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RESULTS CERTIFIED FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office has certified the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election and posted final, certified results on its website, www.sccvote.org.

"This election was historic for Santa Clara County. We had a record number of registered voters, a record number of ballots returned, and the longest ballot with the highest number of contests in County history," said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. "We are pleased to report that over 724,000 voters cast their ballots in the Presidential General Election, with a turnout of approximately 83%."

Bushey noted that Santa Clara County had almost 850 polling places open on Election Day. "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 every 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 canvass period, 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. throughout the canvass.

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, November 9. Vote by Mail ballots that were postmarked by Election Day and arrived by Monday, November 14, 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 November 16.

Provisional Ballots

Provisional ballots were cast by voters whose eligibility to vote 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 had to 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. Thousands of valid write-in votes were cast 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. Thirty-four full or partial precincts were randomly selected for manual recounts.

The ballots of the precincts randomly selected for the 1% manual tally were hand-counted for comparison with the unofficial semi-final election results.

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 November 8, 2016 Presidential General 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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