Executive Summary - March 7, 2017 Special Election Post-Election Report

The Lakeside Joint School District requested a special election to be held on March 7, 2017, asking voters to decide whether to approve a new parcel tax. The Lakeside Joint School District requested that the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) conduct the election, making the March 7, 2017, Special Election the first election of calendar year 2017. Additional elections scheduled for 2017 are the April 25, 2017, Special Election, the May 2, 2017 Special Mail Ballot Election, and a regularly scheduled local consolidated election for November.

Voters turned out for the March 7, 2017, Special Election at approximately the same rate as the initial parcel tax election held in 2010, and nearly 8 percentage points higher than the district reorganization special election held in 2013. The turnout rate has held above 50% for the past three Lakeside Joint School District special elections.

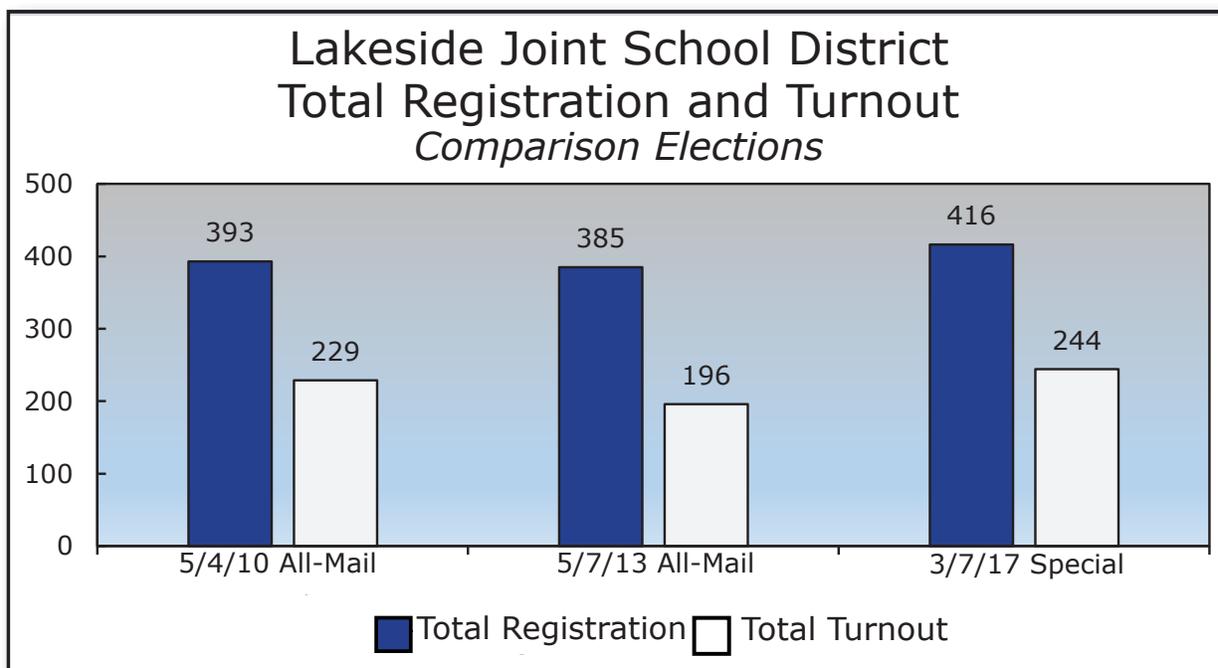More than 58% of the 416 registered voters in the Lakeside Joint School District turned out for the March 7, 2017, Special Election. Although this was not technically classified as a mail ballot election, it was treated as one since the participating precincts had fewer voters than are required for establishing polling places, and as result, all votes cast for this election were via mail ballots.

Nearly 86% of ballots were counted on or before Election Day, and all ballots were counted by March 10, three days after the election. Approximately 98% of all ballots received were counted as valid. After completion and verification of the results, the ROV certified the results on March 20, 2017, just 13 days after Election Day. The parcel tax measure passed.

