



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder and Chief  
Elections Officer



**Date:** December 5, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** December 13, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

**Subject:** Acceptance of Voting Results of the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election and Declaration of County Results

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Accepting the certificate of the Chief Elections Officer as the statement of the results of the vote as determined by the official canvass of the November 8, 2016, Presidential General Election; and
- B) Declaring the persons elected to certain offices; and
- C) Declaring the results of certain measures voted on at the election.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County's Chief Elections Officer, within 30 days of a Presidential General Election, has the authority and duty to inspect, process, and count all ballots cast and prepare a certified statement of the results, and to deliver a duplicate of that statement to the Secretary of State and to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party. Section 15400 of the Elections Code authorizes and directs the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of the jurisdiction, upon acceptance of this statement, to declare elected or nominated to each office voted on at the election the persons having the highest number of votes for each office and to declare the results of each election under its jurisdiction as to each measure voted on at the election.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 8, 2016, the Chief Elections Officer conducted a Presidential General Election to elect a candidate to a non-partisan seat on the County Board of Supervisors, to elect a Judge to the Superior Court, and to approve or reject county ballot measures. In addition, seven Superior Court Judges who are incumbents were

up for election in 2016 and were not opposed. Pursuant to Section 8203 of the Elections Code, because those incumbent judges did not appear on either the primary ballot or general election ballot, each has accordingly been declared elected by the Chief Elections Officer on November 8, 2016.

Within the 30 days allowed by law, the Chief Elections Officer has completed the official canvass of the votes and has prepared and certified the abstract, or "Statement of the Vote," resulting from that canvass. Copies of the abstract are submitted herewith and are available upon request from the Chief Elections Officer. An electronic copy of the Statement of the Vote is also published on the Registration & Elections Division website, [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org).

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community. This election promoted civic engagement and interest in local cities and districts which often have a significant impact on the day to day lives of citizens. Change at the local level begins with candidates and voters and requires participation and collaboration to yield successful election outcomes and leadership within the communities that comprise San Mateo County.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2012-2013 Actual Nov. 6, 2012	FY 2016-2017 Actual Nov. 8, 2016
Percentage of voters who voted	79.83%	81.56%
Number of registered voters in San Mateo County	361,486	396,341

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no net County cost from acceptance of the results and declaration of the outcomes.