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Report on the Canvass and One Percent Manual Tally to the Secretary of State for the  
November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Pursuant to Elections Code §15360, the post-election one percent manual tally for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election was conducted at the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division, and Elections staff performed an audit on all ballots cast in the election. On November 1, 2020, a press release invited the public to participate in the random drawing dice roll (to take place on November 6, 2020) and observe the post-election audit (to commence on November 9, 2020). Observers attended both the random drawing dice roll and manual tally stages. This election was the first Presidential General Election San Mateo County conducted under the California Voter's Choice Act.

At 10:00 a.m. on November 6, 2020, at least one percent of Vote by Mail ballots and precincts were selected randomly for the manual tally and encompassed all contests from the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election. The one percent manual tally was conducted using the semi-official results reported on election night.

Elections staff took turns rolling four 10-sided dice to select the 27 batches of Vote by Mail ballots. Additional dice rolls using three 10-sided dice were done to select 36 precincts for ballots cast at Vote Centers. The performance of the random drawing dice roll was also streamed live on our Twitter page @smcvote.

Elections staff selected one percent of Vote by Mail batches for the audit, which included batches 101\_025, 101\_064, 101\_103, 101\_133, 101\_390, 102\_052, 102\_192, 102\_290, 102\_491, 102\_510, 102\_545, 102\_637, 103\_039, 103\_147, 103\_148, 103\_185, 103\_199, 103\_252, 104\_070, 104\_080, 104\_097, 104\_137, 105\_006, 105\_123, 106\_067, 106\_070 and 107\_135. These Vote by Mail batches included all contests in the election.

In addition, Elections staff selected one percent of precincts for the audit, which included precincts 1401, 1502, 1703, 1852, 2131, 2215, 2675, 3006, 3136, 3210, 3328, 3350, 3387, 3410, 3459, 3503, 3519, 3619, 3635, 3708, 3803, 3903, 4001, 4413, 4625, 4633, 4650, 4652, 4680, 5003, 5301, 5524, 5534, 5615, 5825 and 5831. These precincts were randomly selected in the dice roll for the manual tally for Vote Center ballots. All contests contained within precincts 5615, 5825, 3708, 4650 and 5524 were manually tallied. All other precincts were randomly selected to include the remaining contests not contained within the initial five precincts selected.

Two of the selected precincts, precincts 3136 and 3635, had less than 15 eligible voters. For this reason, a re-roll of the dice was performed to select precincts 2131 and 3619, respectively.

Immediately after the random selection of the precincts, staff retrieved the ballots needed for the manual tally from the secured storage area.

The following are the totals for the number of ballots tallied:

Ballot Group	Number of Ballots
Vote by Mail	2,383
Ballots Voted at Vote Centers	2,937
Total:	5,320

From November 9 through November 19, the manual tally was performed by 3 to 6 audit teams comprised of four members. The tally took 9 days to complete, resulting in 1 adjustment that occurred due to an error in adjudication on 1 Vote by Mail ballot.

During the manual tally, a marked ballot with a clear overvote was found as described below, resulting in 1 adjustment to vote totals:

Batch	Precinct	Resolution	Contest
102_290	4614	The voter marked both voting options. -1 for No.	Proposition 24

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