election Day and arrived by Friday, May 8 were processed and counted starting Wednesday, May 6.

Damaged/Unreadable Ballots: Some ballots were torn, damaged, or marked in such a way that the tallying machines could not read them and required additional processing.

Audits: A manual recount of ballots from a random 1% sample of the precincts was done to ensure that the vote tabulation equipment was working accurately. Precincts 3809 and 2049 were randomly selected the morning after the Election and the ballots were hand counted comparison with the Semi-Final Unofficial Results. No discrepancies were found between the machine and hand counts.



A new law took effect January 1 that allowed for VBM ballots to be counted if they were postmarked on Election Day and arrived in our office by Friday, May 8. The Registrar of Voters waited until 8 p.m. Friday to determine the exact number of outstanding VBM ballots.

The May 5 Election for both the Palo Alto Unified School District and the Campbell Union School District, each contained a single contest - a parcel tax measure. Only registered voters who lived in these districts were eligible to participate in the election.

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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