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

The post-election one percent manual tally for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election was conducted at the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division from March 10 through March 16. On February 8, a press release invited the public to participate in the dice roll and observe the post-election audit. This election was first Presidential Primary Election San Mateo County conducted under the California Voter's Choice Act.

At 10:00 a.m. on March 6, 2020, at least one percent of the precincts and Vote by Mail batches were selected randomly for tally and encompassed all contests from the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Elections staff took turns rolling three 10-sided dice to select nineteen precincts for ballots cast at Vote Centers and additional dice rolls were done to select the twelve batches of Vote by Mail ballots, meeting the requirement set forth in Elections Code §15360. The performance of the random drawing dice roll was also streamed live on our Twitter page @smcvote. The one percent manual tally was conducted using the semi-official results reported on election night.

Elections staff performed an audit on all ballots cast in the election in accordance with Elections Code §15360 (a)(2)(B)(iii)(I). Precincts 1201, 1205, 1401, 1612, 2110, 2215, 3103, 3202, 3350, 3375, 3382, 4011, 4621, 4632, 5003, 5301 and 5829 were randomly selected in the dice roll for the Manual Tally for Vote Center ballots. In addition, Elections staff selected one percent of Vote by Mail batches for the audit, which included batches 101-22, 101-34, 101-48, 101-123, 102-13, 103-20, 104-02, 104-04, 107-19, 107-30, 107-85 and 107-131. These Vote by Mail batches included all contests in the election.

One of the selected precincts, precinct 3382, had no eligible voters. For this reason, a re-roll of the dice was performed to select precinct 3375.

Immediately after the random selection of the precincts, staff retrieved the ballots needed for the 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	2,006
Ballots Voted at Vote Centers	1,360
Total:	3,366



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The manual tally was performed by three audit teams comprised of four members. The tally took 5 days to complete, resulting in two adjustments that occurred due to an error in adjudication on one ballot.

During tally, a marked ballot with clear voter intent was found as described below which resulted in two adjustments to vote totals:

Batch	Precinct	Resolution	Contest
207-17	5829	The voter did not mark inside the bubble. +1 for Mark Nagales.	Democratic Party Central Committee, 5 th District
207-17	5829	The voter did not mark inside the bubble. +1 for Jackie Speier.	U.S. Representative, 14 th District