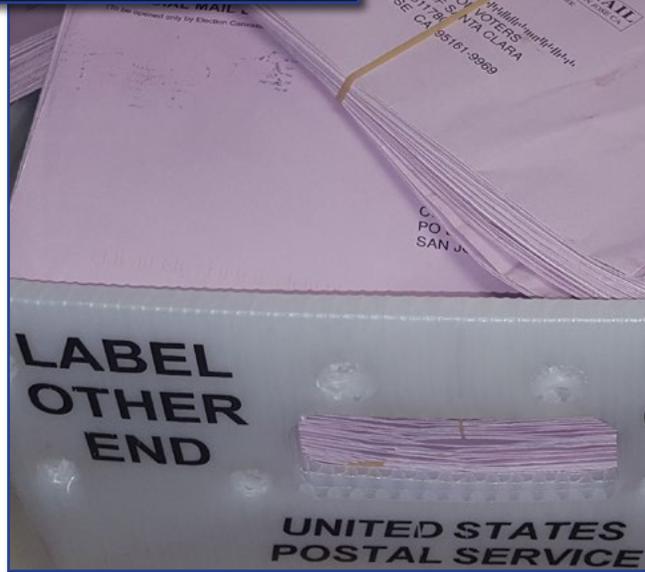
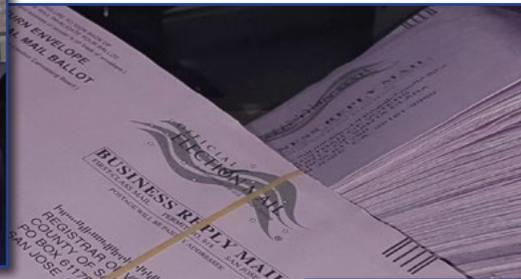




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## Registrar of Voters Post-Election Report

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Vote-by-mail return envelopes are prepared for sorting and signature verification.

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#### Note

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# I. About This Election

## Introduction

The May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election included a single **contest** only affecting residents in a specific district of the county.

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 occasionally request special elections to be held at other times throughout the year. Local jurisdictions often request special elections when a district governing board seat becomes vacant, when voters must decide a ballot **measure** question, or when a governing board member is faced with a recall.

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 Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District called a special all-mail election for May 3, 2016, to place a ballot measure before the voters that would renew a parcel tax. The parcel tax was originally approved during a special all-mail election on May 3, 2011. Only voters living within the boundaries of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District were eligible to vote in the election.

California law requires the County Registrar of Voters (ROV) to conduct special elections when requested by local jurisdictions.

### 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.

### 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.

The local jurisdiction reimburses the ROV for all of the costs associated with the special election.

### One District, Two Counties

The Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District includes portions of Los Gatos, Saratoga, and many of the communities in and near the Santa Cruz Mountains in Santa Clara County. Additionally, the district includes portions of Santa Cruz County. As a result, about 3,200 of the district's approximate 34,500 voters live and vote in Santa Cruz County.

Each county runs its own elections. For the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, the Santa Clara County ROV conducted the election for the district's voters

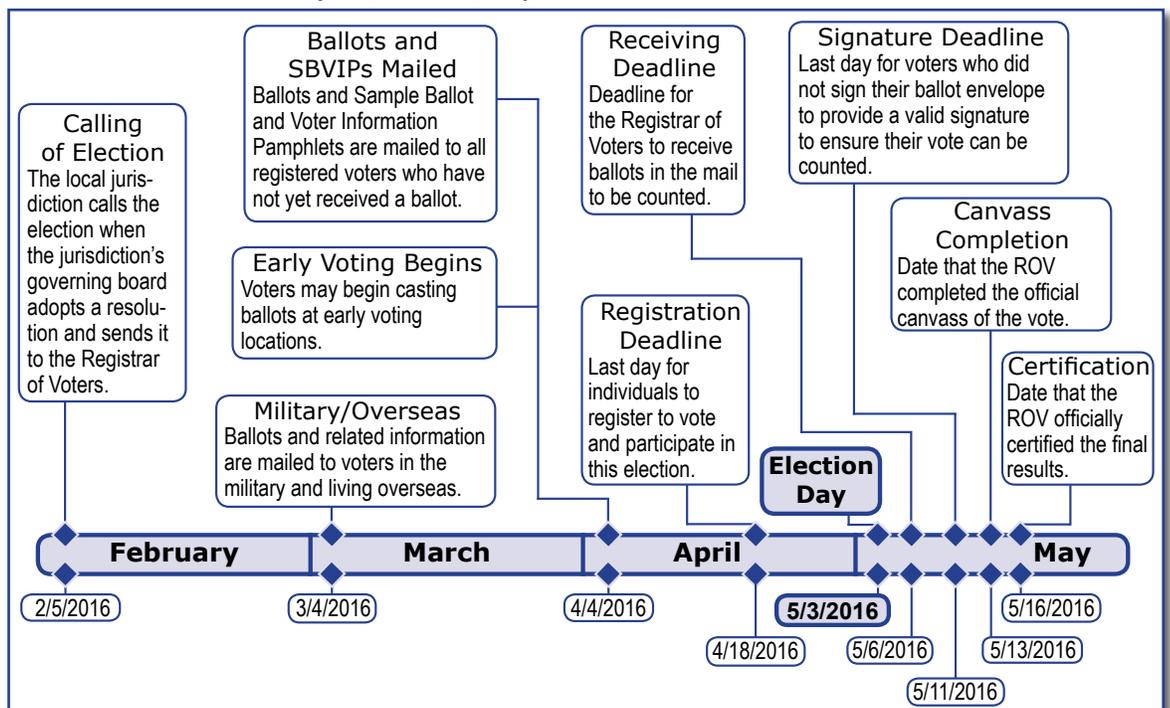
living in Santa Clara County, while Santa Cruz County's elections office conducted the election for the voters living in Santa Cruz County. After each county independently certified the results of their respective portions of the election, the results were combined to determine the final outcome.

