

# County of Santa Clara

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## **RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED FOR THE MARCH 3 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – The results of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election were certified today following an extended canvass period. The final turnout for this election totaled 495,791 ballots cast, representing 52.12% of registered Santa Clara County voters.

The Registrar of Voters officially certifies the results once the canvass of the vote is completed, which ordinarily occurs in the 30 days following an election. However, this date was extended by three weeks in accordance with an Executive Order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom due to the ongoing State of Emergency in California due to COVID-19.

Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey said the extended period offered voters additional time to remedy signature issues, such as Vote by Mail ballots that were received with a blank signature line, or one that did not match the signature on file. Bushey added that Registrar staff worked diligently through the canvass while adhering to appropriate social distancing measures.

“I want to thank all the staff who understand their vital role as essential Santa Clara County election workers,” Bushey said. “The Registrars’ Office has been active with internal procedures including the canvass while remaining open to the public for registration and election-related purposes.”

Bushey added that additional precautions such as appropriate distancing and hand sanitizing stations are in place at the ROV for the safety of staff and the public. “Our thoughts are with the community through these trying times,” she said.

This was the first canvass done under the new Voter’s Choice Act election model. As such, materials were collected from each of 110 Vote Centers as well as the Vote by Mail ballots that were postmarked by Election Day and received within three days. All electronic and paper ballots are added to confirm the semi-official vote totals. Afterwards and prior to certification, a 1% Manual Tally is conducted to confirm the accuracy of the machine-counted results.

“We had a very smooth transition into the new model, both in the lead-up to the election and in the post-election reconciliation,” Bushey said. “I can say the rollout of VCA in Santa Clara County was a resounding success, and we are taking lessons learned on how to make it even better looking forward to the Presidential General Election in November.”

The official election results are posted on the Registrar of Voters' website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). These official results, called the Statement of Vote, provide a complete picture of the election with vote totals that are broken down by jurisdiction and precinct. Anyone may download or print a complete copy of the Statement of Vote, which is produced and posted on the ROV website immediately upon certification.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

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