## **Assembly Bill 2028**



#### All-Mailed Ballot Elections in San Mateo County

Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2015

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## What is AB 2028?



- AB 2028 became effective on January 1, 2015
- Legislature wants more data on all-mailed ballot elections in urban counties
- Gives San Mateo County authority to conduct up to 3 all-mailed ballot elections 2015-2017
- Includes Nov. 2015 & 2017 Local Consolidated Elections and one Local Special Election
- Does not include Presidential election in 2016

#### How does AB 2028 work?



- Every voter gets a ballot in the mail
- Return envelopes are postage paid
- Voters can still vote in person



• County to provide report to the Secretary of State and Legislature

### **AB 2028 Possible Benefits**



- Increase Participation
- Reduce Costs
  - Fewer Election Officers
  - Fewer Voting Machines
  - Fewer Polling Places
- Reduce Risk of Human Error
- Faster Results



#### Who Votes by Mail Now?



#### Vote by Mail Voters by Age San Mateo County



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#### San Mateo County

#### **Democratic**

Perm

**VBM** 

58%

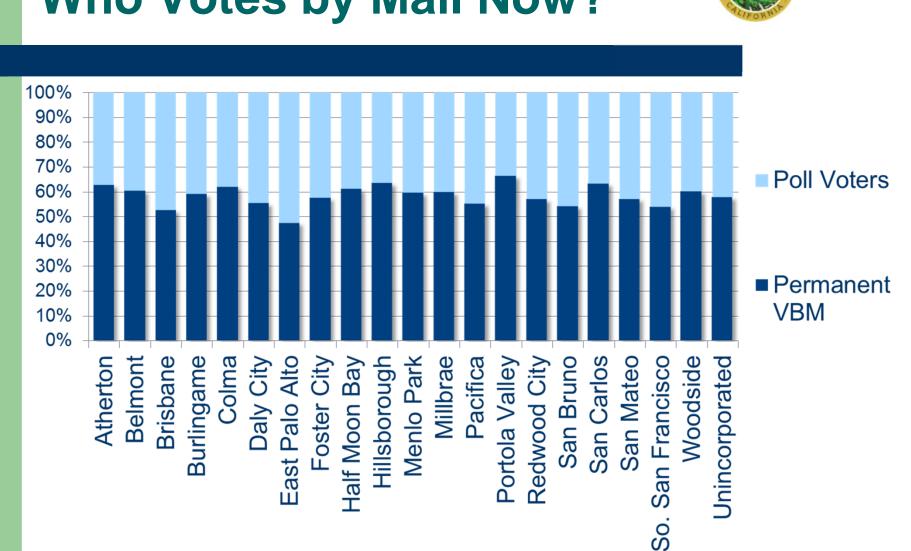
Poll

Voter

42%

# No Party<br/>PreferencePerm<br/>VBM<br/>55%Poll<br/>Voter<br/>45%

#### Republican Perm VBM 60%

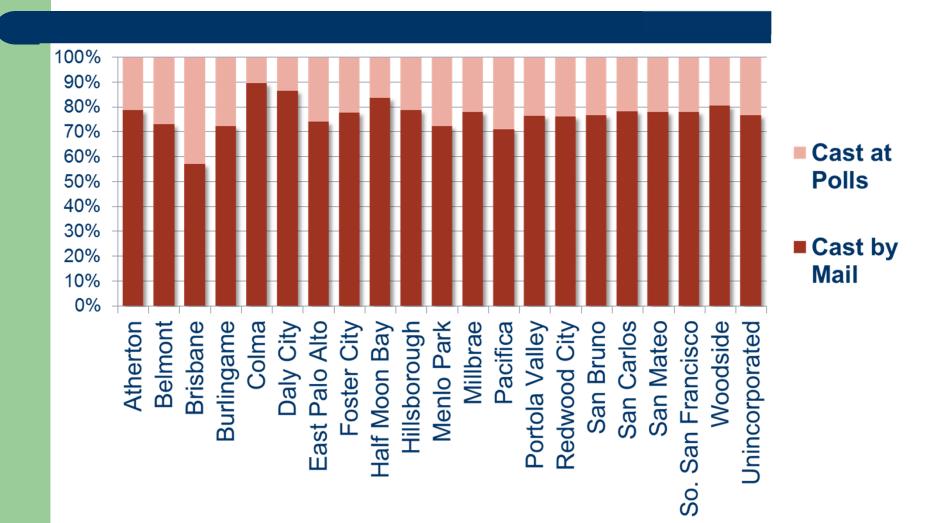


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#### How Voters Cast Ballots November 2013 UDEL Election

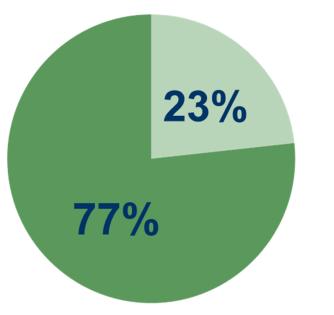




#### **How Voters Cast Ballots**



#### November 2013 Election, County of San Mateo



Ballots Cast at Polls

#### Ballots Cast by Mail

## **Ballot Drop Off Locations**





- One ballot drop box in each city or town
- Open during business hours 28 days prior to Election Day
- Open until 8 p.m. on Election Day

#### **Voting Centers**







- 40 Tower Road, San Mateo & 555 County Center, Redwood City
- Open 29 days prior to Election Day
- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday prior to Election Day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **Election Day Voting**





- One polling place in each city or town
- Voter can still vote in person
- Voter can go to <u>any</u> polling place in the county
- Voter can drop off voted ballot
- Voter didn't receive ballot or needs a replacement
- Postmark + 3

### **Next Steps for County**



- County outreach and education will target voters who don't usually vote by mail – multiple contacts
- County has a media campaign plan that includes radio, digital, print and social media
- An independent consultant will be chosen to study and report on the effects of all-mailed ballot elections

## **Next Steps for Jurisdictions**



- E-114 (July 13, 2015) deadline to call a candidate election
- E-88 (August 7, 2015) last date to adopt a resolution authorizing an all-mailed ballot election
- All jurisdictions participating in the November 2015 Election must adopt the required resolution in order for the pilot project to occur

#### Jurisdictions Authorizing Participation in AB 2028



Cities/Towns	School Districts	Special Districts
Belmont	Belmont-Redwood Shores School District	Bayshore Sanitary District
Brisbane	Burlingame School District	Coastside County Water District
Burlingame	Cabrillo Unified School District*	Highlands Recreation District
Foster City	Hillsborough City School District	Menlo Park Fire Protection District
Millbrae	Portola Valley School District	
San Bruno	San Carlos School District	Westborough Water District
San Carlos	San Mateo County Board of Education*	
So. San Francisco	San Mateo-Foster City School District	
Woodside	San Mateo Union High School District	
	Sequoia Union High School District	
	Woodside Elementary School District	

\*No Election Scheduled

#### Jurisdictions Remaining to Authorize Participation



Cities/Towns	School Districts	
Redwood City	County Community College District	
San Mateo	Jefferson Elementary School District	
Portola Valley	Millbrae Elementary School District	
	Redwood City School District	
	San Bruno Park Elementary School District	

#### **Special Districts**

Broadmoor Police Protection District Colma Fire Protection District East Palo Alto Sanitary District Ladera Recreation District West Bay Sanitary District Woodside Fire Protection District



## Questions And Final Thoughts