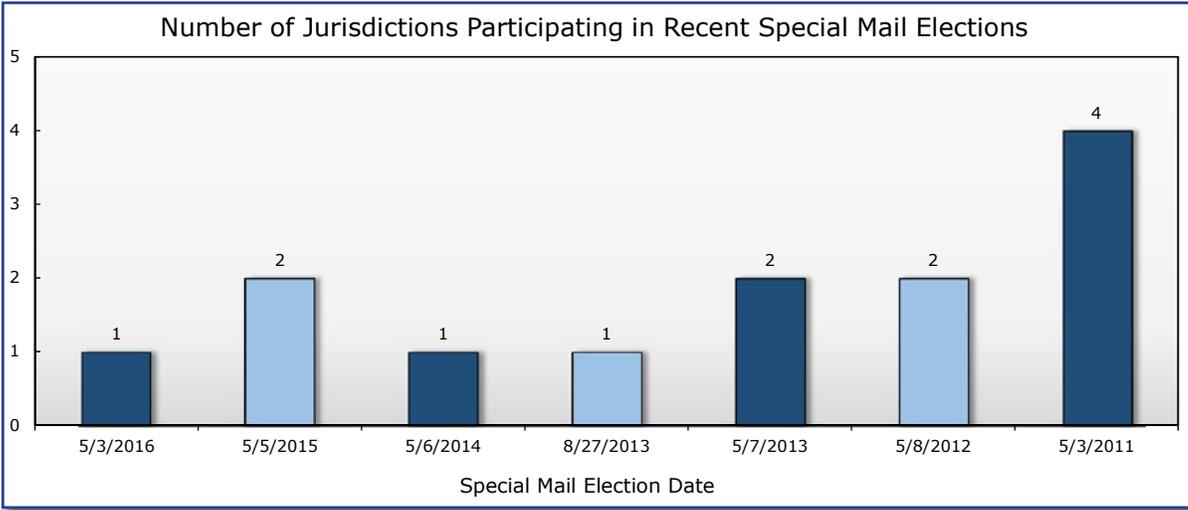
### FAQ

**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.

## Timeline of the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election



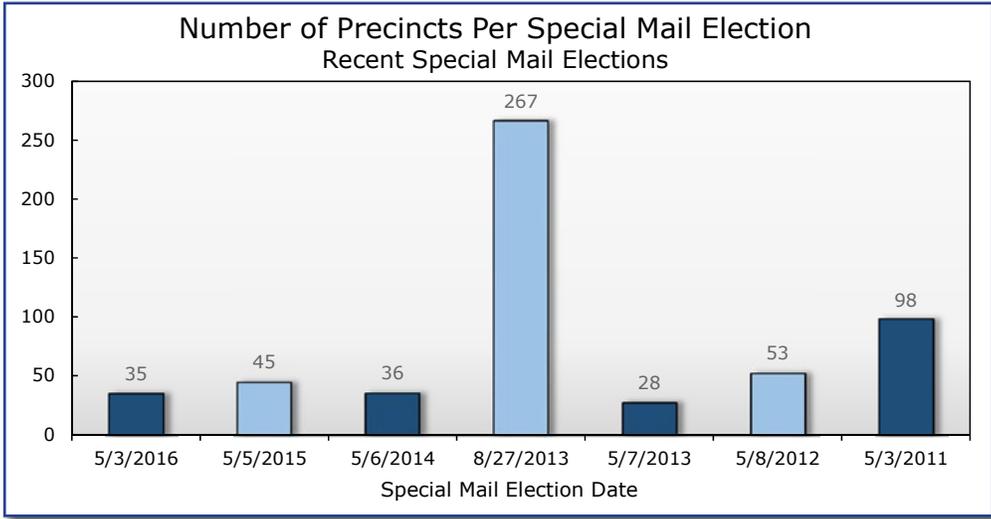


The number of jurisdictions calling special mail elections can vary greatly from year to year.

**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 each year at least one special mail election – and sometimes two special mail elections – in addition to the regularly scheduled elections for that year.



## What's New for This Election

**A**s the first election of 2016, the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election served as the first opportunity for the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to implement a new state law allowing voters to correct missing signatures on their ballot return envelopes. Additionally, this election was the first in Santa Clara County in which the new VoteCal statewide voter database was used.

**Ballot Counting within 8 Days of Election**

Voters voting by mail are required to sign the envelope to affirm they are indeed the registered voter casting the ballot. When the ballots are received, the ROV checks the signature on the return envelope against the voter's signature on file to confirm that the ballot was cast by the voter and not by another individual. Prior to 2016, if a voter forgot to sign the envelope, the voter would have to provide a signature on the envelope prior to the close of the polls on Election Day in order for his or her ballot to be counted.

On January 1, 2016, a new state law extended the time frame for voters to provide a missing envelope signature. Under the new law, voters have until the eighth day after Election Day to provide their signature. Additionally, the law simplified the process

**Election Facts**

- 35** precincts
- 1** contest
- 1** ballot card
- 7" by 12"** ballot dimensions

by allowing the voters to sign an Unsigned Ballot Statement form and mail, fax, or hand-deliver it to the ROV office rather than signing the actual envelope. The ROV received 44 completed Unsigned Ballot Statement forms by the eighth day after Election Day, meaning that the ROV counted 44 ballots that otherwise would not have been considered valid.

**VoteCal Voter Registration Database**

The May 3, 2016, Special Mail Ballot Election was the first election conducted in Santa Clara County since the ROV's successful implementation of VoteCal, the state voter registration database expected to become the official system used in all counties by June 30.

VoteCal automatically updates voter registrations when a voter re-registers in another county, and the system performs cross-referencing with other state databases to ensure that individuals who are ineligible to vote are removed from the rolls. The ROV no longer needs to send out cancellation notifications to other counties when voters move into Santa Clara County. After statewide implementation, VoteCal will also automatically produce certain required reports that the ROV previously compiled manually.

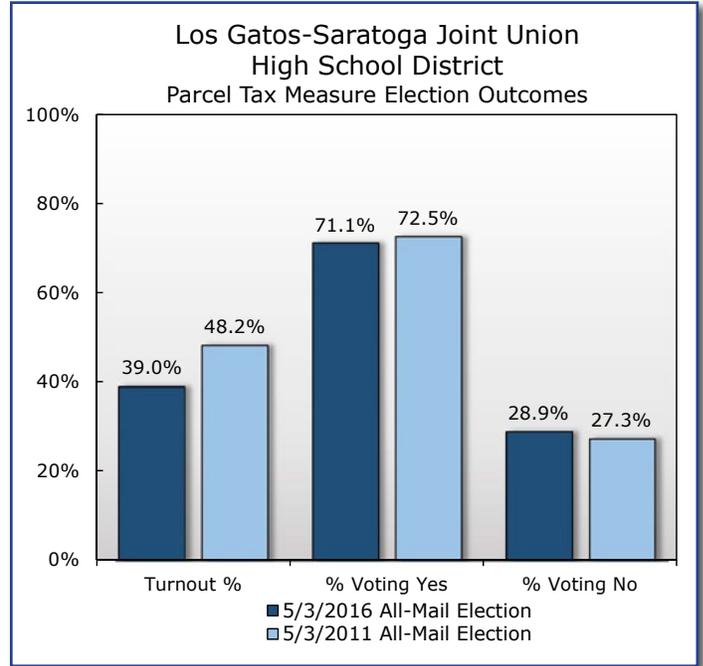
# Familiar Ballot, Familiar Measure

Voters in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District may have had déjà vu when casting their ballots for or against a parcel tax measure in the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election. On May 3, 2011, exactly five years earlier, voters approved the original parcel tax measure in a similar special election also conducted solely by mail. For the 2016 election, voters were asked to renew the same parcel tax originally approved in 2011.

The voting statistics of both elections were fairly close. For the 2011 election, almost 3,000 more voters turned out to cast their ballots, and the measure was approved with a slightly larger margin of victory. In 2016, voter turnout was slightly lower, as was registration.

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 2011 election may have gained a higher turnout because other elections were on the ballot in other districts, the election took place during an off year with few other high-profile elections, and it was the first chance for voters to consider the new parcel tax measure. By comparison, the parcel tax renewal measure was the only contest on the ballot for May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election. Additionally, the 2016 contest took place only a month before a widely publicized presidential primary, and the measure was a renewal of an existing law rather than a new issue placed before the voters. Other factors, such as the economy and local issues, could play a role in voter participation.

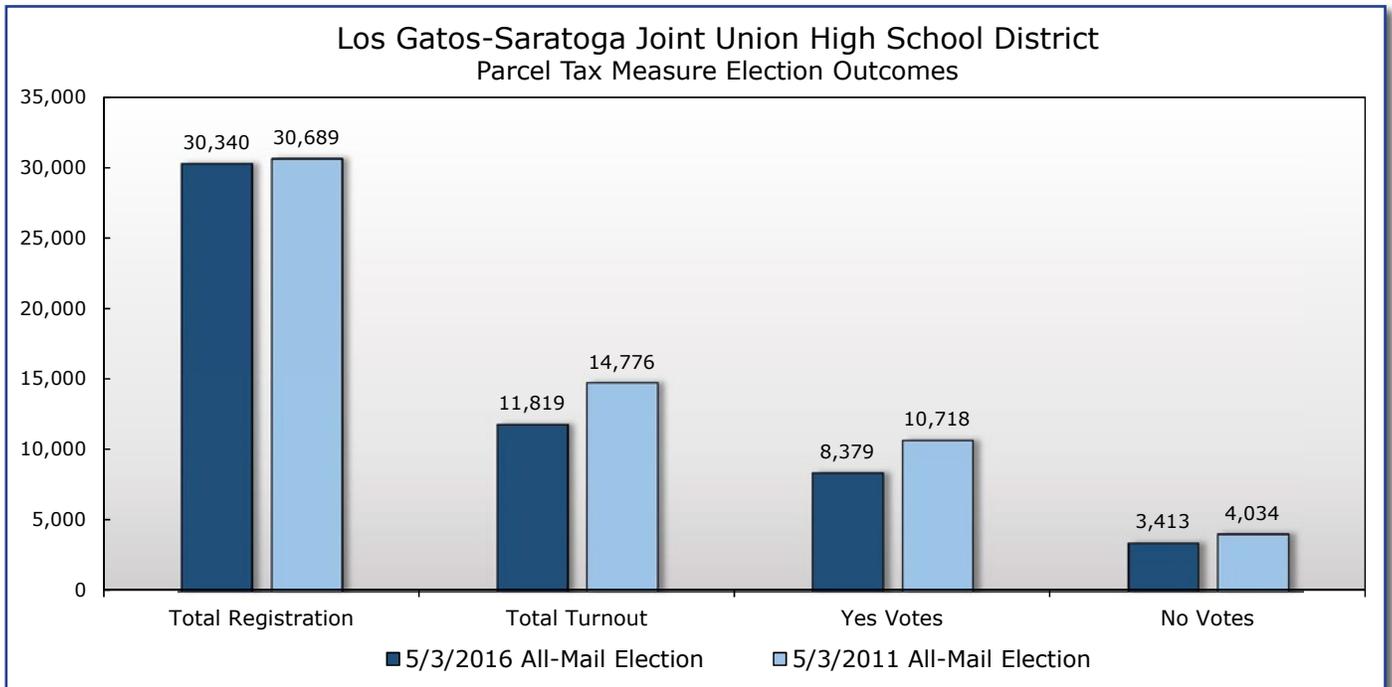
Although it is impossible to determine exactly why voter registration or turnout numbers are lower in some elections, these



differences between the 2011 and 2016 elections possibly played a role.

