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RESULTS CERTIFIED FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters certified the results of the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election and reported Official Final Election Results.

A total of 17,292 ballots was processed and counted, with 39.22% of eligible registered voters casting ballots. Election results were certified today following the conclusion of the Post-Election Canvass, which began at 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Post-Election Canvass

California Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results. The Canvass was completed, and the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election was certified, today.

During the Post-Election Canvass, the Registrar of Voters 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: "Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots: Vote by Mail ballots that arrived on Election Day or were postmarked on Election Day and arrived by Friday, November 6 were processed and counted starting Wednesday, November 4. These ballots took longer to count than precinct ballots because they had to be signature-verified; however, most were counted by Friday, November 6.

Provisional Ballots: These were ballots 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. These were the last ballots counted because they had to be researched and verified, ensuring that every valid vote was counted.

Damaged/Unreadable 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.

Write-In Votes: When a voter writes in the name of a qualified candidate, that vote must be tallied manually. There were no valid write-in votes in this election.

Audits: A review was conducted of all paperwork completed at the precincts to make sure that all ballots were accounted for. 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 3733, 1302, and 2333 were randomly selected for recount the morning after the election. Ballots from the randomly selected precincts were hand counted for comparison with the unofficial semi-final election results and no discrepancies were found between the machine and hand counts.

A new law that took effect January 1, 2015 allows Vote by Mail ballots to be counted if they were postmarked on or before Election Day and arrived in our office by Friday, November 6. The Registrar of Voters was required to wait until last Friday to determine the exact number of outstanding ballots.

November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election

The November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election included a contest on the Board of Orchard School District, a renewal of an expiring parcel tax measure for Union School District and a bond measure for the City of Los Altos.

Orchard School District consists of 4,298 registered voters. Union School District consists of 21,949 registered voters and the City of Los Altos consists of 17,838 registered voters. Only registered voters who live in the City of Los Altos or in Orchard or Union School Districts were eligible to participate in this election.

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