



# March 7, 2017 Special Election



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#### Note

The figures, charts, and graphs in this report come from a variety of internal and external data sources and are intended for informational and historical purposes only. For official election results, please refer to the Statement of Vote, available at [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Resources/Pages/PastEResults.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Resources/Pages/PastEResults.aspx).

# A Message from the Registrar

I am pleased to present the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters' Post-Election Report for the March 7, 2017, Special Election.

This report is intended to provide a glimpse into how this election compares with other similar elections with regard to voter participation and turnout, election preparation, and vote tallying. Additionally, FAQ boxes and explanations throughout the report provide a wealth of information about election procedures, logistics, and laws.

I hope you find this report as useful and informative as I do.

Sincerely,



Shannon Bushey  
Registrar of Voters

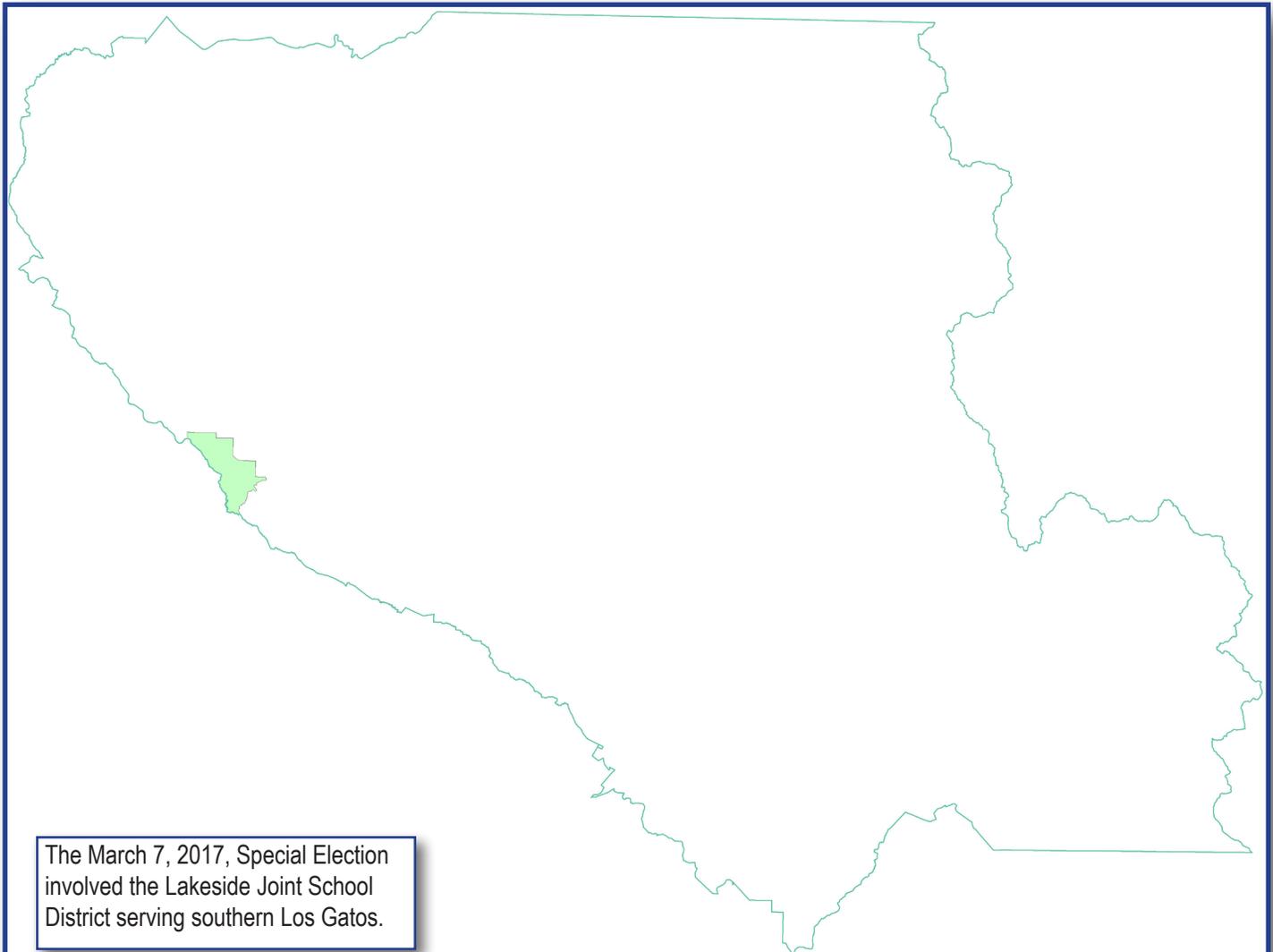


**Shannon Bushey**  
Registrar of Voters

## Special Elections

Special elections have been held in California under certain limited circumstances for decades. Special elections are held, for example, in order to fill a vacant City Council seat, when a governing board member is faced with a recall, or to vote on certain measures that will impact living standards and the overall quality of life of voters within a specific jurisdiction. The March 7, 2017, Special Election marks the 10th special election held for certain voters in Santa Clara County since 2009.

## Lakeside Joint School District Map



The March 7, 2017, Special Election involved the Lakeside Joint School District serving southern Los Gatos.

# I. About This Election

## Introduction

Santa Clara County contains many local jurisdictions, including cities, school districts, and special districts. Regular elections are held in June or November, but local jurisdictions often request special elections to be held at other times throughout the year. Local jurisdictions often request special elections when voters must decide an open district governing board **contest**, a ballot **measure** question, or when a governing board member is faced with a recall.

The March 7, 2017, Special Election included a single measure on the ballot that only affected residents in a specific district of the county.

The Lakeside Joint School District called a special election for March 7, 2017 to place a ballot measure before the voters that would renew a parcel tax. A parcel tax was originally approved during a special mail ballot election on May 4, 2010. Only voters living within the boundaries of the Lakeside Joint School District were permitted to vote in the election.

California law requires the County Registrar of Voters (ROV) to conduct special elections when requested by local jurisdictions. The local jurisdiction reimburses the ROV for all of the costs associated with the special election.

When certain conditions are met, local jurisdictions may call an all-mail special election instead of having polling places. In an all-mail election, every voter receives a ballot by mail, even those who are not permanent vote-by-mail voters.

The Lakeside Joint School District did not call an all-mail special election; however, since each of the district's three precincts within the county contains fewer voters than the threshold for establishing a polling place, all three were classified as mail ballot precincts and the election was therefore conducted as if it were an all-mail election. In addition to having the option of mailing their ballots, voters alternatively had four drop boxes in the county available to them for

drop-off, or they could have also cast their ballots in person at the Registrar of Voters' office.

### FAQ

**Q:** What is a **contest**?

**A:** A contest is a single issue voted on by the people. Races for elected office and ballot measures, such as parcel taxes, are both examples of contests.

### FAQ

**Q:** Why do local jurisdictions choose to call all-mail elections?

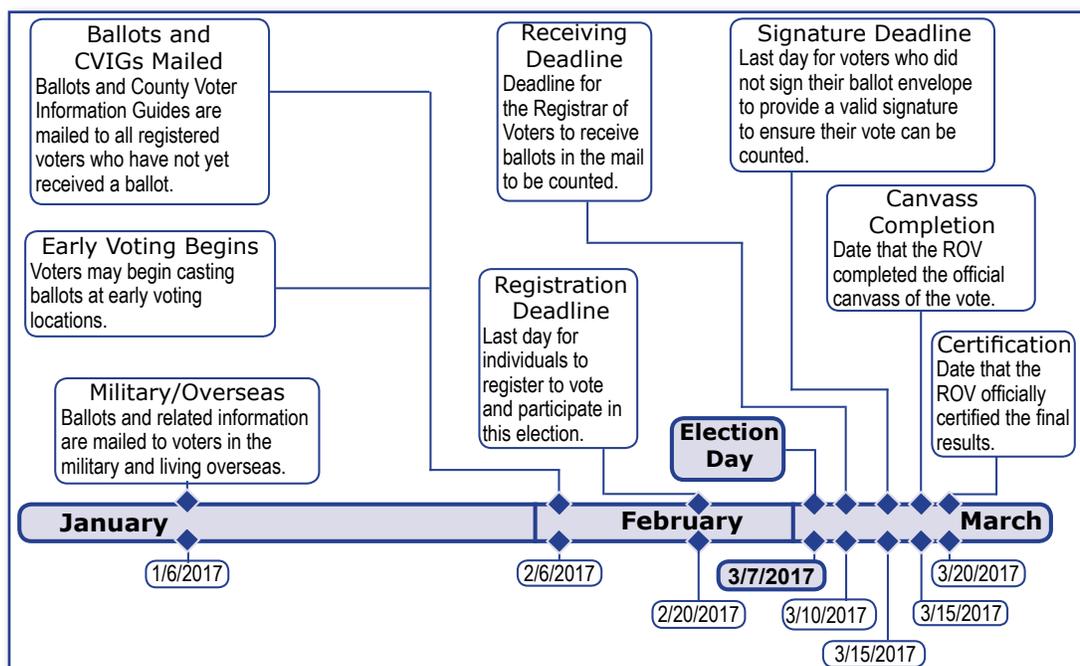
**A:** Elections with polling places require an extraordinary amount of resources, staffing, and logistics. As a result, many local jurisdictions opt to conduct all-mail elections to reduce the costs, especially when the ballot only contains a single item.

### FAQ

**Q:** What is a **measure**?

**A:** A measure is an item that a local jurisdiction or district can place on the ballot to ask the voters a question, such as whether the voters of a school district wish to enact a parcel tax. A measure can also be added to the ballot by an initiative or a referendum.