## All-Mail Election vs. Polling Place Election

In addition to comparing the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election with the similar May 3, 2011, Special Mail Election, this report also compares the data to the November 6, 2012, Presidential General Election. This comparison is intended to show the vast difference in voter registration and turnout between an all-mail election and a statewide election involving polling places.



Even though both elections were all-mail elections, the 2011 election saw a higher voter turnout, and the measure passed with a larger percentage of the vote.

# II. Election Planning and Implementation

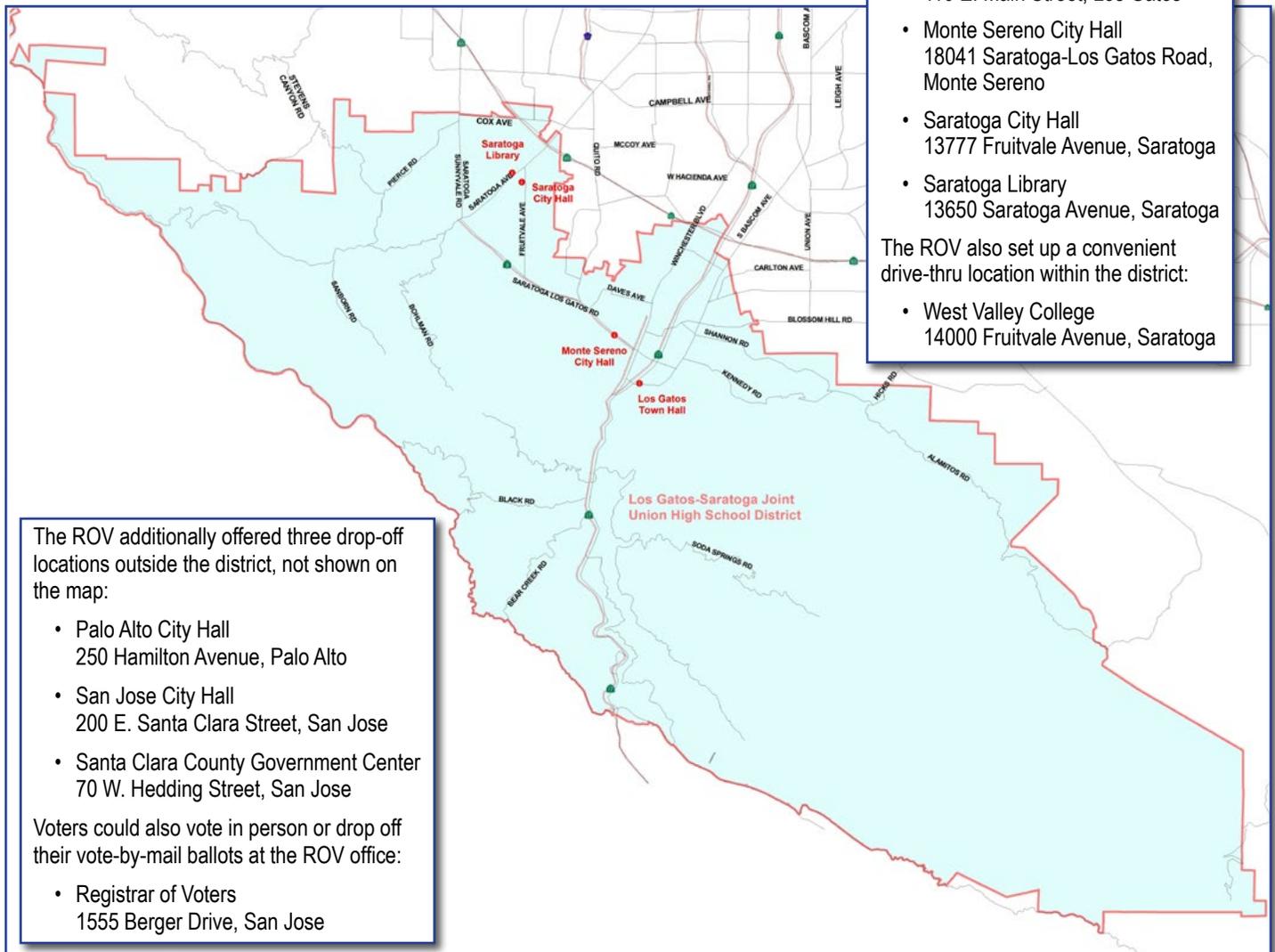
## Introduction

The May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election was conducted entirely by mail ballots. As requested by the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) mailed every voter in the district a ballot and a postage-paid return envelope. Instead of organizing polling places, the ROV set up drop boxes throughout the district where voters could deposit their ballots rather than mailing them in.

Because the majority of ballots were received by mail and in drop boxes prior to Election Day, the initial results posted at 8 p.m. on May 3 included all ballots that had been received by then.

### Ballot Drop-off Locations

#### Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

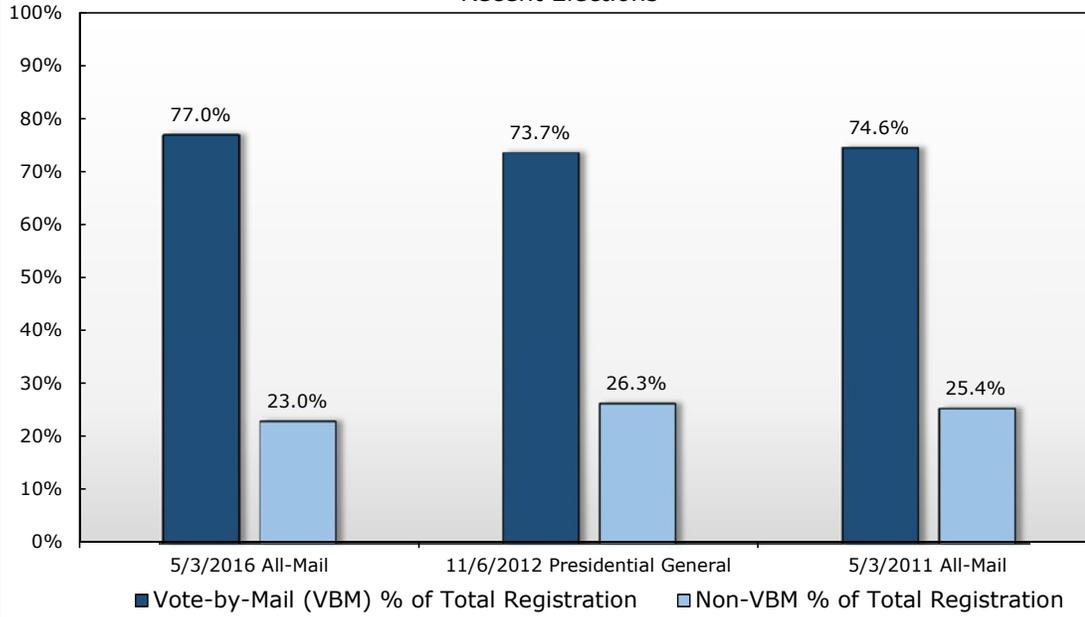


## FAQ

**Q:** Has the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election affected preparations for the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election?

