

REPORT OF 1% MANUAL TALLY
[Elections Code section 15360]

County: Santa Cruz

Election: Statewide Direct Primary

Manual tally method used: ☐ One Part [section 15360(a)(1)]

☒ Two Part [section 15360(a)(2)]

Date and time notice provided (attach copy of the notice):

5/23/2026

Internet website where additional information about the manual tally is posted, if applicable:

www.votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov

Date and time the manual tally commenced, beginning with the random selection of precincts and batches (must be after the close of the polls on Election Day):

Thursday, June 4, 2026 11am

Date and time the manual tally finished:

Friday, June 26, 2026 12pm

Estimated number of members of the public who observed the process:

5

Total number of ballots counted in this election (official canvass numbers):

Polling place / vote center ballots (including provisionals)	9204
Vote-by-mail ballots	78136

Total number of ballots manually tallied:

Polling place / vote center ballots (including provisionals)	421
Vote-by-mail ballots	1973

Precincts in the county for this election (attach list describing all precincts with the number of ballots in each, indicating whether ballots are polling place / vote center, vote-by-mail, or provisional):

Total number of precincts in the election	N/A
Total number of precincts selected for the manual tally	N/A

Batches of vote-by-mail or provisional ballots (attach list describing each batch with the number of ballots in each, indicating whether ballots are polling place / vote center, vote-by-mail, or provisional):

Total number of batches in the election	1828
Total number of batches selected for the manual tally	50

Method used to choose precincts and batch of ballots to manually tally (include description of random selection method):

* Each batch number was placed onto a strip of paper that was drawn out of a bowl by staff members or the public (we had 2 customers in the office that drew as well - they were here for other services, but agreed to participate in the random draw). Once the batches were drawn, the contests included in each batch were reviewed to make sure that we were manually tallying all contests.
* We had three different draws - Election Night, the VBM updates, and the CVRs/Provisionals.
* There was an escalated manual tally for two contests, which is why the tally went up until the certification time. Escalated manual tally (100% of all ballots) was done for the Supervisor District 4 and the City of Santa Cruz, Mayor contests.

attach additional pages if necessary

Description of any discrepancies noted (include details about each discrepancy and how each was resolved; also include anything unusual observed during the manual tally process or anything that may improve the manual tally process):

1. One ballot had a write-in candidate listed that was a qualified candidate. The adjudication team did not attribute the vote to the qualified candidate. The adjudication was corrected so there was plus one for the candidate's vote total and minus one vote from the write-in total.
2. One ballot included a cross out of the voting target with a note from the voter. When the voter indicated their intent, they did not correct the ballot as instructed and it was missed. The batch was deleted from the system, the ballot was remade to reflect the voter's intent, the batch was rescanned and verified.

See attached sheet for additional details.

attach additional pages if necessary

This report is submitted pursuant to Elections Code section 15360(e).

Submitted on this date: June 29, 2026 **by:**

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Signature:

Tricia Webber
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3. One ballot had an overvote (2 candidates with marked voting targets) that was adjudicated for one candidate. However, when the voter indicated their intent, they did not correct the ballot as instructed and their intent was not clear (two target areas were marked, but one of the two had an "x" through the target area but the "x" was also circled). Because the contest was adjudicated as a vote for the candidate that was not crossed out, the adjudication was corrected, so there was a minus one from the candidate's total and plus one vote to the overvote total.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO ELECTION OBSERVERS

Pursuant to Elections Code 15360(e), the Santa Cruz County Elections Department will conduct the random draw for the batches to be included in the 1% manual tally on Thursday, June 4 at 11am in Room 310 of the County Government Center.

Pursuant to Election Code 15360(e), it is anticipated that the Santa Cruz County Elections Department will begin its 1% manual tally as part of its official canvass of the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election on June 2, 2026.

Interested persons are permitted to observe both of the above processes.

For more information, please call 454-2060 or visit the Elections Department, Room 310.

Thank you.