## Timeline of the March 7, 2017, Special Election



# Executive Summary

The Lakeside Joint School District requested a special election to be held on March 7, 2017, asking voters to decide whether to approve a new parcel tax. The Lakeside Joint School District requested that the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) conduct the election, making the March 7, 2017, Special Election the first election of calendar year 2017. Additional elections scheduled for 2017 are the April 25, 2017, Special Election, the May 2, 2017 Special Mail Ballot Election, and a regularly scheduled local consolidated election for November.

Voters turned out for the March 7, 2017, Special Election at approximately the same rate as the initial parcel tax election held in 2010, and nearly 8 percentage points higher than the district reorganization special election held in 2013. The turnout rate has held above 50% for the past three Lakeside Joint School District special elections.



More than 58% of the 416 registered voters in the Lakeside Joint School District turned out for the March 7, 2017, Special Election.

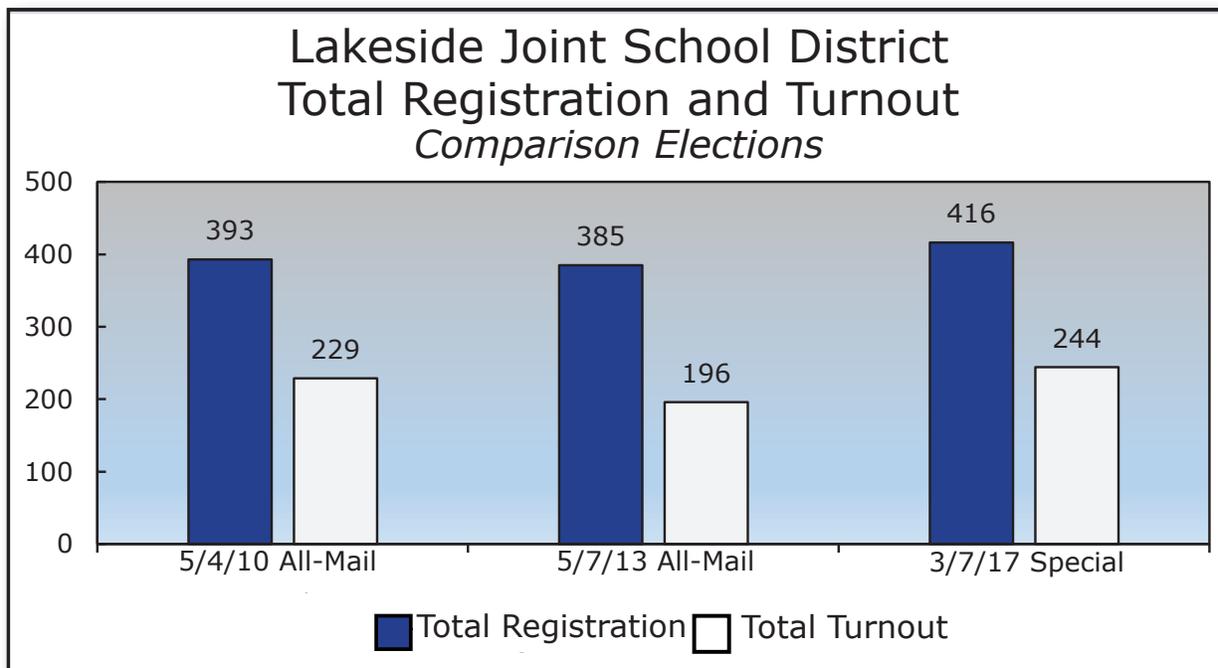
Although this was not technically classified as a mail ballot election, it was treated as one since the participating precincts had fewer voters than are required for establishing polling places, and as result, all votes cast for this election were via mail ballots.

Nearly 86% of ballots were counted on or before Election Day, and all ballots were counted by March 10, three days after the election. Approximately 98% of all ballots received were counted as valid. After completion and verification of the results, the ROV certified the results on March 20, 2017, just 13 days after Election Day. The parcel tax measure passed.

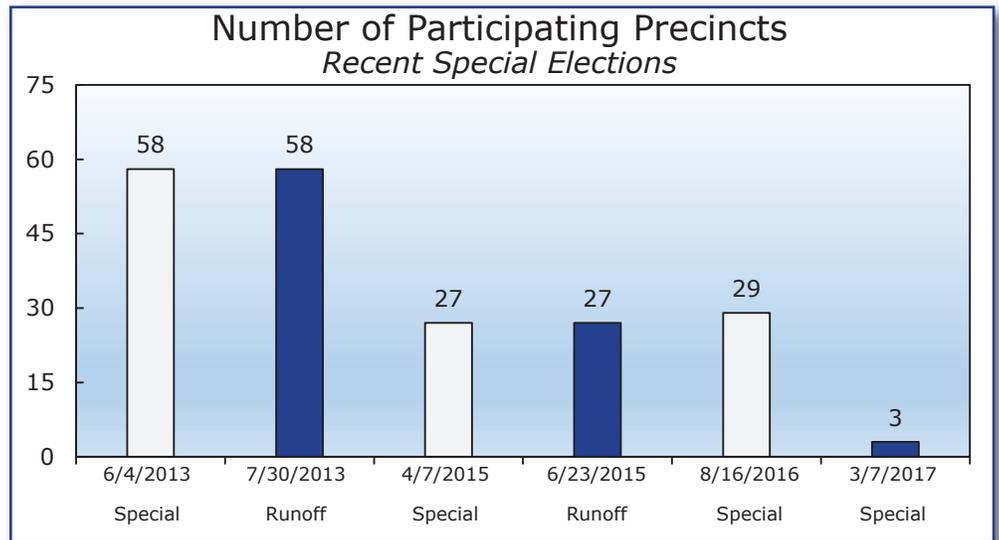
Data compiled from this election indicates that the district's voters are increasingly registering as vote-by mail, and in small elections each vote can have a greater impact on the numbers.

## Comparison Election Profiles

| Election                        | Voting Jurisdiction            | Registered Voters | Total Turnout | Turnout Rate |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| March 7, 2017, Special Election | Lakeside Joint School District | 416               | 244           | 58.7%        |
| May 7, 2013, All-Mail Election  | Lakeside Joint School District | 385               | 196           | 50.9%        |
| May 4, 2010, All-Mail Election  | Lakeside Joint School District | 393               | 229           | 58.3%        |



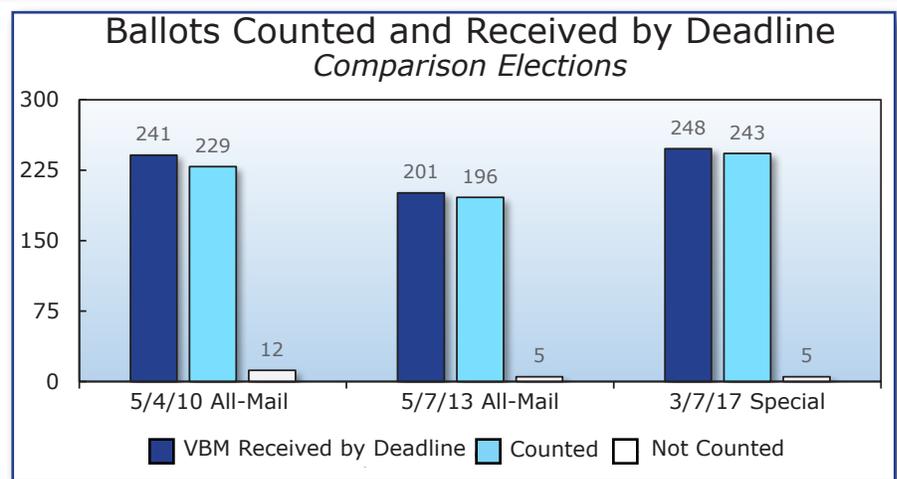
The number of jurisdictions participating in special elections can vary greatly, depending on the size and scope of the election. For the March 7, 2017, Special Election, for example, only three precincts participated, while 58 precincts participated in both the June 4, 2013, Special Election and the July 30, 2013, Special Runoff Election.



## FAQ

**Q:** How often are special mail elections called by local jurisdictions?

**A:** Since 2009, the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters has conducted at least one, and as many as four, special elections each year, in addition to the regularly scheduled elections for that year.



## What's New for This Election

As the first election of 2017, the March 7, 2017, Special Election served as the first opportunity for the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to implement Conditional Voter Registration (CVR), a new state law enabling eligible voters who missed the 15-day registration deadline to conditionally register at the Registrar of Voters' office.

### Conditional Voter Registration

On January 1, 2017, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) became effective in California. Under this new law, eligible voters who missed the 15-day registration deadline now have the opportunity to come to the Registrar of Voters' office between 14 days prior to Election Day and the day of the election, and conditionally register to vote. If the voter's information is validated, their CVR ballot will be counted. There were no voters to register using CVR in the March 7, 2017, Special Election.