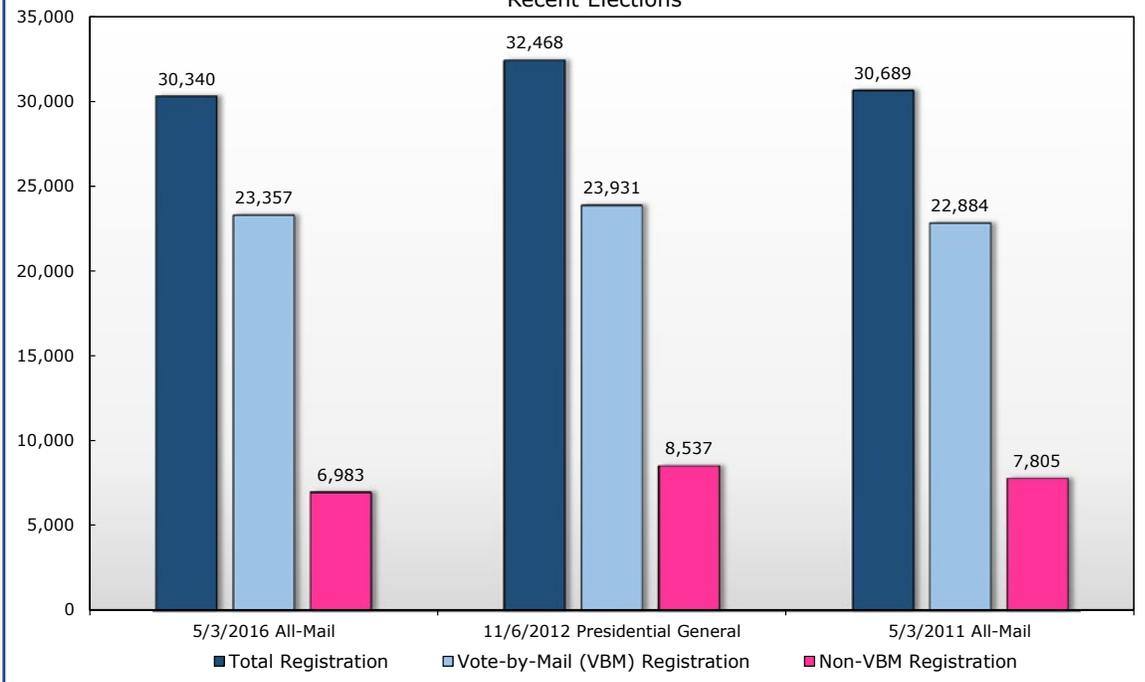
**A:** Because elections require extensive planning months and sometimes a year in advance, the ROV often works on multiple elections at the same time. Luckily, due to timing and deadline requirements, voters did not have ballots for the two elections at the same time, which could have caused significant voter confusion. Voting for the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election concluded a week before ballots were issued for the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election.

Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
% of Total Registration by Type  
Recent Elections



As has been the trend throughout Santa Clara County, the percentage of voters voting by mail has generally increased over the past few elections.

Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
Registration by Type  
Recent Elections



## 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 May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, however, was conducted solely by mail without physical polling places, so VBM voters and non-VBM voters alike received their ballots by mail for this election.

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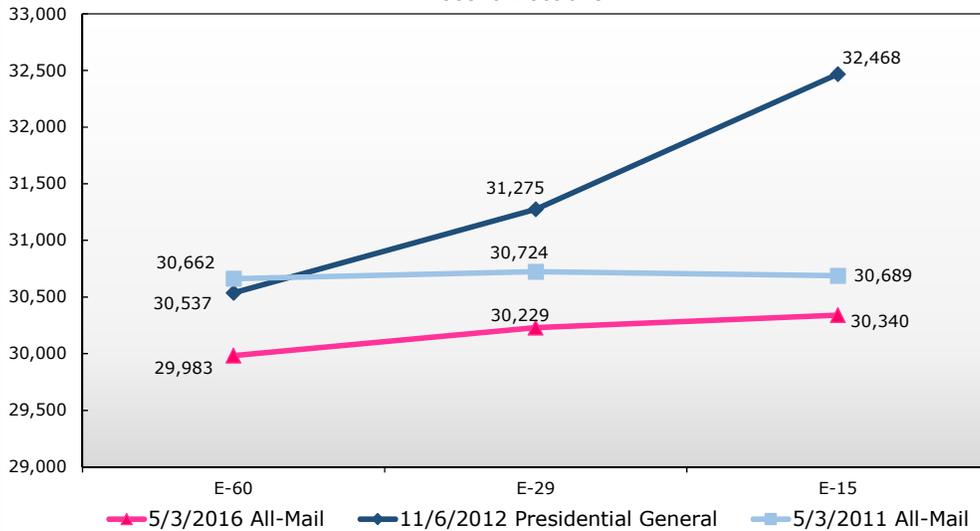
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Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
Registration by Date Prior to Election Day  
Recent Elections



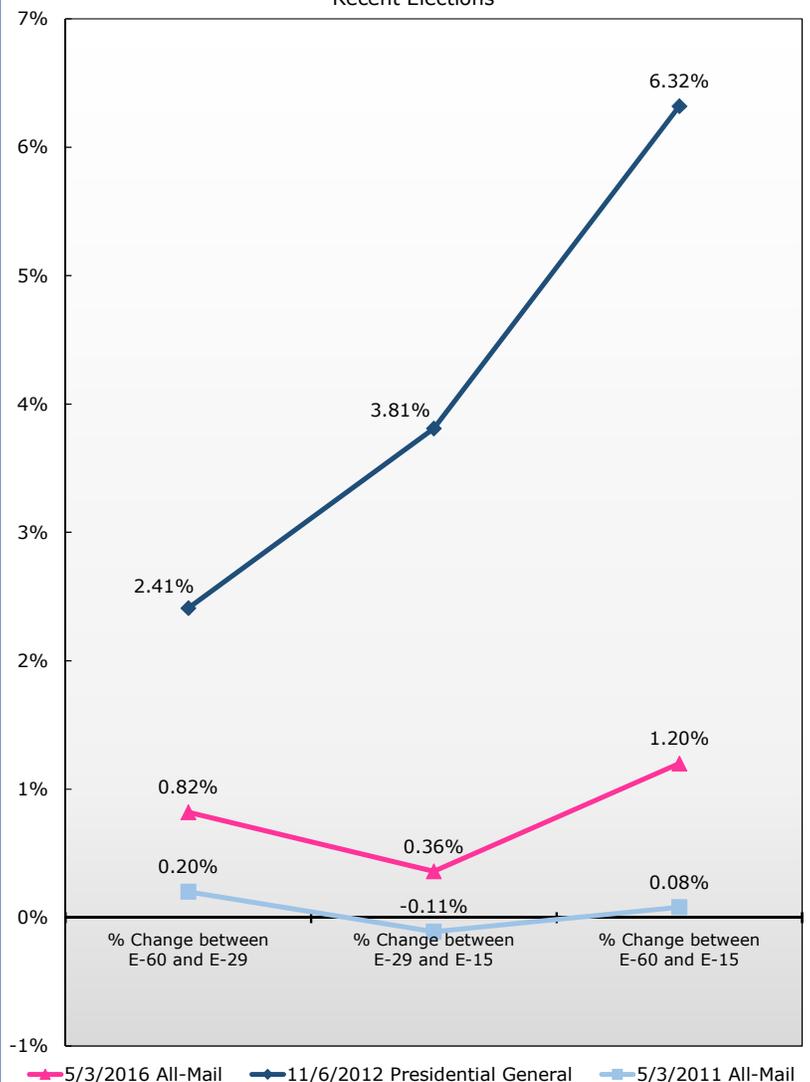
FAQ

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

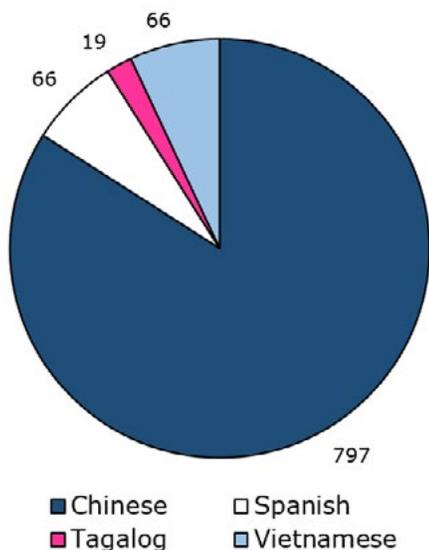
**A:** **E-60**, **E-29**, and **E-15** refer to the number of days before an election. Sixty days before an election (**E-60**, or "E minus 60"), is the day that vote-by-mail ballots are sent to voters in the military and those residing overseas. Twenty-nine days before Election Day (**E-29**) is the 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 jump significantly before a presidential or gubernatorial election, due in large part to increased public interest and voter registration drives conducted by political parties or nonprofit groups. In the November 6, 2012, Presidential General Election, the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District saw its registration increase by more than 6% between E-60 and Election Day. By contrast, voter registration in the district fell slightly in the month preceding the May 3, 2011, Special Mail Election.

Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
Net Percent Change in Registration  
Recent Elections



Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
Ballot Language Requests  
May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election

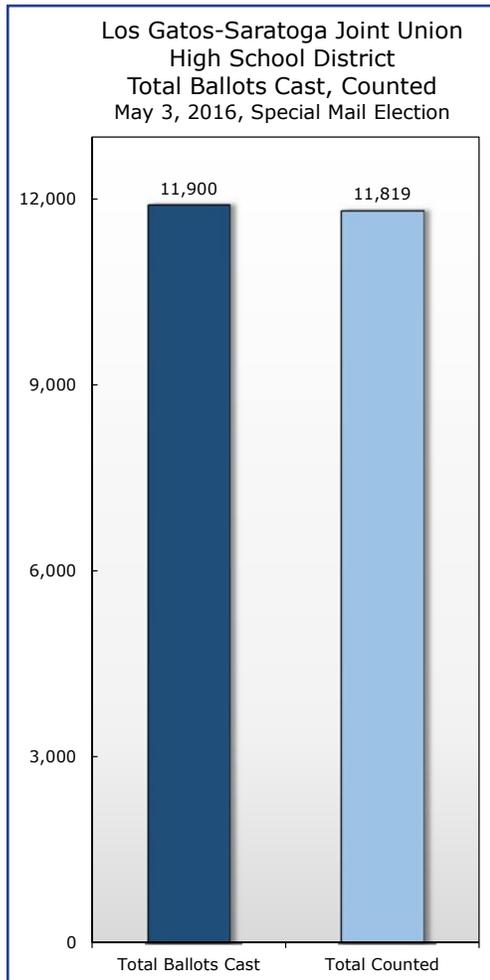


# III. Election Tallying and Post-Election

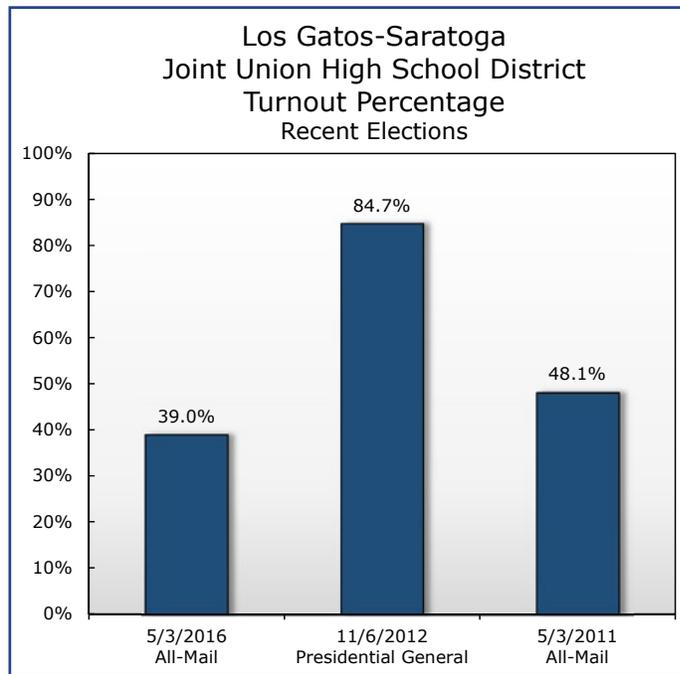
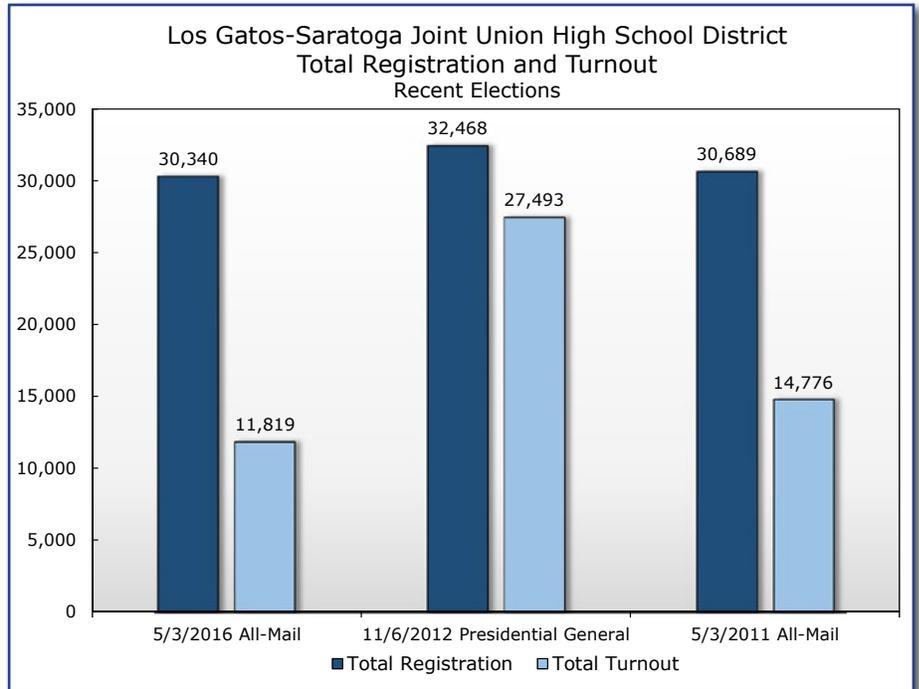
## Introduction

Nearly four in 10 voters in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District participated in the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, compared with almost half the district's voters participating in the last all-mail election in May 2011.

After conducting the **canvass** for the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) determined that over 99% of the ballots received were eligible to be counted in the 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.



Voter turnout in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District for a presidential election is approximately double the turnout in a special all-mail election, a contrast also seen in other jurisdictions when comparing these election types.

## 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 May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election. By two weeks before Election Day, the ROV had received over half the total ballots cast in the election. On the day before Election Day, 90% of the ballots cast were in the ROV office for counting.

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. As required by law, the ROV kept sealed and did not count 75 ballot envelopes received after E+3, or May 6, in the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election.

## Ballot Envelopes Processed

Date	E-Date	Total Received	Received by Mail	Dropped Off	Counted	Challenged
4/4	E-29	0	0	0	0	0
4/5	E-28	0	0	0	0	0
4/6	E-27	0	0	0	0	0
4/7	E-26	0	0	0	0	0
4/8	E-25	0	0	0	0	0
4/9	E-24	0	0	0	0	0
4/10	E-23	0	0	0	0	0
4/11	E-22	2,379	2,365	14	2,373	6
4/12	E-21	477	416	61	474	3
4/13	E-20	2,051	2,051	0	2,027	24
4/14	E-19	236	193	43	234	2
4/15	E-18	0	0	0	0	0
4/16	E-17	0	0	0	0	0
4/17	E-16	0	0	0	0	0
4/18	E-15	1,619	1,619	0	1,613	6
4/19	E-14	469	417	52	467	2
4/20	E-13	64	64	0	64	0
4/21	E-12	323	287	36	321	2
4/22	E-11	607	607	0	602	5
4/23	E-10	253	253	0	252	1
4/24	E-9	0	0	0	0	0
4/25	E-8	444	444	0	439	5
4/26	E-7	42	12	30	42	0
4/27	E-6	510	510	0	509	1
4/28	E-5	354	354	0	350	4
4/29	E-4	291	291	0	288	3
4/30	E-3	197	197	0	197	0
5/1	E-2	0	0	0	0	0
5/2	E-1	432	393	39	429	3
<b>5/3</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>4</b>
5/4	E+1	136	87	49	129	7
5/5	E+2	363	361	2	360	3
5/6	E+3	8	8	0	8	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>11,419</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>11,819</b>	<b>156</b>

Most of the ballots received during the May 3, 2016, Special Mail 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	10
Signature Does Not Match	Signature on envelope does not match signature in voter's file	29
No Signature	Voter did not sign the envelope	22
Other	Voter is ineligible to vote, or ballot is ineligible for another reason	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>81</b>

In 2015, the County Board of Supervisors approved paying for postage for all vote-by-mail voters rather than requiring voters to do so. Even though postage was paid for all voters, 27 voters in the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election applied a postage stamp to their ballot return envelopes.

