

Executive Summary - May 2, 2017 Special Mail Election Post-Election Report

The Los Gatos Union School District and the Mountain View Whisman School District called for a special all-mail election to be held on May 2, 2017, to ask voters whether to renew a parcel tax that was initially approved by voters in both districts in 2008. The Los Gatos Union and Mountain View Whisman School Districts both requested that the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) conduct the election, making the May 2, 2017, Special Mail Election the third election of calendar year 2017, joining the March 7, 2017, Special Election, as well as the April 25, 2017, Special Election.

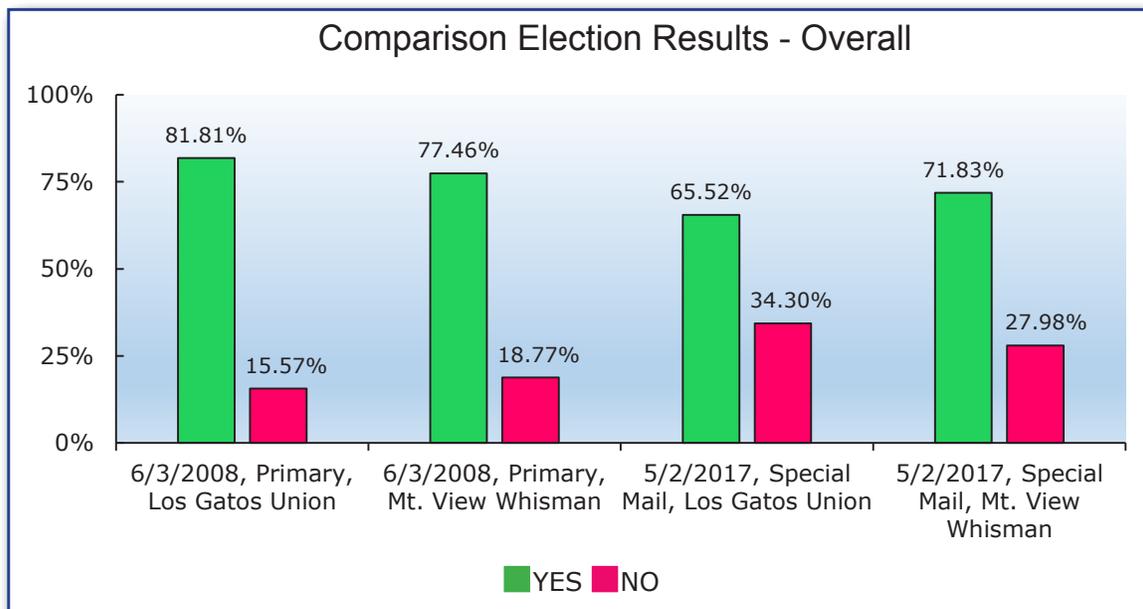
Voters in the Los Gatos Union School District turned out for the May 2, 2017, Special Mail Election at a rate nearly six percentage points lower than for the June 3, 2008, Statewide Primary Election. Approximately 40% of registered voters in the Los Gatos Union School District cast a ballot for this election, with all votes cast via vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots.



Voters in the Mountain View Whisman School District turned out for the May 2, 2017, Special Mail Election at a rate nearly nine percentage points lower than for the June 3, 2008, Statewide Primary Election. Approximately one-third of registered voters in the Mountain View Whisman School District cast a ballot for this particular election, with all votes cast via VBM ballots. Between the two districts, the turnout rate for the May 2, 2017, Special Mail Election was roughly 35%.

As this was a special all-mail election, no polling places were established for the election and all voters received their ballots by mail. Approximately 87% of the ballots cast were received and processed by the ROV prior to Election Day. The ROV was able to tally approximately 91.4% of ballots by Election Day, and close to 100% of the ballots within three days after the election. Results were certified on May 15, 2017 — 13 days after Election Day.

Election	Voting Jurisdiction	Registered Voters	Total Turnout	Turnout Rate
June 3, 2008, Statewide Primary	Los Gatos Union School District	16,589	7,508	45.3%
June 3, 2008, Statewide Primary	Mountain View Whisman School District	26,370	11,095	42.1%
May 2, 2017, Special Mail	Los Gatos Union School District	18,762	7,443	39.7%
May 2, 2017, Special Mail	Mountain View Whisman School District	31,267	10,314	33.0%



Postscript

The May 2, 2017, Special Mail Election provides a variety of interesting facts and statistics.

- This election was the **11th all-mail special election the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has conducted since 2009.**
- It was the **third election the ROV conducted in 2017.** The ROV has conducted an average of four elections per year since 2010.
- It concerned two contests, Measure A for the Los Gatos Union School District, and Measure B for the Mountain View Whisman School District, both ballot measures that would renew a parcel tax.
 - Almost **40% of registered voters participated** in the Los Gatos Union School District, and **33% of registered voters** in the Mountain View Whisman School District.
 - **Just over 65% of voters in the Los Gatos Union School District** voted “Yes” on measure A — just short of the two-thirds majority required for passage. However, nearly **72% of voters in the Mountain View Whisman School District**

voted “Yes” on Measure B — giving it the two-thirds requirement needed to pass.

- The **turnout rate was lower** in the Los Gatos Union School District jurisdiction than the rate for the previous parcel tax measure elections in 2008 and 2013, and nearly **nine percentage points lower** in the Mountain View Whisman School District than in 2008.
- **Over 87% of ballots** cast for this election were received prior to Election Day.
- **Nearly 99% of total ballots** received for this election were **counted as valid.**
- A total of **226 ballots were received too late** to be counted in this election.
- The ROV **certified the results on May 15, 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.

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.

Find Your Voting Information

- **By Mobile App:** Visit 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.
- **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.

Volunteer

- Learn how to serve as a paid election officer by visiting 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.

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.
- **Facebook:** Become part of the ROV’s network at www.facebook.com/sccvote.
- **Twitter:** Get up-to-the-minute tweets at twitter.com/sccvote.
- **YouTube:** Watch videos at www.youtube.com/user/sccvote.
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