### Election Facts

**3** precincts

**1** contest

**1** ballot card

**7" by 12"**  
ballot  
dimensions

# Familiar Ballot, Familiar Measure

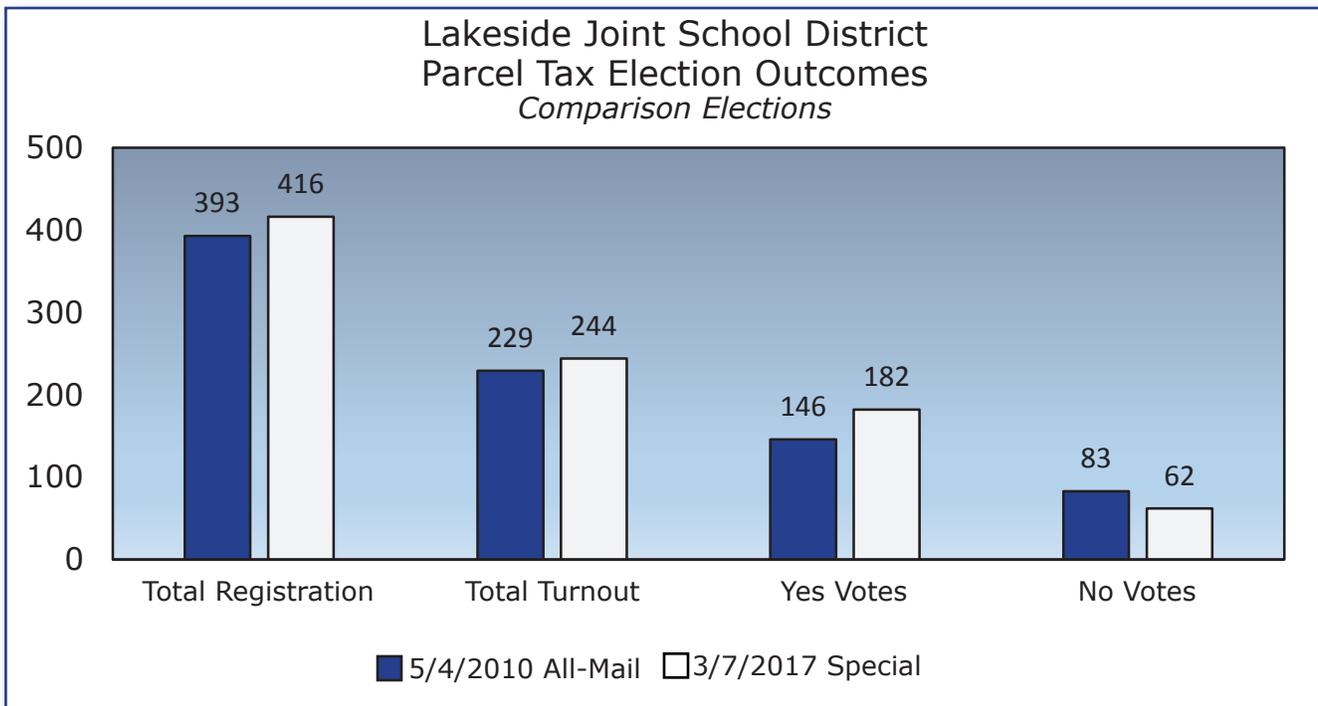
Voters in the Lakeside Joint School District may have had déjà vu when casting their ballots for or against a parcel tax measure in the March 7, 2017, Special Election. On May 4, 2010, nearly seven years earlier, district voters approved the original parcel tax measure in a special mail ballot election also conducted solely by mail. For the 2017 election, voters were asked to vote on an additional parcel tax.

The voting statistics of both elections were fairly evenly matched. For the 2010 election, 229 voters turned out to cast their ballots. In 2010, Santa Clara County voters were 63.8% in favor, which, combined with the 68.7% of voters who voted “yes” in Santa Cruz County, gave the measure the required 66.67% supermajority for passage. In 2017, voter turnout was slightly higher, as was registration. The measure had even stronger support in 2017 than in 2010, with 74.6% of Santa Clara County voters being in favor, an increase of more than 10 percentage points.

Voter registration and turnout can vary from election to election for a wide variety of reasons, including the placement of other election contests on the ballot, the timing of the election in relation to other elections, and voter interest in the contest. The 2017 election may have gained a higher turnout because a larger parcel tax renewal measure on the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election ballot had narrowly failed, or because the measure had a higher degree of importance among the voters than in the past. Other factors, such as the economy, a changing electorate, and neighborhood issues, often play a role in voter participation.

Although it is impossible to determine exactly why voter registration or turnout numbers are lower in some elections, these differences between the 2010, 2013 and 2017 elections possibly played a role.

In addition to comparing the March 7, 2017, Special Election with the similar May 4, 2010, Special Mail Ballot Election, this report also compares the data to the May 7, 2013, Special Mail Ballot Election, in which voters were asked to decide the proposed re-organization of Lakeside Joint School District. This comparison is intended to show the differences in voter registration and turnout between the various elections.



Even though both elections were special elections, the 2017 election saw a higher voter turnout, and the measure passed with a larger percentage of the vote than the 2010 all-mail election.

# II. Election Planning and Implementation

## Introduction

The March 7, 2017, Special Election, called by the Lakeside Joint School District, was conducted via mail ballots and early voting at the Registrar of Voters' office.

Lakeside Joint School District is a joint district and single elementary school community that involves voters in portions of both Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters conducts the election for voters in Santa Clara County, while the elections office of Santa Cruz County conducts the election for voters in Santa Cruz County.

The majority of ballots cast for this special election were received on or prior to Election Day, and 100% of the ballots were received within three days after the election. Results were certified on March 20, only 13 days after the election.

Upon the independent completion and certification of both counties' elections, results are combined to determine the final outcome. The parcel tax measure required 2/3 "yes" votes for passage, and did pass, receiving nearly 72% "yes" votes between the two counties.

### FAQ

**Q:** Did the March 7, 2017, Special Election affect preparations for the special elections held in April and May, 2017?

**A:** Because elections require extensive planning months and sometimes a year in advance, the Registrar of Voters often works on multiple elections at the same time. Due to the limited size and scope of the March 7, 2017, Special Election, preparations for future elections were not adversely affected in any way. None of the three special elections in Spring of 2017 had voters in common, so voters would not receive ballots for more than one of these elections.

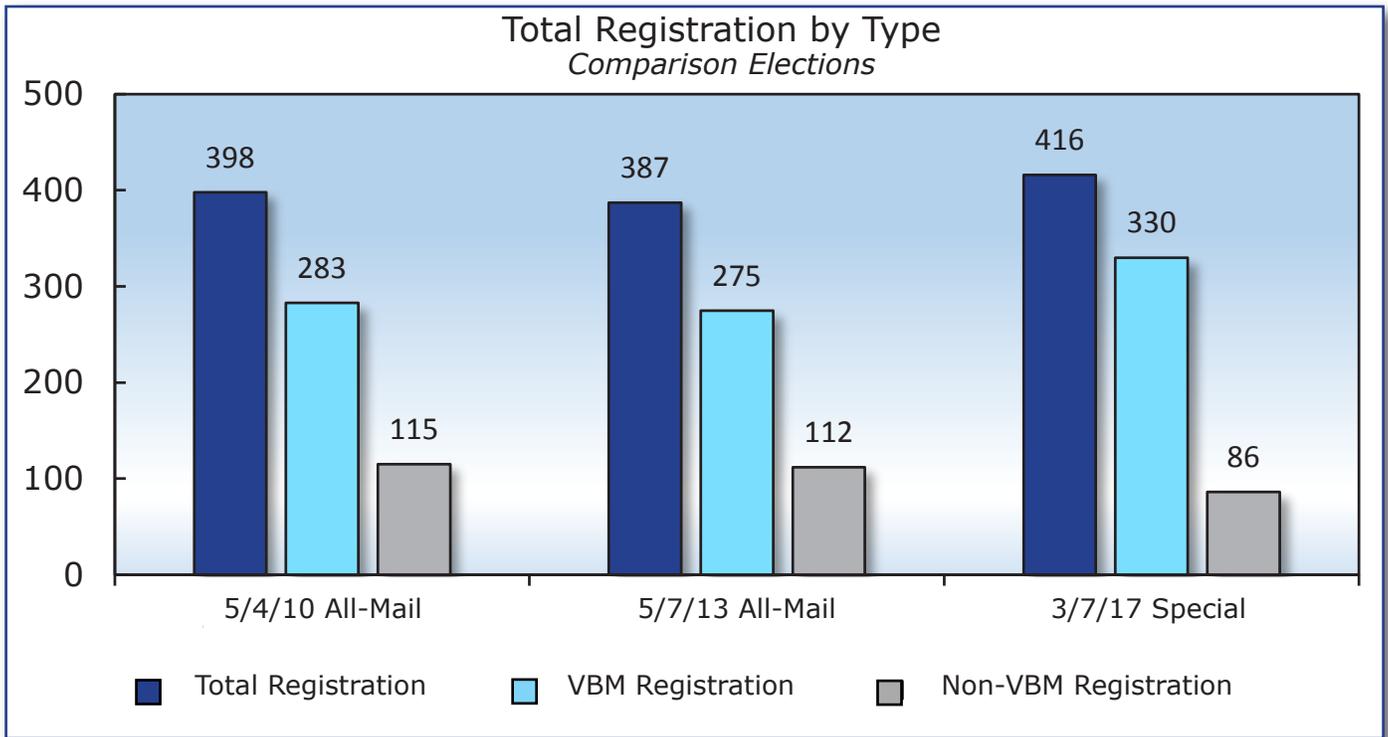
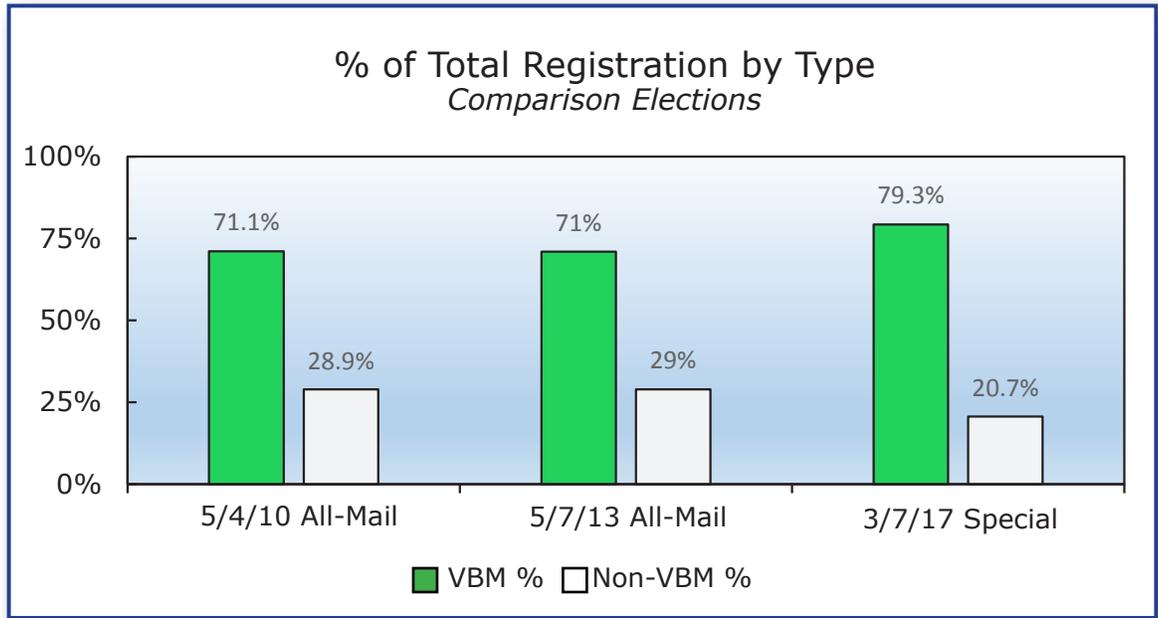
### Ballot Drop-off Locations *Lakeside Joint School District*

