

Santa Cruz

Canvass Activities Summary November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Auditing of the Voting Locations

Each location is responsible to complete a variety of forms at the close of the location each day of the voting period. Elections staff then audits those forms to account for all ballots issued and returned. For the November 3, 2020, there were 20 voting locations available for voters to access for in-person voting or receive a replacement ballot. Below is a list of the voting locations with the days and hours of availability. All locations were audited and where the paperwork reflected discrepancies, those discrepancies were thoroughly researched and resolved. In all cases these were poll worker errors such as transcription errors or recording information in the wrong places. The primary error was not getting the complete information needed for the Voter Information Sheet if the printer was not working. There are 20 sheets that remain where the voter is not identified. This is important for verifying Voter Participation History was given to the correct voter.

Location	Dates Open	Hours Available
Santa Cruz County Elections Office	10/5 - 11/3	M-F 8am - 5pm Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm 11/3/2020 7am - 8pm
Watsonville City Clerk Office	10/5 - 11/3	M-F 8am - 5pm Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm 11/3/2020 7am - 8pm
Temple Beth El	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Boulder Creek Recreation Hall	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
New Brighton Middle School	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Simpkins Family Swim Center	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Bonny Doon Elementary School	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Kaiser Permanente Arena	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm

Masonic Center	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Gateway School	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Scotts Valley Community Center	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Scotts Valley High School	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Soquel High School	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Pajaro Valley Community Trust	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
La Selva Beach Clubhouse	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
Calabasas Elementary School	10/31 - 11/3	10/31 & 11/1 9am - 5pm 11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
UCSC Merrill Cultural Center	11/2 - 11/3	11/2 8am - 5pm 11/3 7am - 8pm
VoteMobile	10/12 - 11/3	Times varied based on location of the mobile voting

1% Manual Tally

Per Elections Code Section 15360, 1% of precincts must be hand tallied to determine that the voting system is reading and tabulating votes correctly. For November 3, 2020 there were 168 voting precincts, which meant that only 2 precincts needed to be counted. Elections Code Section 15360 also states that all contests on the ballot need to be hand tallied. Because all of our ballots (vote by mail and in-person) were tabulated in batches, Santa Cruz County Elections Department determined that a minimum of 2 batches per tabulator would be drawn. After making those selections, we would verify that all contests were accounted for in those batches. If not, more batches would be drawn to fulfil the requirements.

Batches were randomly selected on Thursday, November 5 at 10am by staff. All batches are randomly selected by pulling a slip from a bowl. All contests on the ballot would be tallied.

All votes cast in those batches were tallied including preprinted paper ballots and votes cast on the tablets. Blank ballots that were encountered (in any media) were tallied as undervotes for each contest. Spoiled, cancelled, and otherwise invalidated ballots were not tallied as they are not valid ballots.

Vote-by-mail and paper ballots used at the voting locations were tallied by audit teams of 3 auditors. Duties were divided among team members with one member reading from the ballot, and the other two members keeping independent, simultaneous tallies. Once all the ballots for that precinct had been read, then the totals on the tally sheets were compared against each other. When more than one contest was being tallied in a precinct, each one was done individually. The results were later compared to the central tally count and if the totals did not match, then the hand tally began again.

Materials used to complete the tallies were minimal, but included specialized tally sheets, pencils, calculators and the central count reports. Below are the batches that were drawn for the 1% tally (VBM = Vote by mail and IP = in-person):

Type	Scanner #	Batch #
VBM	1	2
	2	5
	3	71
	3	210
	3	211
	3	219
	3	264
	3	284
	3	286
	3	318
	3	339
	3	569
	3	705
	3	783
	3	784
	4	247
	4	271

Type	Scanner #	Batch #
IP	3	2
	3	4
	3	10
	5	5
	5	9
	5	29
	6	1
	6	2
	6	5
	7	24
	7	36
	7	38
	8	1
	8	4
	8	8

Due to the shelter in place orders, not many observers were present during the canvass. However, we installed cameras in our office and in the rooms where we were conducting canvass activities that observers could utilize to observe our activities. Our office always welcome observers and fielded many calls about the status of the activities. Because the audit was conducted at central elections, no additional security measures were required above and beyond normal security precautions in place.

The 1% was conducted by new staff using our new voting system which had new printed ballots and new tabulation methods, so it took some time for the teams to get into a good rhythm and the initial contest was often recounted. In the end, all contests matched the

results tallied except for two instances of voter intent (not marking the ballot correctly) where the ballot was corrected, and the results updated.

In the end, the results from the manual tally matched the machine results with 100% accuracy.

Search for Live Ballots

After searching through all the supplies and equipment that were returned from the polling sites, we found a ballot in a secrecy sleeve. Through the audits we determined that the ballot needed to be added to the tally. It was included in a subsequent update.

Equipment Incidents

3 incidents were logged for voting equipment and all 3 incidents involved the Tablet, which was replaced. Upon return to the Elections Department, all tablets were retested and found that they worked properly; however, they were kept sequestered from the rest of the equipment.

The chart below details the incidents and the responses to those incidents.

ELECTION DAY EQUIPMENT ISSUES					
#	Voting Location	Equipment Type	Issue	Error	Action Taken
1	New Brighton Middle School	Tablet	Would not power on	Poll worker error	Replaced Tablet
2	Scotts Valley Community Center	Tablet	Would not recognize printer	Poll worker error	Replaced Tablet
3	Watsonville Community Center	Tablet	Would not power on	Poll worker error	Replaced Tablet