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

26,428 Ballots Tallied and Reported

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters released Semi-final Unofficial Election Night Results and reported that voting has closed for the May 5 Mail Ballot Election in Palo Alto Unified and Campbell Union School Districts.

The results released at 8:01 p.m. include 26,428 returned mail ballots out of 85,914 mail ballots issued.

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

A new law took effect January 1 that allows for ballots to be counted if they are postmarked on Election Day and arrive in our office by Friday, May 8. The Registrar of Voters 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 or 1-408-282-3008.

For updated election results, follow us on Twitter @SCCVOTE or visit 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 to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results. The Canvass should be completed and the May 5, 2015 Election certified on Tuesday, May 12.

During this time, ROV 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 8 are processed and counted starting Wednesday, May 6; these take longer to count because they have to be signature-verified; most of these will counted by Friday, May 8.



Provisional Ballots: These are ballots cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined on Election Day or who had received ballots 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 and require additional processing.

Audits: A Manual recount of ballots from a random 1% sample of the precincts in both contests will be done to ensure that the vote tabulation equipment is working accurately.

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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