- Los Gatos Town Hall; 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos
- Los Gatos Library; 100 Villa Avenue, Los Gatos
- Registrar of Voters' Office; 1555 Berger Drive, Parking Lot, San Jose
- Santa Clara County Government Center; 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose



In teams of two, ROV staff members collect ballots from drop boxes in the town of Los Gatos.

As has been the trend throughout Santa Clara County, the percentage of voters registering as vote-by-mail has generally increased in recent years.



## FAQ

**Q:** What is the difference between a VBM voter and a non-VBM voter?

**A:** VBM voters are voters who have registered as permanent vote-by-mail voters, meaning that for every election, these voters receive their ballot in the mail. Non-VBM voters are voters who typically vote at the polls and do not usually receive a ballot by mail. The March 7, 2017, Special Election, although not officially categorized as an all-mail election, was treated as one since each of the district's three precincts within the county contained fewer votes than the threshold for establishing a polling place.

### Become a Permanent *Vote by Mail* Voter

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No Parking

No Rush  
No Worries

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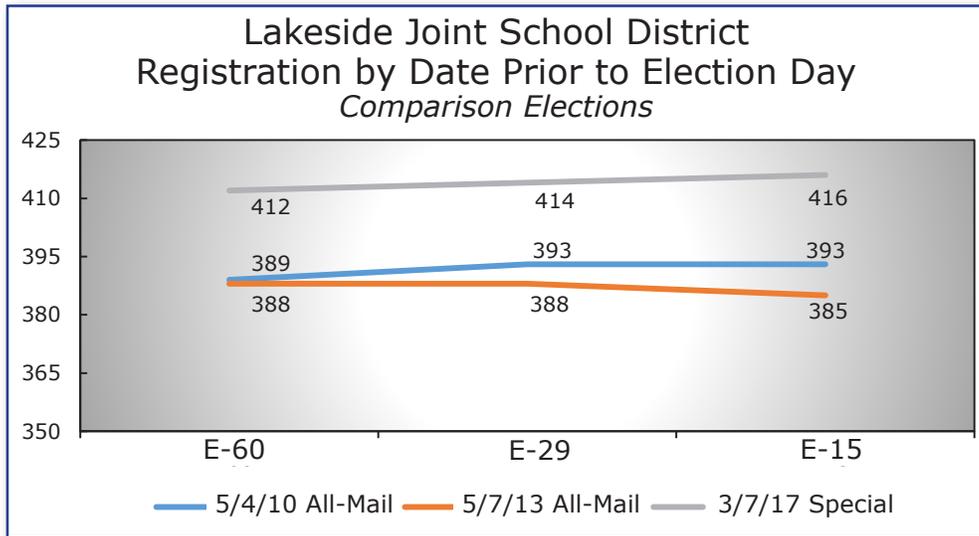
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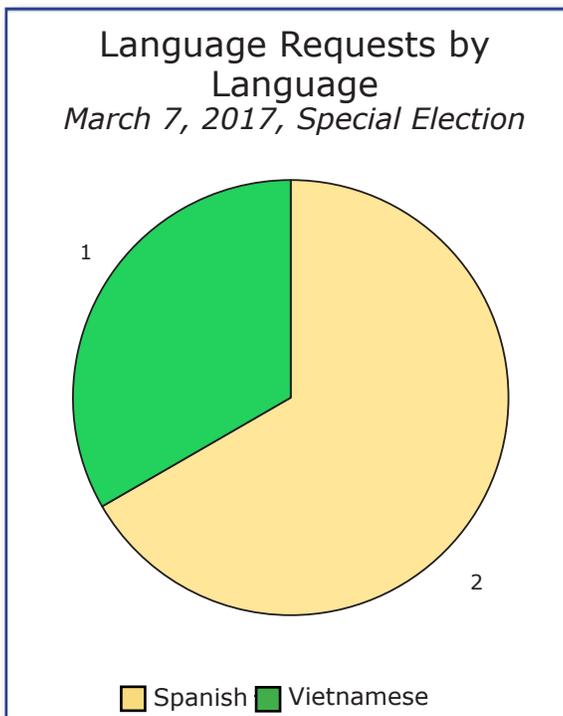
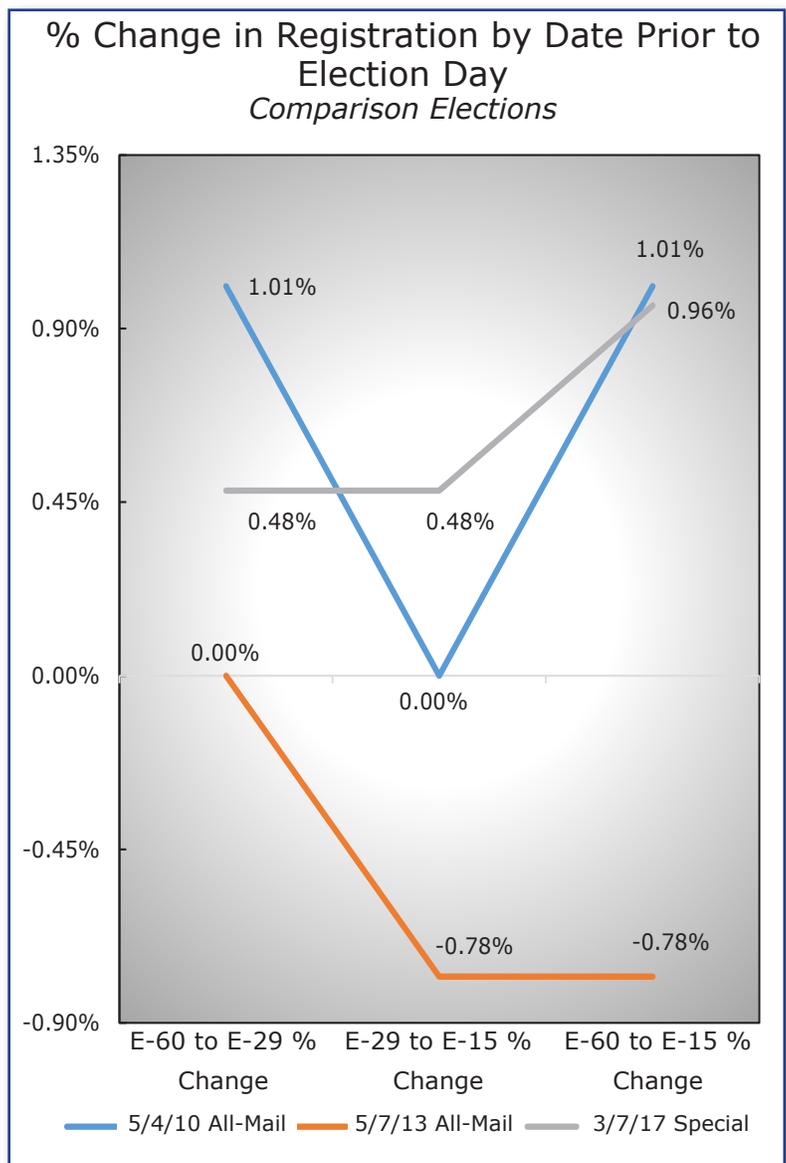
## FAQ

**Q:** Why are **E-60**, **E-29**, and **E-15** dates so important?

**A:** **E-60**, **E-29**, and **E-15** refer to the number of days before an election. Sixty days before an election (**E-60**, or "E minus 60"), is the day that vote-by-mail ballots are sent to voters in the military and those residing overseas. Twenty-nine days before Election Day (**E-29**) is the date that all other vote-by-mail ballots are mailed, and also the first day of early voting in the ROV office. Fifteen days before Election Day (**E-15**) is the last day to register to vote in an election.



