County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-ELECTIONS
File #: 25-272

Board Meeting Date: 4/8/2025

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: Statement of the Results of the Vote for the March 4, 2025 Special Election

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 March 4, 2025 Special Election; and

B) Declaring the results of a Countywide ballot measure.

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2025, the Chief Elections Officer administered the Special Election ("Election"). The official canvass and an abstract or Statement of the Vote for the Election were completed and certified by the Chief Elections Officer and are now available at the Registration & Elections Division (40 Tower Road, San Mateo). An electronic copy of the Statement of the Vote is also published on the Registration & Elections Division website, www.smcacre.gov, and a copy has been submitted to the Board, as required by state law.

DISCUSSION:

Under California law, the Chief Elections Officer, within 30 days of an election, is required to inspect, process, and count all ballots cast during an election and prepare a certified statement of the results.

Upon acceptance of this Certification of the Election, Elections Code Section 15400 directs the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of the jurisdiction, to declare the results of each election under its jurisdiction as to each measure voted on at the election.

On March 4, 2025, the Election was conducted within the County of San Mateo, and the Board will be accepting the certificate of the Chief Elections Officer as the statement of the results of the vote for the Election.

It is recommended that the Board accept the certificate of the Chief Elections Officer as the statement of the results of the vote as determined by the official canvass of the Election.

Because the Election involved an amendment to the San Mateo County Charter, once the results of the Election are declared by the Board, two copies of the complete text of the amendment must be certified and authenticated by the Board President and Clerk of the Board and attested by the Chief Elections Officer, setting forth submission of the amendment to the electors of San Mateo County and its approval by them. One copy of the certified, authenticated, and attested amendment is to be recorded by the Clerk of the Board with the County Recorder and then filed in the Office of the Registration and Elections Division. The second copy shall be filed by the Chief Elections Officer with the Secretary of State in compliance with applicable provisions of the Government Code.

The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	May 3, 2011	March 4, 2025
Number of registered voters in San Mateo County	341,303	444,497
Percent of Voters who voted in the Special Election	26.0%	24.4%

The most recent Countywide special election that did not include a statewide race was a special election in 2011 to elect a new member of the Board of Supervisors, which, unlike this Election, was consolidated with three school district measures.

COMMUNITY IMPACT:
Accepting the results of this election demonstrates fair and effective government services by ensuring that all registered voters in San Mateo County have access to voting materials and the opportunity to have their voices heard with respect to decisions regarding the San Mateo County Charter.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no known fiscal impact associated with this item.