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## **VOTING CLOSED FOR MAY 3 SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN LOS GATOS-SARATOGA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 11,299 Ballots Tallied and Reported**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office released Semi-final Unofficial Election Night Results and reported that voting has closed for the May 3 Special Mail Ballot Election in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

The results released at 8:01 p.m. include 11,299 returned mail ballots out of 30,340 mail ballots issued.

Updates to the results will be posted prior to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.

A new law took effect last year that allows for ballots to be counted if they are postmarked on Election Day and arrive in our office by Friday, May 6. The Registrar of Voters' Office is required to wait until Friday to determine the exact number of outstanding mail ballots.

Media outlets that want to capture footage at the Registrar of Voters' Office should contact Public Information Officer Philip Chantri at [media@rov.sccgov.org](mailto:media@rov.sccgov.org) or 1-408-282-3008.

For updated election results, follow us on Twitter @SCCVOTE or visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). Election results will be updated daily by 5:00 p.m. during the Canvass period.

### **Post-Election Canvass**

California Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters' Office to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results. The Canvass should be completed and the May 3, 2016 Special Mail Ballot Election should be certified on Monday, May 16.

During the Post-Election Canvass, the Registrar of Voters' Office counts all remaining valid ballots and performs a series of mandated audits to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election.

**Ballots Counted after Election Day:** "Last Minute" Ballots: Ballots that arrive on Election Day prior to 8:00 p.m. or are postmarked on Election Day and arrive by Friday, May 6 are



processed and counted starting Wednesday, May 4. These take longer to count because they have to be signature-verified; however, most will be counted by Friday, May 6.

**Provisional Ballots:** These are ballots cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined on Election Day or who had received ballots in the mail but did not have them to surrender 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. These ballots require additional processing.

**Audits:** 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.

The May 3 Special Mail Ballot Election for the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District contained a single contest, a parcel tax measure. Only registered voters who lived in this district 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](http://www.sccvote.org).

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