The total registration in any given jurisdiction is relatively stable, but will frequently spike significantly before an election, often due in large part to increased public interest and voter registration drives conducted by political parties or nonprofit groups. The May 4, 2010, All-Mail Election and the March 7, 2017, Special Election both saw a slight increase in total registrations between standard deadlines, while the May 7, 2013, All-Mail Election experienced a slight decrease in total registrations between deadlines.

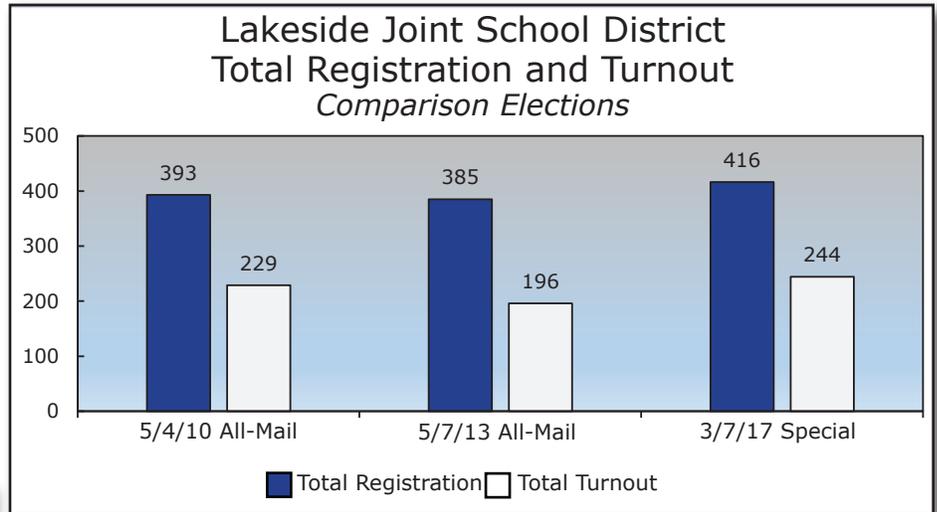


# III. Election Tallying and Post-Election

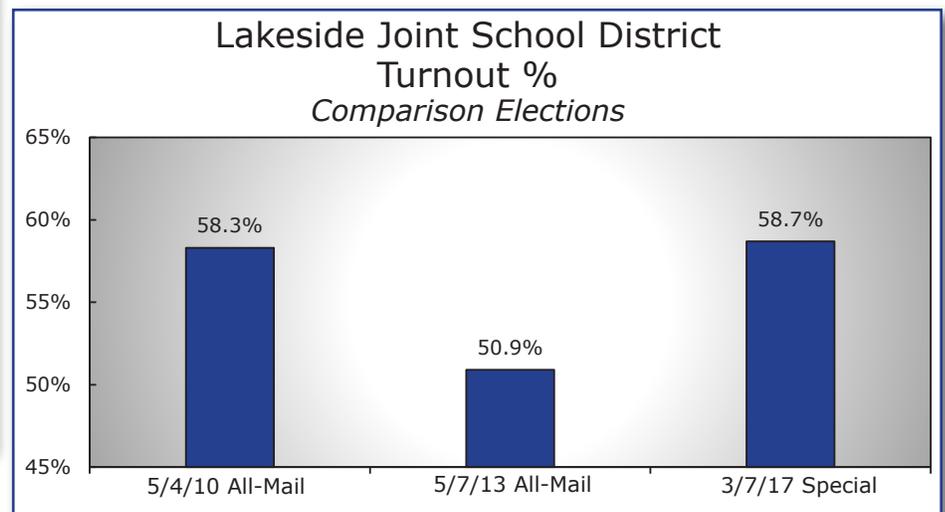
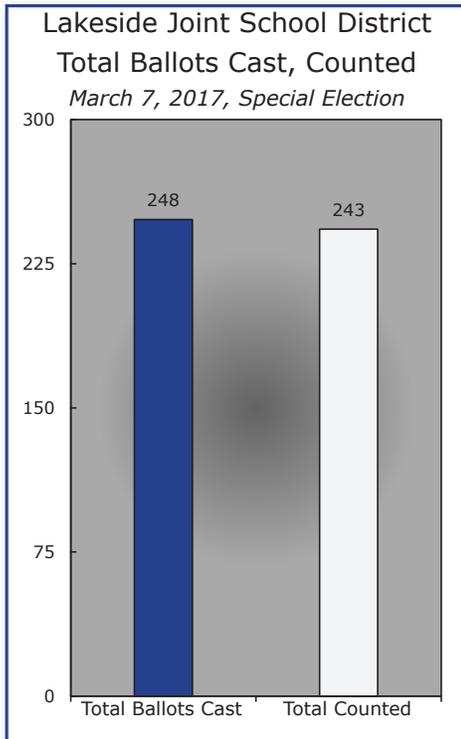
## Introduction

Nearly six in 10 voters in the Lakeside Joint School District participated in the March 7, 2017, Special Election, compared with just over half of the district's voters participating in the all-mail election in May 2013.

After conducting the **canvass** for the March 7, 2017, Special Election, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) determined that 98% of the ballots received were eligible to be counted in the election.



The voter turnout rate in the Lakeside Joint School District March 2017 Special Election was 58.6%, higher than the May 2013 All-Mail Election, and about the same as the May 2010 All-Mail Election.



As in other elections, the vast majority of ballots received are counted. Only a small percentage are not counted, often due to lacking the voter's signature or being received too late.

### FAQ

**Q:** What is the **canvass**?

**A:** The canvass is a complete audit of all ballots received to ensure that every ballot was processed and the results are complete and accurate. The canvass begins immediately following Election Day and must be completed before the Registrar of Voters can certify the election results and provide them to the governing board of the local jurisdiction.

# Extended Vote Counting

With only one contest on the ballot and no local polling places, most voters turned in their ballots early for the March 7, 2017, Special Election. By the day before Election Day, more than three-quarters of the ballots cast for this election had been received by the Registrar of Voters' office (ROV). Within three days after Election Day, all valid ballots cast had been received.

The ROV only includes ballots received by the third day after Election Day, or **E+3**, in the count of total ballots cast. Any ballots received after this time are invalid according to state law. For the March 7, 2017, Special Election, all ballots were received on or before the legally mandated E+3 deadline.

## Ballot Envelopes Processed

| Date         | E-Date              | Total Received | Received by Mail | Dropped Off | Counted    | Challenged |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 2/6          | E-29                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/7          | E-28                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/8          | E-27                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/9          | E-26                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/10         | E-25                | 1              | 1                | 0           | 1          | 0          |
| 2/11         | E-24                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/12         | E-23                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/13         | E-22                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/14         | E-21                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/15         | E-20                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/16         | E-19                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/17         | E-18                | 5              | 5                | 0           | 5          | 0          |
| 2/18         | E-17                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/19         | E-16                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/20         | E-15                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/21         | E-14                | 61             | 61               | 0           | 60         | 1          |
| 2/22         | E-13                | 16             | 16               | 0           | 16         | 0          |
| 2/23         | E-12                | 13             | 10               | 3           | 13         | 0          |
| 2/24         | E-11                | 1              | 1                | 0           | 1          | 0          |
| 2/25         | E-10                | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/26         | E-9                 | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 2/27         | E-8                 | 31             | 31               | 0           | 31         | 0          |
| 2/28         | E-7                 | 10             | 10               | 0           | 10         | 0          |
| 3/1          | E-6                 | 5              | 5                | 0           | 5          | 0          |
| 3/2          | E-5                 | 2              | 2                | 0           | 2          | 0          |
| 3/3          | E-4                 | 23             | 22               | 1           | 22         | 1          |
| 3/4          | E-3                 | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 3/5          | E-2                 | 0              | 0                | 0           | 0          | 0          |
| 3/6          | E-1                 | 21             | 21               | 0           | 21         | 0          |
| <b>3/7</b>   | <b>Election Day</b> | <b>24</b>      | <b>10</b>        | <b>10</b>   | <b>24</b>  | <b>0</b>   |
| 3/8          | E+1                 | 22             | 1                | 21          | 22         | 0          |
| 3/9          | E+2                 | 10             | 0                | 10          | 10         | 0          |
| 3/10         | E+3                 | 3              | 0                | 3           | 0          | 3          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>n/a</b>          | <b>248</b>     | <b>196</b>       | <b>48</b>   | <b>243</b> | <b>5</b>   |

Most of the ballots received during the March 7, 2017, Special Election were received before Election Day. In polling place elections, such as presidential elections, a chart like this will typically show a higher volume of ballots coming in on Election Day due to polling place voters.

## FAQ

- Q:** Are vote-by-mail envelopes processed on the same day that they are received?
- A:** Generally, yes. However, there are a few exceptions. During the days around Election Day, large volumes of vote-by-mail envelopes may create a backlog requiring some to be processed on subsequent days. Additionally, some envelopes are challenged and require additional verification before processing. After the envelope is processed, state law prevents the Registrar of Voters' office from opening the envelope and tallying the ballot until 10 days before Election Day, and results of the tally cannot be released until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## Challenge Reasons

| Reason       | Explanation                               | No.      |
|--------------|---|----------|
| Deceased     | Voter has passed away before Election Day | 0        |
| No Ballot    | Envelope returned without a ballot        | 1        |
| No Signature | Voter did not sign the envelope           | 1        |
| Too Late     | Ballot received past final E + 3 Deadline | 3        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>n/a</b>                                | <b>5</b> |

Santa Clara County began paying for postage on vote-by-mail return envelopes in 2015. Historically, neither voters in mail ballot precincts nor voters in all-mail elections, were not required to pay the postage to return their ballots.

