



**County of San Mateo
Registration-Elections Division**

**Report - Result of 1% Manual Tally
November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election**

The manual tally for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election was conducted at the Mateo County Elections Office between November 20 and 29. An announcement for the tally to the general public was issued on November 14. The County is a full DRE (eSlate) county.

At 8:00 AM on November 20, 2008, a random selection of at least 1% of the precincts in San Mateo County to encompass all contests for inclusion in the Manual Tally was held in front of five observers, one representing the Carter Foundation and four representing the Democratic Central Committee. The five observers took turns rolling the three 10-sided dice in selecting 16 precincts for the manual tally, meeting the requirement set forth in Elections Code §15360. The 16 selected precincts were: 1942, 3740, 1504, 2647, 1816, 4648, 4409, 5104, 3326, 4010, 3006, 5301, 5611, 3202, 5001 and 5603. In addition, in compliance of the Secretary of State's recertification requirements, all electronic votes from precincts 4607 and 3505 because of JBC issues identified (see below) on Election Day and votes from one VBO in precinct 4421 because of intermittent communication problems were included for a 100% manual tally.

Immediately after the random selection of the precincts, the election staff gathered the paper ballots cast at the poll, by mail, and the printer mechanisms (VBOs) holding the printouts of votes cast of the selected precincts from our various secured storage areas. This took place in witness of the observers.

All contests and votes cast within the initial 6 precincts were included in the manual tally. It was also determined by consensus with observers to manual tally all contests for precinct 3505, a precinct in the City of Pacifica, for a total of 7 fully tallied precincts. The remaining 9 precincts were tallied only for those specific contests missing from the initial 6 precincts selected. The tally was performed by 23 groups, in teams of 4 of the three different types of ballots cast: Vote by Mail ballots, paper ballots voted at the polls, and paper audit trails from the electronic votes at the polls and Early Voting. This took place in witness of various observers.

The following are the total number of ballots for each of the ballot groups tallied:

Ballot Group	Number of Ballots
Vote by Mail	5,261
Paper Audit Trails from Early Voting	197
Paper Ballots Voted at the Polls	1,478
Paper Audit Trails from the Polls	3,958
Total:	10,894

Discrepancies found in the manual tally and their final resolutions are listed as follows:

Precinct	Explanation/Resolution	Contests Affected
1504 Vote by Mail	44 additional ballots counted.	All
1816 Vote by Mail	Stray mark was incorrectly machined tallied as vote and inconsistent with voter's previous marks. Vote subtracted.	Board of Education Area 7
1816 Vote by Mail	Strikeout was incorrectly machine tallied as vote. Vote subtracted.	Proposition 1A
3505 Vote by Mail	Voter consistently marked ballot lightly and was not read by machine. Votes added.	All
5301 Vote by Mail	Additional 4 ballots counted.	Town of Colma, City Council
5301 Vote by Mail	Voter consistently marked outside the target square. Contest machine tallied as an undervote. Vote added.	Town of Colma, City Council
5611 Vote by Mail	Stray mark was incorrectly machine tallied as vote and inconsistent with voter's previous marks. Vote subtracted.	City of Daly City, City Council
1816 Election Day	Stray mark was incorrectly machine tallied as vote and inconsistent with voter's previous marks. Vote subtracted.	Proposition 4
3505 Election Day	Voter consistently marked ballot lightly and votes were not machine tallied. Votes added.	Board of Education Area 4, Pacifica School District, City of Pacifica City Council, Proposition 1A thru Proposition 12, Measure Q, Measure R
3505 Election Day	Additional provisional ballot counted.	All
5611 Election Day	Stray mark was incorrectly machined tallied as vote and inconsistent with voter's previous marks. Vote subtracted.	City of Daly City, City Council

JBC failures – no discrepancies were identified in the full 100% manual tally.

- Precinct 3505 was selected due to an inspector inadvertent removal of the security seals from the JBC.
- Precinct 4607 was selected due to an electronic short within the JBC.

A single VBO used with an eSlate, serial number **A0BFED**, from precinct 4421 was included in the electronic tally due to an intermittent VBO communications error. Although no Fatal Error was involved with this eSlate, we decided to include it in the manual tally as a precaution. The tally confirmed the total ballots cast as 100% and accurate on this equipment. The eSlate was inspected and tested after backup of the data. A functional test inspection and testing of the equipment with a known good VBO and a known good VBO Power Brick showed the eSlate to be in good working order. There were no 103 (Communication) errors during the testing. No mechanical issues with the booth were found. Booth pins and back plate were inspected and found to be normal. Cables and connections were jostled to force an error, to no effect. To preserve the Election Day Cast Vote Records on the equipment, no “test” ballot was cast during the process.