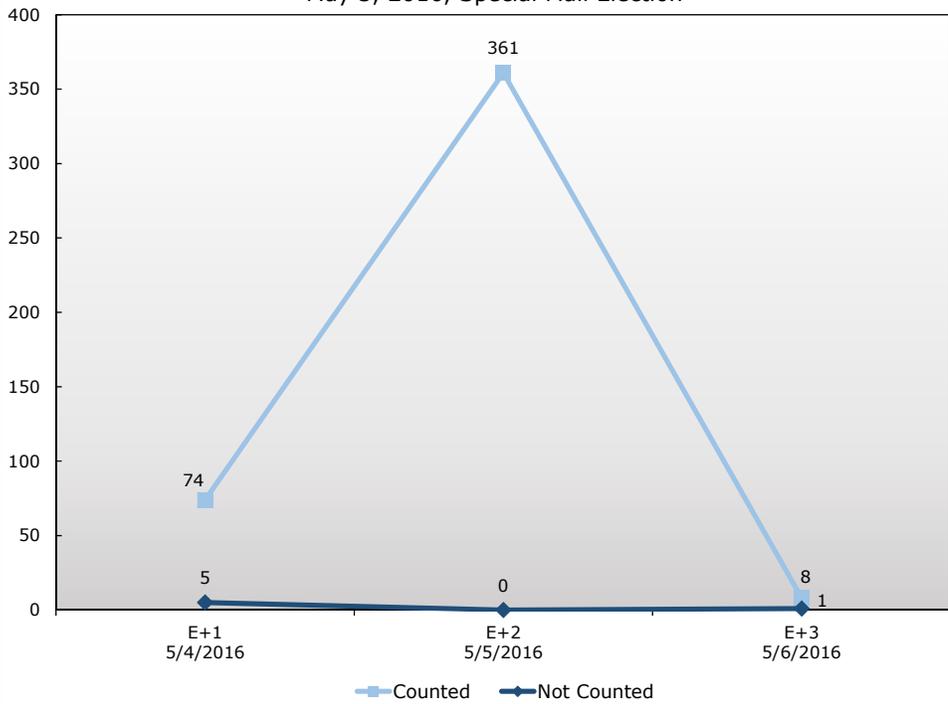
## FAQ

- 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 May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, ROV staff contacted 66 voters who did not sign their VBM return envelope. Of these 66 ballots, valid signatures were obtained for 44 ballots that could then be counted as a result of the new state law.

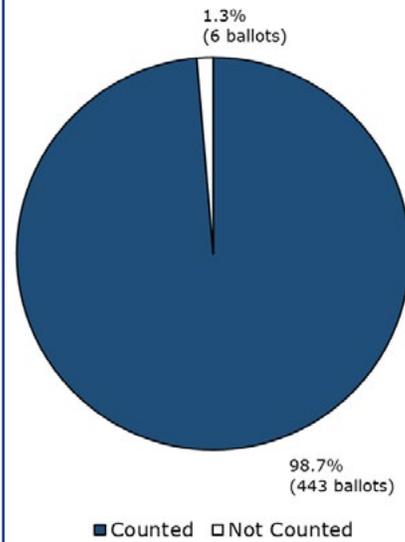
## FAQ

- 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, Not Counted  
May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election

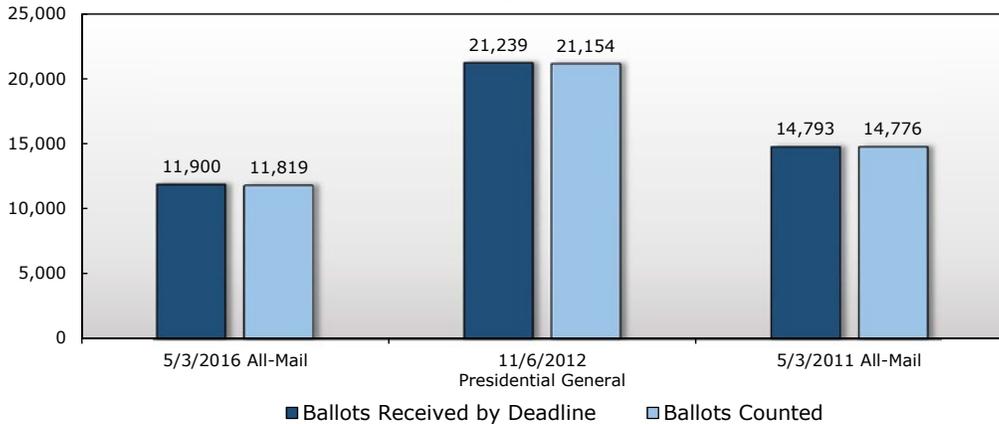


% E+3 Ballots Counted  
May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election

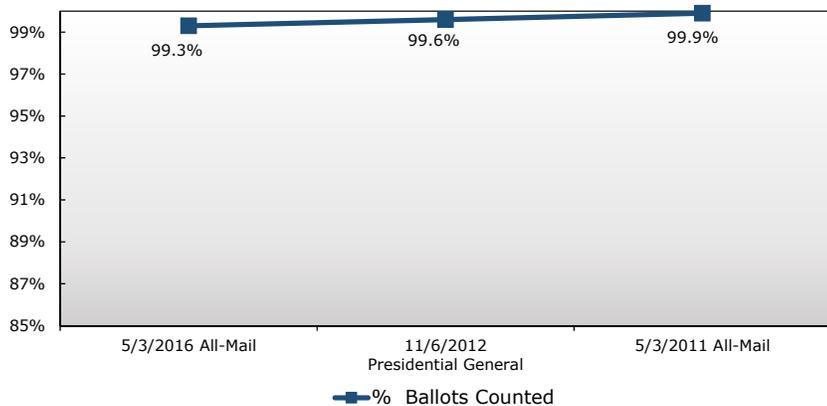


The steadily increasing percentage of voters opting to vote by mail means that the Registrar of Voters must work continuously before, on, and after Election Day to process vote-by-mail ballots as quickly as possible. Recent laws require processing for ballots received up to three days after Election 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.

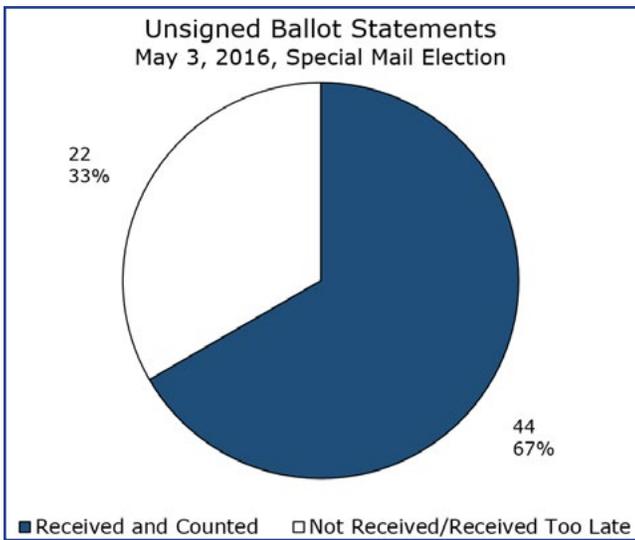
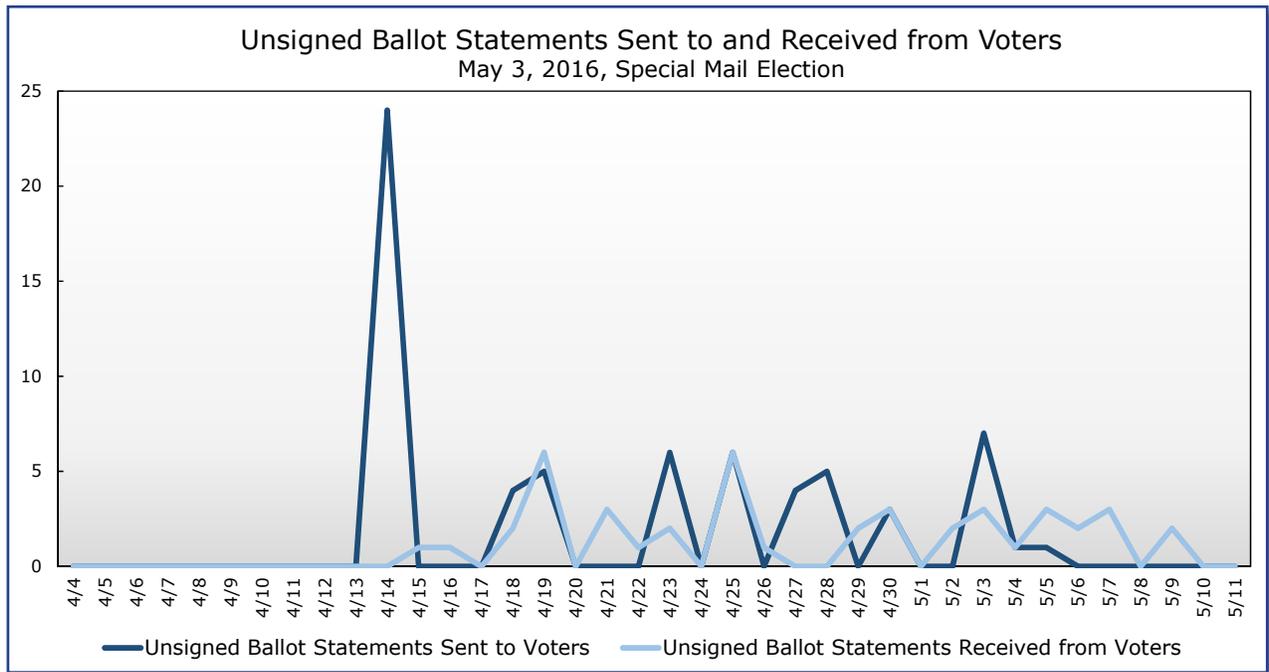
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Ballots Received by Deadline, Ballots Counted  
Recent Elections



Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
% Ballots Counted When Received by Deadline  
Recent Elections



Virtually all ballots received by the state-imposed deadline are counted. For the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, the deadline for receiving ballots was E+3, or May 6. For the prior elections in the graphs, the deadline was 8 p.m. on Election Day. Only a fraction of a percent are not counted. Although the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election saw a slightly higher percentage of uncountable ballots, 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.



### 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.

Calendar Date	E-Date
4/4	E-29
4/5	E-28
4/6	E-27
4/7	E-26
4/8	E-25
4/9	E-24
4/10	E-23
4/11	E-22
4/12	E-21
4/13	E-20
4/14	E-19
4/15	E-18
4/16	E-17
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<b>4/18</b>	<b>E-15</b>
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4/21	E-12
4/22	E-11
4/23	E-10
4/24	E-9
4/25	E-8
4/26	E-7
4/27	E-6
4/28	E-5
4/29	E-4
4/30	E-3
5/1	E-2
5/2	E-1
<b>5/3</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
5/4	E+1
5/5	E+2
<b>5/6</b>	<b>E+3</b>
5/7	E+4
5/8	E+5
5/9	E+6
5/10	E+7
<b>5/11</b>	<b>E+8</b>

A new law that went into effect January 1, 2016, allows voters who forgot to sign their vote-by-mail envelopes to provide a signature within eight days after Election Day. When the Registrar of Voters' office receives an unsigned vote-by-mail envelope, staff members send a letter to the voter informing them of the missing signature. Voters may provide the signature by mailing back the form, dropping it off at any ballot drop-off location, or coming in person to sign the envelope. After an initial mailing of nearly 25 letters, the Registrar of Voters' office continued to mail letters and receive corrected signatures back from voters until May 9 – almost all the way until the May 11 deadline.

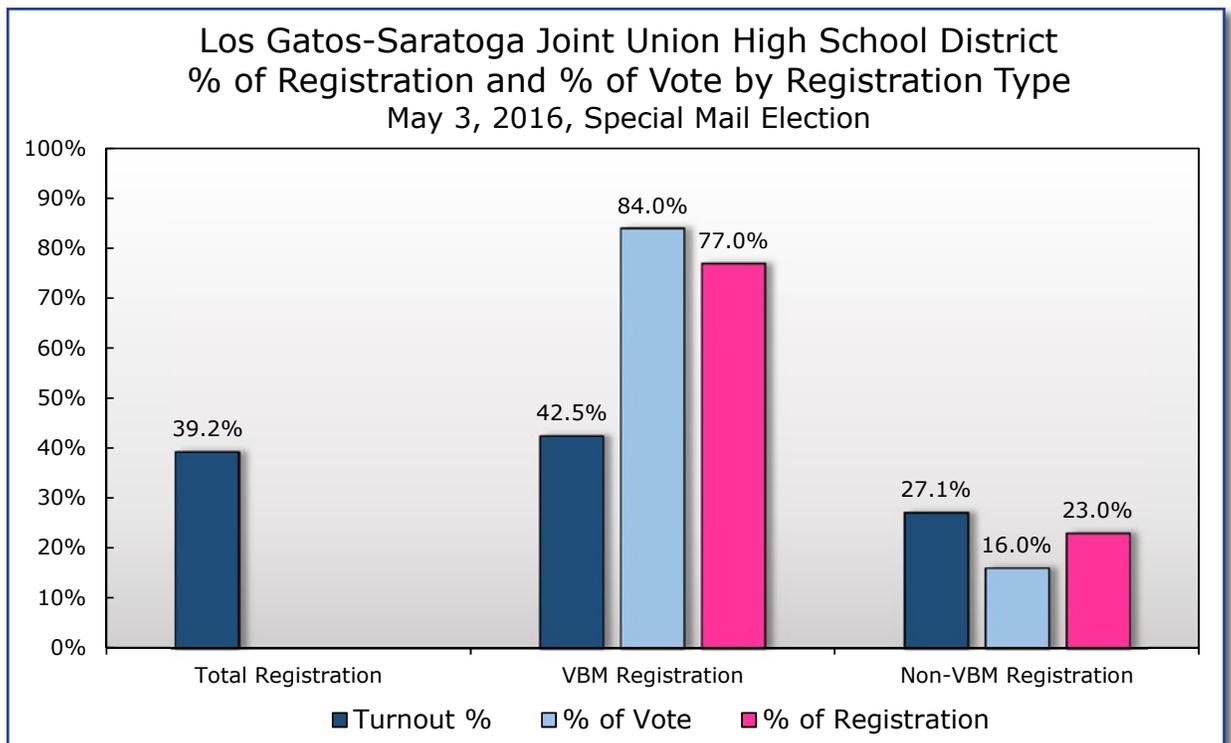
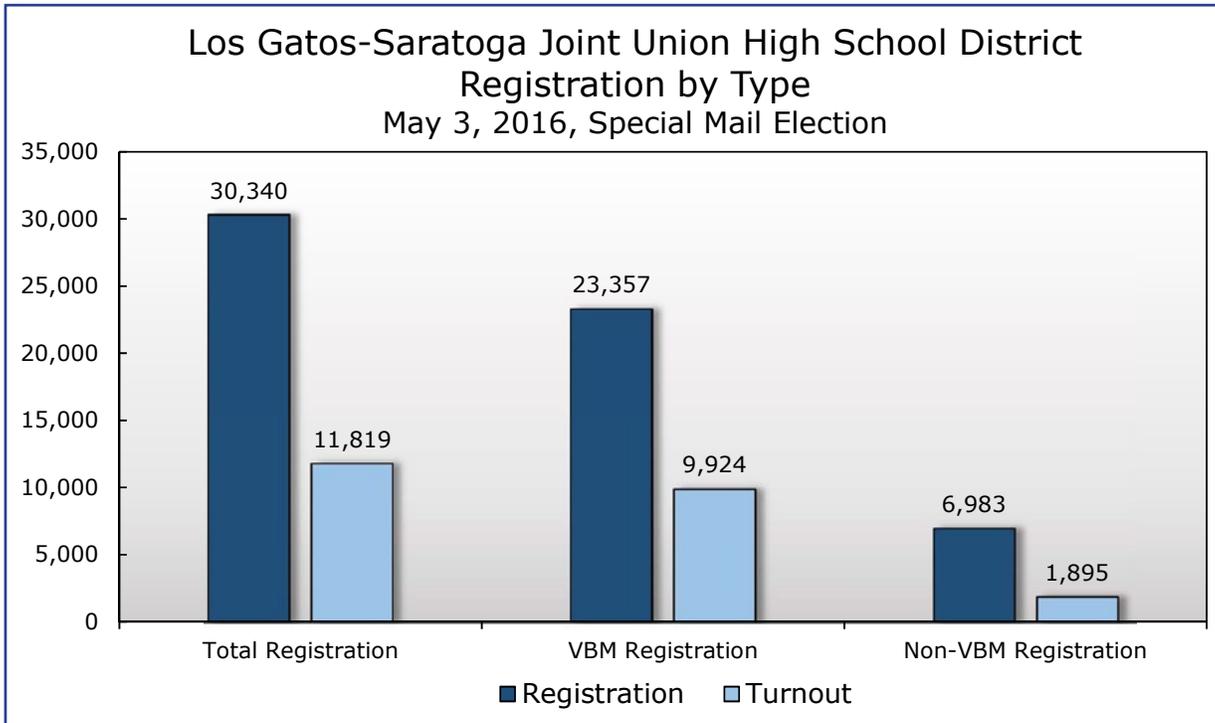
### Important Election Dates