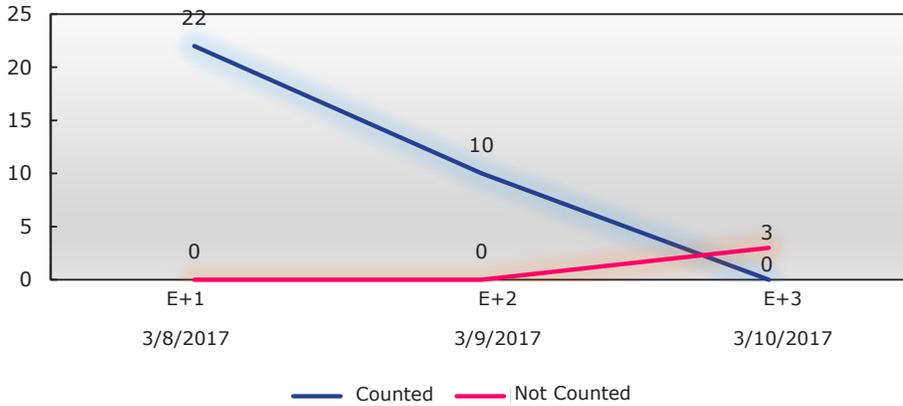
## FAQ

- Q:** What does it mean when a vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot is **challenged**?
- A:** A challenged VBM ballot is one that must be verified before it can be counted. A VBM ballot would be challenged when the envelope is not signed by the voter or the envelope appears to be signed by someone other than the voter. Challenged ballots are flagged by a sorting machine and manually verified by ROV staff. During the March 7, 2017, Special Election, a total of five ballots were found to be challenged, and as result, were unable to be counted.

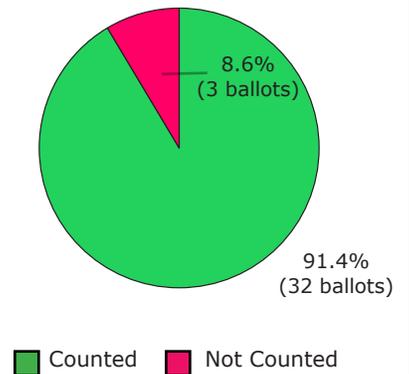
## FAQ

- Q:** What does **E+3** ("E plus 3") mean?
- A:** Like the days preceding an election, the Registrar of Voters tracks days following an election in relation to Election Day. Just as **E-60** ("E minus 60") denotes the 60th day before an election, **E+1** denotes the first day after an election. **E+3**, therefore, is three days after Election Day.

### E + 3 Vote-by-Mail (VBM) Ballots Counted March 7, 2017, Special Election

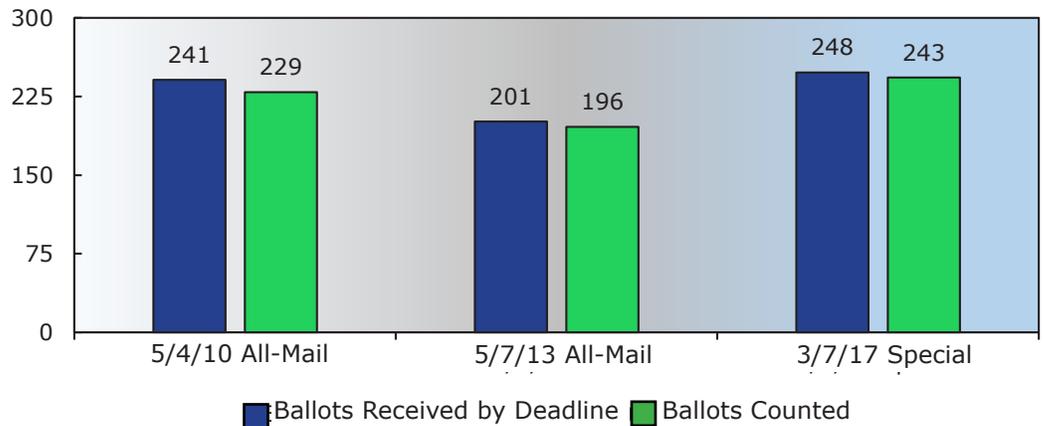


### % E+3 Ballots Counted

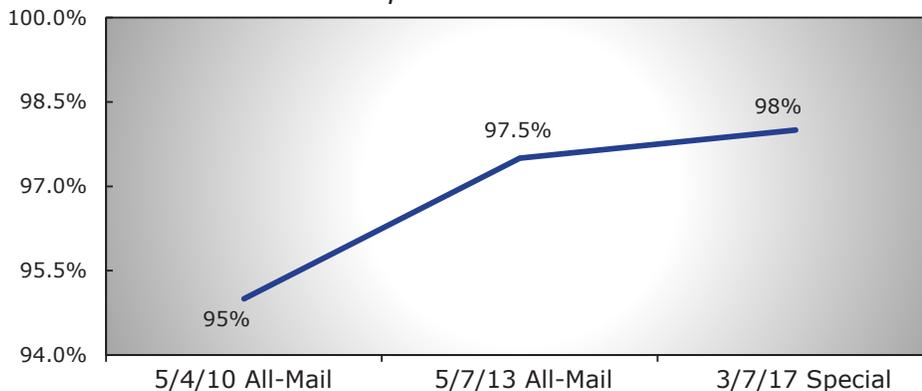


The steadily increasing percentage of voters opting to vote by mail means that the Registrar of Voters must work continuously before, on, and after Election Day to process vote-by-mail ballots as quickly as possible. Recent laws require processing for ballots received up to three days after Election Day, and allow unsigned ballot envelopes to be corrected up to eight days after Election Day. By extending the time during which the Registrar of Voters processes ballots, these laws have lengthened the ballot processing time frame.

### Lakeside Joint School District Ballots Received by Deadline, Ballots Counted Comparison Elections

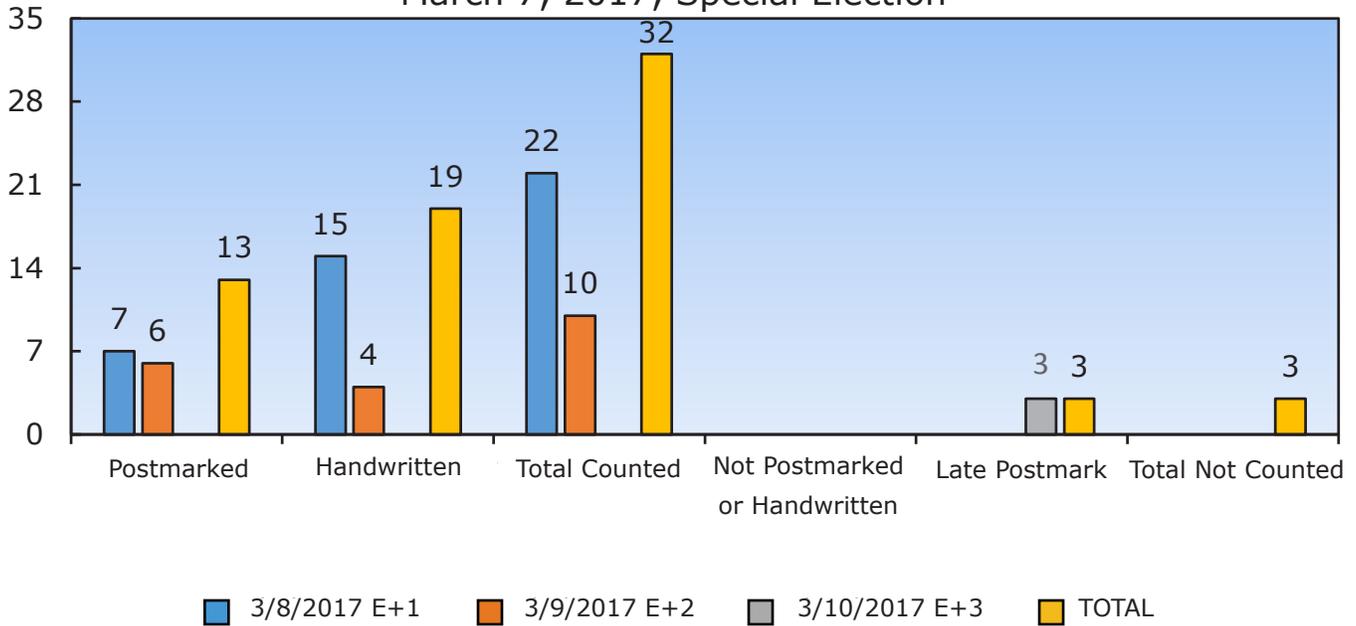


### Lakeside Joint School District % of Ballots Counted When Received by Deadline Comparison Elections



Virtually all ballots received by the state-mandated receipt deadline are counted. For the March 7, 2017, Special Election, the deadline for receiving ballots was E+3, or March 10. The deadline for the comparison elections, however, was on Election Day. Only a very small fraction of ballots are not counted. The March 7, 2017, Special Election saw a slightly lower percentage of uncountable ballots, and the new laws allowing extended delivery times and an opportunity for voters to correct missing signatures on their vote-by-mail envelopes have helped ensure that as many ballots as possible may be counted in accordance with the law.

