

# County of Santa Clara

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## **RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED FOR THE NOVEMBER 3 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION County Automatic Recounts of Two Contests Set**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey certified the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election today.

The final turnout for this Presidential General Election totaled 863,964 ballots cast, representing 84.76% of the 1,019,309 Santa Clara County registered voters.

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) officially certifies the results once the canvass of the vote is completed in the 30 days following an election. During the canvass, all voted ballots, including Vote by Mail ballots, paper and electronic ballots cast at the Registrar of Voters' Office, as well as at the Vote Centers are added to confirm the semi-official vote totals. Afterwards, prior to certification, a 1% Manual Tally is conducted to confirm the accuracy of the machine-counted results.

"We are very excited to see record breaking voter participation and applaud Santa Clara County voters for their participation in our democracy," Bushey said. "Our voters made sure their voices were heard November 3rd."

Bushey said her office planned for months to implement the Voter's Choice Act voting model and worked in COVID precautions to ensure a safe environment for the voters, as well as staff. The Registrar of Voters office hired hundreds of additional employees to meet all the election requirements, and worked as much as 12 hours per day, seven days per week. The official election results are posted on the Registrar of Voters' website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). These official results, called the Statement of Vote, provide a complete picture of the election with vote totals that are broken down by jurisdiction and precinct. Anyone may download or print a complete copy of the Statement of Vote. That document is produced and posted on the ROV website immediately upon certification.

Now that the results have been certified, the Registrar of Voters office will focus on the two automatic recounts in the two contests that fell within the threshold of the County's Policy that triggers a mandatory second tally of votes.

The contests that will be recounted are: City of Mountain View City Council and Town of Los Altos Hills Council races.

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Susan Ellenberg, S. Joseph Simitian  
County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

A manual hand recount is triggered by the County of Santa Clara Policy when the margin of victory is either less than 0.25 percent of the ballots cast, or less than 25 votes; except for countywide or City of San Jose wide contests for which machine recounts may be conducted.

Recounts are a complicated process requiring several stages. Of the over 3,444,237 million ballot cards cast, the ROV will need to retrieve approximately 165,068 ballot cards across the two districts involved in the recounts. Once the ballots are retrieved, a hand tally is conducted of the nearly 115,336 votes cast in the contests involved. Individual tally sheets are created and compared with the machine-counted results, a reconciliation of any differences between the hand and machine counts is performed, and extensive final auditing is completed before release.

Staff will work on the automatic recounts from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. six days a week, until both recounts have been completed. The recounts are expected to take a couple of weeks. Once the results are finalized, they will be posted on our website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). All costs incurred in the automatic recounts will be paid by the County. Observers are welcome and may contact our office for the necessary arrangements at (408) 282-3005 or [Michael.Borja@rov.sccgov.org](mailto:Michael.Borja@rov.sccgov.org).

The Registrar of Voters' office will offer availability throughout the recounts for media questions, taping and interviews upon arrangements with our Media Division at (408) 282-3008. We will make every effort to accommodate media requests during this time. Media outlets that want to make arrangements and/or capture footage at the Registrar of Voters' office should contact us on the Media Line at (408) 282-3008.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at (866) 430-VOTE (8683), or visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

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