

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

DATE: May 21, 2009

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 9, 2009

SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:

None

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3

TO:

Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Warren Slocum, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor

Recorder

SUBJECT:

Certification of Voting Results from the May 5, 2009 Special School

District Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution accepting the Certificate of the Chief Elections Officer and the Statement of Election Results as determined by the official canvass of the votes cast in the Special School District Election conducted on May 5, 2009 by mail.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitments: Realize the potential of our diverse population; and responsive, effective and collaborative government; and leaders work together across boundaries to preserve and enhance our quality of life.

Goals 2 and 22: Civic engagement including voting, public service, and participation in public discussions of important issues; and County and local governments effectively communicate and develop strategic approaches to issues affecting the County.

Accepting the certified statement of the official canvass of the vote will endorse the democratic process by which San Mateo County residents have expressed their preferences for the decision makers and policies that will guide the direction of federal, state and local governments.

BACKGROUND:

On March 3, 2009 (Resolution No. 069935), this Honorable Board authorized the County's Chief Elections Officer to conduct the May 5, 2009 Special School District Election, as requested by local jurisdictions and in accordance with service agreements whereby the County would be reimbursed for related costs.

State law authorizes and directs the County's Chief Elections Officer to complete, within the 28 days following the election, the canvass of all the ballots and votes cast in said election, including their reconciliation, inspection, processing, and counting, and to prepare a certified statement of the results and submit it to this Honorable Board for acceptance. This Honorable Board of Supervisors, by acceptance of this statement, authorizes and directs the governing body of each jurisdiction participating in the election to declare for contests under its jurisdiction the results for each ballot measure. (Elections Code sections 10411, 15300 et seq., 15400.)

DISCUSSION:

The Chief Elections Officer has duly completed the canvass of the vote and has duly prepared, certified, and submitted the official Statement of the Vote, as required. Additional copies are available upon request.

This resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.