### E + 3 Ballots Counted and Not Counted March 7, 2017, Special Election



For the March 7, 2017, Special Election, only one unsigned ballot envelope was found during ballot processing. Registrar of Voters staff mailed an Unsigned Ballot Statement form to the voter to ensure the voter’s ballot was counted. Staff additionally made follow-up contact, and managed to reach the voter. Staff members were informed that they would receive the signed form shortly, but never did so. As a result, one eligible vote was unable to be counted for this election.

#### FAQ

**Q:** What is an **Unsigned Ballot Statement**?  
**A:** An **unsigned ballot statement** is a form signed by a voter to provide a signature in the event that the voter did not sign his or her vote-by-mail envelope.

A new law went into effect on January 1, 2017, known as Conditional Voter Registration (CVR). Under this new law, eligible voters who missed the 15-day registration deadline now have the opportunity to come to the Registrar of Voters’ office between 14 days prior to Election Day and the day of the election, and conditionally register to vote. CVR ballots will be counted upon validation of the voter’s information.

| Calendar Date | E-Date       |
|---------------|--------------|
| 2/6           | E-29         |
| 2/7           | E-28         |
| 2/8           | E-27         |
| 2/9           | E-26         |
| 2/10          | E-25         |
| 2/11          | E-24         |
| 2/12          | E-23         |
| 2/13          | E-22         |
| 2/14          | E-21         |
| 2/15          | E-20         |
| 2/16          | E-19         |
| 2/17          | E-18         |
| 2/18          | E-17         |
| 2/19          | E-16         |
| 2/20          | E-15         |
| 2/21          | E-14         |
| 2/22          | E-13         |
| 2/23          | E-12         |
| 2/24          | E-11         |
| 2/25          | E-10         |
| 2/26          | E-9          |
| 2/27          | E-8          |
| 2/28          | E-7          |
| 3/1           | E-6          |
| 3/2           | E-5          |
| 3/3           | E-4          |
| 3/4           | E-3          |
| 3/5           | E-2          |
| 3/6           | E-1          |
| 3/7           | Election Day |
| 3/8           | E+1          |
| 3/9           | E+2          |
| 3/10          | E+3          |
| 3/11          | E+4          |
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| 3/14          | E+7          |
| 3/15          | E+8          |

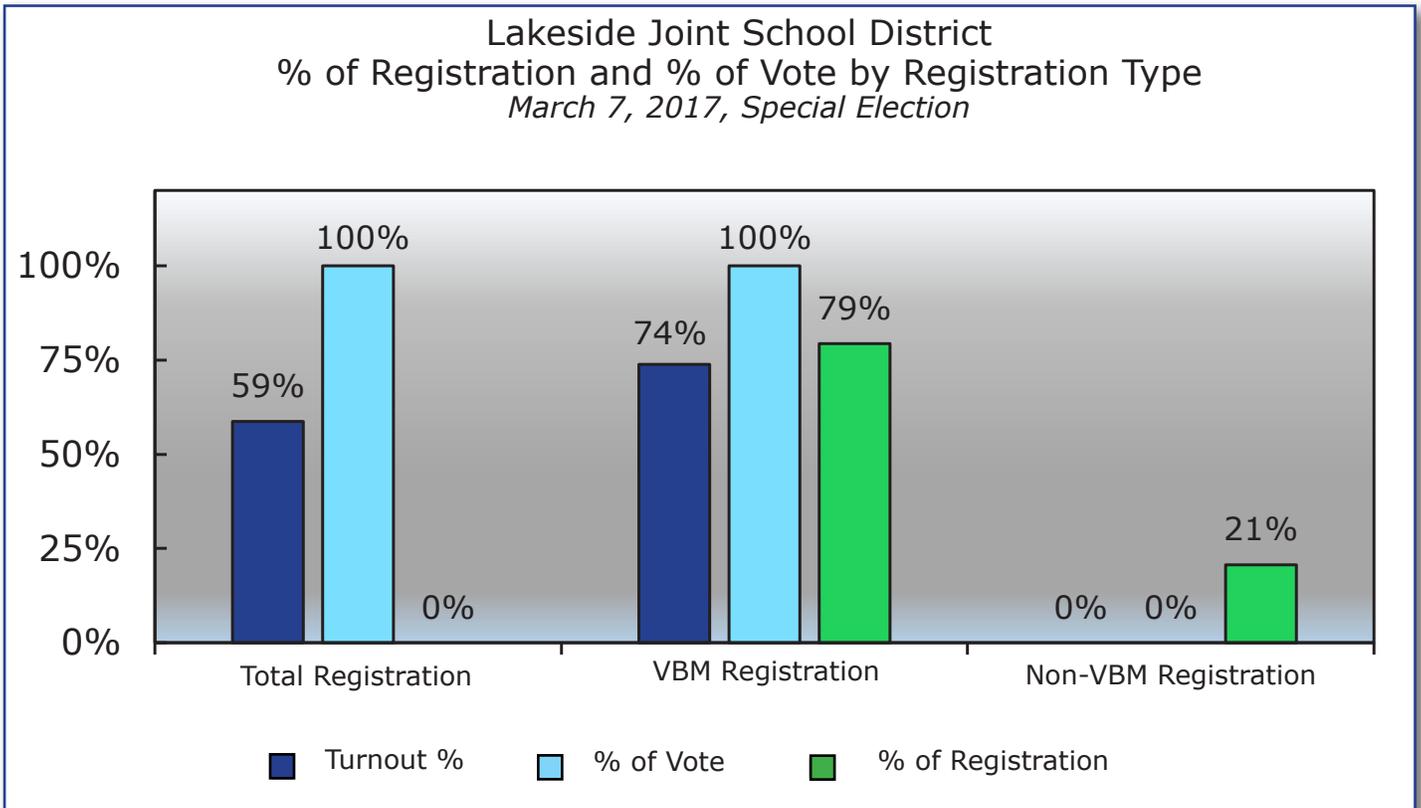
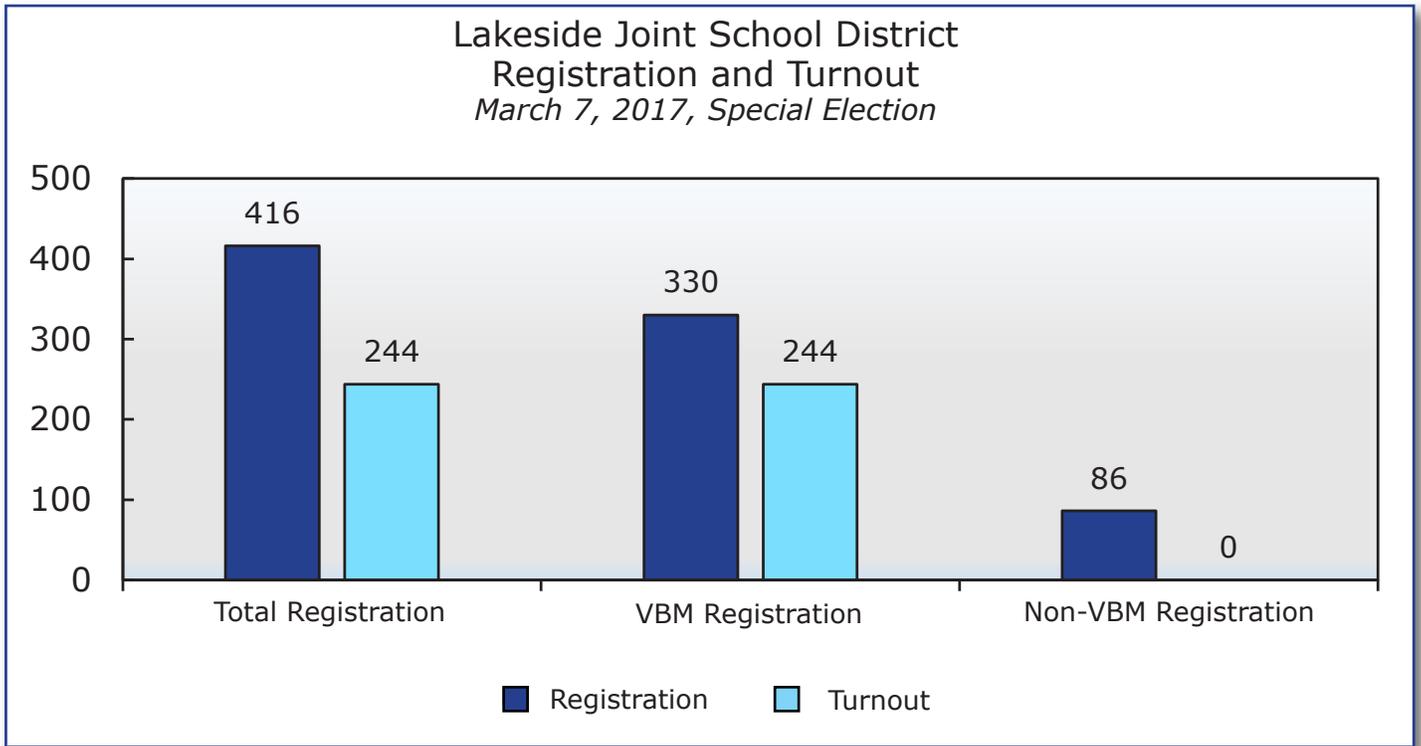
#### Important Election Dates

| Calendar Date | E-Date       | Event  |
|---------------|--------------|--|
| 2/6           | E-29         | Ballots mailed to all registered voters  |
| 2/20          | E-15         | Last day to register to vote   |
| 3/7           | Election Day | Election Day   |
| 3/10          | E+3          | Last day for the ROV to receive ballots mailed by voters on or before Election Day |
| 3/15          | E+8          | Deadline for the ROV to receive Unsigned Ballot Statements                         |