Data compiled from this election indicates that the district's voters are increasingly registering as vote-by mail, and in small elections each vote can have a greater impact on the numbers.

Comparison Election Profiles

Election	Voting Jurisdiction	Registered Voters	Total Turnout	Turnout Rate
March 7, 2017, Special Election	Lakeside Joint School District	416	244	58.7%
May 7, 2013, All-Mail Election	Lakeside Joint School District	385	196	50.9%
May 4, 2010, All-Mail Election	Lakeside Joint School District	393	229	58.3%

Lakeside Joint School District Total Registration and Turnout
Comparison Elections

Election	Total Registration	Total Turnout
5/4/10 All-Mail	393	229
5/7/13 All-Mail	385	196
3/7/17 Special	416	244

Postscript

Despite the small number of voters participating in the March 7, 2017, Special Election, the election process provides us with many interesting stats:

- This election was the ***10th special election the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has conducted since 2009***. Including all-mail special elections, this election was the ***19th special election since 2009***.

- It was the ***first of at least four elections the ROV plans to conduct in 2017***. The ROV has conducted an average of four elections per year since 2010.

- It concerned "Measure A," a ballot measure for the Lakeside Joint School District seeking an additional parcel tax to the one originally approved by the district's voters in 2010.

  - The ***turnout rate was nearly 8 percentage points higher*** than the rate for the most recent Lakeside mail ballot election in 2013, and about the same as the previous parcel tax election in 2010.

  - Approximately ***59% of registered voters in the district participated*** in this special election in Santa Clara County.

  - Similarly, almost ***60% of registered voters participated*** in Santa Cruz County.

- The measure had strong support among Santa Clara County voters with ***74.6% of the 244 participating voters in Lakeside Joint School District*** voting "Yes" on the measure.

- The measure also had strong support in Santa Cruz County, with ***70.3% of 512 participating voters in favor***.

- The measure passed with approximately ***72% of voters in favor*** between the two counties.

- Of all the registered voters in this special election, ***79% were permanent vote-by-mail voters***.

- ***98% of ballots*** received were ***counted as valid*** in this election.

- The ROV ***certified the results on March 20, 2017,*** only 13 days after Election Day.

Post-Election Reports

Find this and past post-election reports online by visiting www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Resources/Pages/Statistics.aspx.

Register, Update, and Participate

The best way to ensure that your voice is heard is to vote. The Registrar of Voters (ROV) offers numerous ways you can register to vote, update your registration information, stay informed regarding election news, track your ballot, and locate your polling place.

Register to Vote

- **In Person**: Visit the ROV's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, in San Jose.

- **By Mail**: Obtain a voter registration affidavit from a library, post office, or other government office.

- **Online**: Visit www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Register/Pages/Online.aspx.

Find Your Voting Information

- **By Mobile App**: Visit www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx and click on "SCCVOTE Mobile App" to download the ROV's app for Android or Apple.

- **Access Candidate and Measure Information**: View information about recent and upcoming elections at www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Info/Pages/CandidateINFO.aspx.

- **Keep Up to Date**: Look up your districts and polling place, verify that your ballot was received and counted, and more at eservices.sccgov.org/rov.

Volunteer

- Learn how to serve as a paid election officer by visiting www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Volunteer/Pages/Volunteer.aspx.

Update Your Registration

- Update your registration information or provide changes to your address, party affiliation, or language preference at www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Register/Pages/ChangeRegistration.aspx.

Connect with the ROV

- **By Phone**: 1-866-430-VOTE (8683) or 1-408-299-VOTE (8683).

- **On the Web**: Visit www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx.

- **Facebook**: Become part of the ROV's network at www.facebook.com/sccvote.

- **Twitter**: Get up-to-the-minute tweets at twitter.com/sccvote.

- **YouTube**: Watch videos at www.youtube.com/user/sccvote.

- **RSS**: Subscribe to the ROV feed at www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/RSS/Pages/RSS.aspx.