Calendar Date	E-Date	Event
4/4	E-29	Ballots mailed to all registered voters
4/18	E-15	Last day to register to vote
5/3	Election Day	Election Day
5/6	E+3	Last day for the ROV to receive ballots mailed by voters on or before Election Day
5/11	E+8	Deadline for the ROV to receive Unsigned Ballot Statements

# VBM Voters and Non-VBM Voters

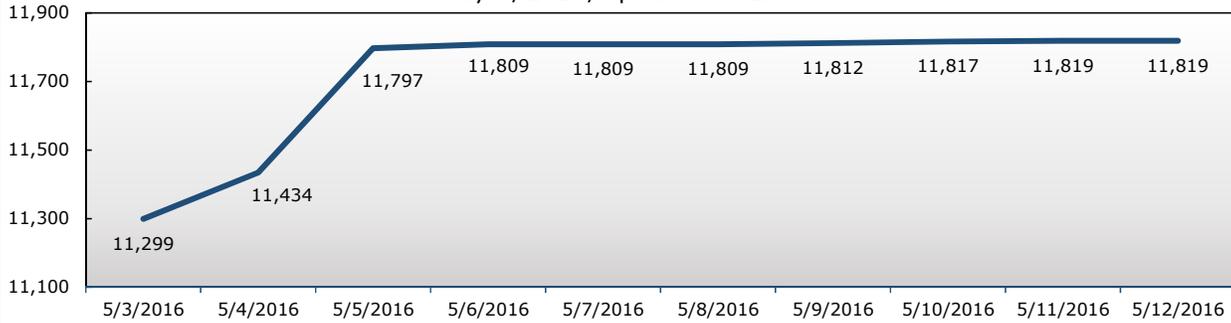
The May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election consisted of 30,340 registered voters in Santa Clara County, which represents nearly 4% of the county's voters. Three-quarters of voters in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District had requested to be permanent vote-by-mail (VBM) voters, slightly higher than

the county average. Over 42% of the district's permanent vote-by-mail voters participated in the election, compared with 27% of the district voters not requesting permanent vote-by-mail status. Though making up 77% of the district's registered voters, vote-by-mail voters cast 84% of the ballots in the election.



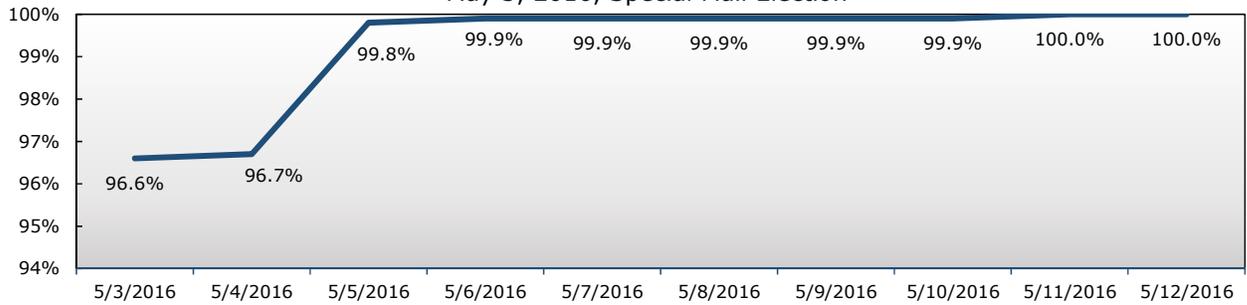
# Final Vote Tally

Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
Ballots Tallied by Day  
May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election

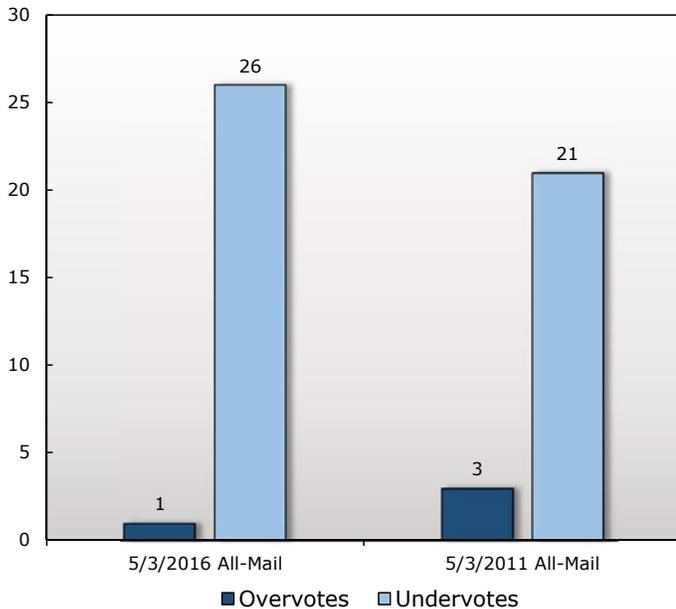


Within two days after Election Day, the Registrar of Voters' office had counted 11,797 ballots, or 99.8% of the total turnout for the election.

Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
% Ballots Tallied by Day  
May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election



Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District  
Overvotes and Undervotes  
Parcel Tax Measure Elections

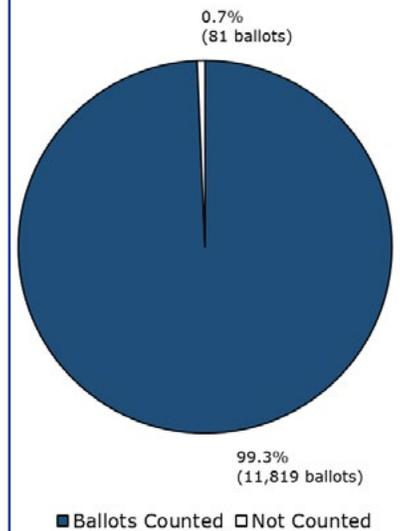


## FAQ

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

**A:** An **overvote** is when a voter votes for too many choices in a specific contest. When tallying the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election ballots, an overvote was recorded for the one ballot where a voter selected both "Yes" and "No."

% Total Ballots Counted  
May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election



## 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. Each blank ballot received in the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election was recorded as an undervote.

# Postscript

Despite the small number of voters participating in the May 3, 2016, Special Mail Election, the election process provides us with many interesting stats:

- This election was the **10th all-mail special election the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has conducted since 2009.**
- It was the **first of four elections the ROV plans to conduct in 2016.** The ROV has conducted an average of four elections per year since 2010.
- It concerned “Measure A,” a ballot measure for the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District seeking renewal of a parcel tax originally approved by the district’s voters in 2011.
  - Approximately **39% of registered voters participated** in both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.
  - **65% of the 1,238 voters in Santa Cruz County** voted “Yes” on the measure – short of the two-thirds margin needed had the election been limited to Santa Cruz County. However, since **71% of Santa Clara County voters** voted “Yes,” the measure passed with a combined “Yes” vote exceeding 70%.
- The **turnout rate was nearly 10 percentage points lower** than the rate for the original parcel tax measure election in 2011.
- Permanent vote-by-mail voters **cast 84% of ballots** while only making up 77% of total registered voters.
- Permanent vote-by-mail voters participated at **a rate of 42.5%**, while non-permanent vote-by-mail voters participated at **a rate of 27.1%**.
- **Over 99% of ballots** received by the deadline were **counted as valid** in this election.
- A total of **141 ballots were received too late** to be counted in this election.
- **44 voters** took advantage of a 2016 law that gives voters more options and time to correct missing ballot signatures.
- The ROV **certified the results on May 16, 2016**, 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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