# VBM Voters and Non-VBM Voters

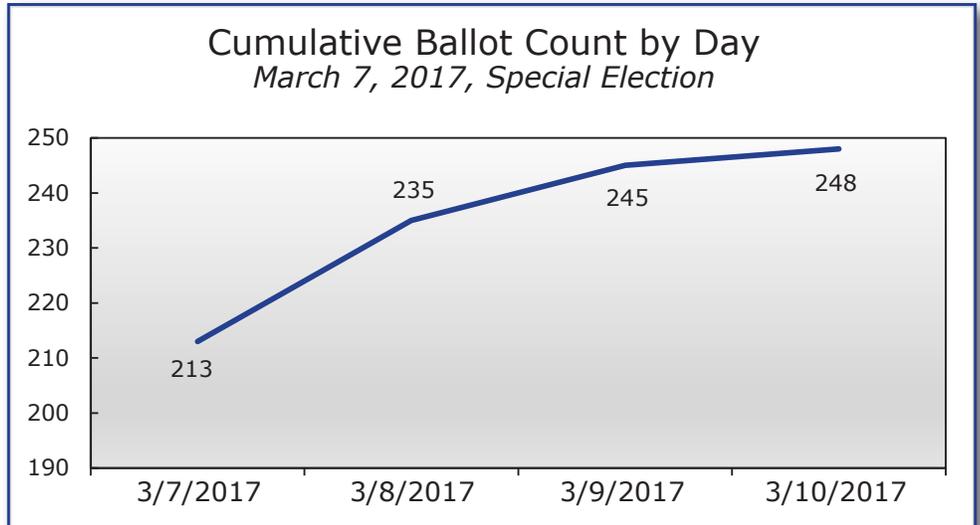
The March 7, 2017, Special Election consisted of 416 registered voters in the Lakeside Joint School District. More than three-quarters of participating voters in the district had requested to be permanent vote-by-mail (VBM) voters, higher than the county average. In all-mail elections or mail ballot precincts, all ballots received are counted as VBM ballots. The graphs on this page

indicate that none of the 86 non-VBM voters cast a ballot, when in all likelihood an unknown number of these voters did in fact vote, but their ballots were counted as VBM. Since this particular special election was extremely limited in size and scope, there were no polling places established. Instead, the Registrar of Voters treated it just as if it were an all-mail election.

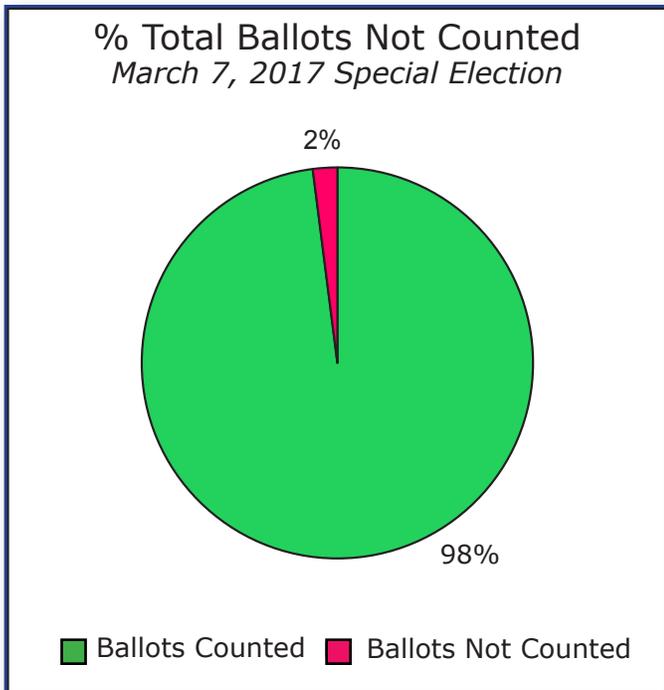
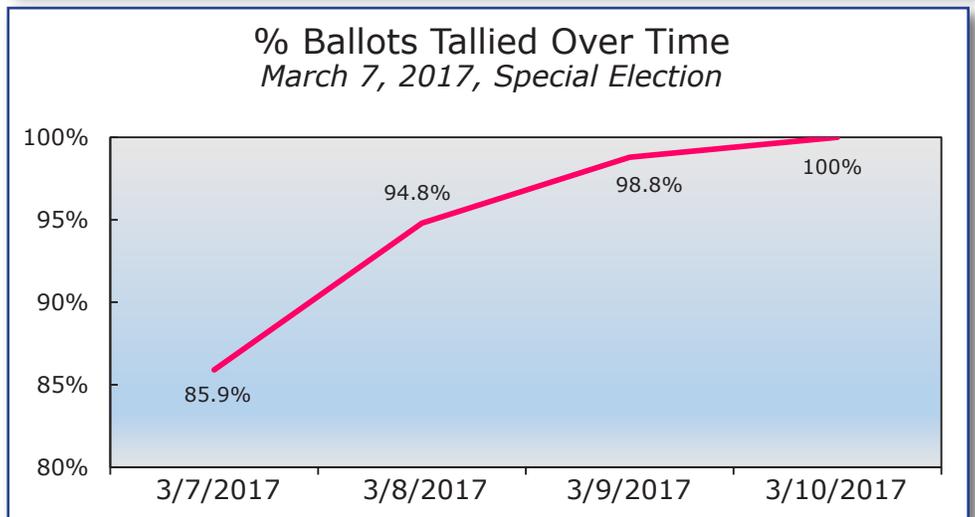


# Final Vote Tally

Within two days after Election Day, the Registrar of Voters' office had counted 245 ballots, or 98.8% of the total turnout for the election. By three days after Election Day, the **E+3** deadline, 100% of the total turnout for the election had been recorded. There were neither **overvotes** nor **undervotes** on voters' cast ballots in the March 7, 2017, Special Election.



All valid ballots for the March 7, 2017, Special Election were received and counted within three days after Election Day.



## FAQ

**Q:** What is an **overvote**?

**A:** An **overvote** is when a voter votes for too many choices in a specific contest. When tallying the March 7, 2017, Special Election ballots, no overvotes were recorded.

## FAQ

**Q:** What is an **undervote**?

**A:** An **undervote** is when a voter does not vote for all the eligible choices in a specific election contest. No undervotes were recorded for the March 7, 2017, Special Election.



Soccer fields lie next to the Lakeside Elementary School campus.



The original single-room school building sits just above the soccer fields.

# Postscript

Despite the small number of voters participating in the March 7, 2017, Special Election, the election process provides us with many interesting stats:

- This election was the **10th special election the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has conducted since 2009**. Including all-mail special elections, this election was the **19th special election since 2009**.
- It was the **first of at least four elections the ROV plans to conduct in 2017**. The ROV has conducted an average of four elections per year since 2010.
- It concerned “Measure A,” a ballot measure for the Lakeside Joint School District seeking an additional parcel tax to the one originally approved by the district’s voters in 2010.
  - The **turnout rate was nearly 8 percentage points higher** than the rate for the most recent Lakeside mail ballot election in 2013, and about the same as the previous parcel tax election in 2010.
  - Approximately **59% of registered voters in the district participated** in this special election in Santa Clara County.
  - Similarly, almost **60% of registered voters participated** in Santa Cruz County.
- The measure had strong support among Santa Clara County voters with **74.6% of the 244 participating voters in Lakeside Joint School District** voting “Yes” on the measure.
- The measure also had strong support in Santa Cruz County, with **70.3% of 512 participating voters in favor**.
- The measure passed with approximately **72% of voters in favor** between the two counties.
- Of all the registered voters in this special election, **79% were permanent vote-by-mail voters**.
- **98% of ballots** received were **counted as valid** in this election.
- The ROV **certified the results on March 20, 2017**, only 13 days after Election Day.

## Post-Election Reports

Find this and past post-election reports online by visiting [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Resources/Pages/Statistics.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Resources/Pages/Statistics.aspx).

# Register, Update, and Participate

The best way to ensure that your voice is heard is to vote. The Registrar of Voters (ROV) offers numerous ways you can register to vote, update your registration information, stay informed regarding election news, track your ballot, and locate your polling place.

## Register to Vote

- **In Person:** Visit the ROV’s office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, in San Jose.
- **By Mail:** Obtain a voter registration affidavit from a library, post office, or other government office.
- **Online:** Visit [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Register/Pages/Online.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Register/Pages/Online.aspx).

## Find Your Voting Information

- **By Mobile App:** Visit [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx) and click on “SCCVOTE Mobile App” to download the ROV’s app for Android or Apple.
- **Access Candidate and Measure Information:** View information about recent and upcoming elections at [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Info/Pages/CandidateINFO.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Info/Pages/CandidateINFO.aspx).
- **Keep Up to Date:** Look up your districts and polling place, verify that your ballot was received and counted, and more at [eservices.sccgov.org/rov](http://eservices.sccgov.org/rov).

## Volunteer

- Learn how to serve as a paid election officer by visiting [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Volunteer/Pages/Volunteer.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Volunteer/Pages/Volunteer.aspx).

## Update Your Registration

- Update your registration information or provide changes to your address, party affiliation, or language preference at [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Register/Pages/ChangeRegistration.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Register/Pages/ChangeRegistration.aspx).

## Connect with the ROV

- **By Phone:** 1-866-430-VOTE (8683) or 1-408-299-VOTE (8683).
- **On the Web:** Visit [www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx).
- **Facebook:** Become part of the ROV’s network at [www.facebook.com/sccvote](http://www.facebook.com/sccvote).
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