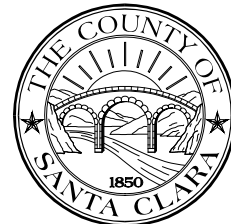


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December 3, 2020

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RE: County of Santa Clara Automatic Recounts

Dear City Clerk Vonderlinden:

We write to advise that the **City of Mountain View City Council Member** contest on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot has qualified for an automatic recount under County of Santa Clara Board Policy No. 3.63. This policy requires the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters (ROV) to conduct automatic, manual recounts in certain local elections where the margin of victory is either less than 0.25 percent of the ballots cast or less than 25 votes, to help ensure the accuracy of election results. A copy of Board Policy 3.63 is attached for your reference.

Before the recount can begin, ballots must be retrieved from storage and prepared for tallying. This first stage, the retrieval process, is expected to take place this week. During that time, ROV staff must search through more than 850,000 ballots (more than 3.4 million ballot cards) to locate the ballots that are included within the contests subject to recount. Because ballot counting began two weeks before Election Day and continued for a several weeks after the election, each precinct is split into over 30 smaller batches and stored in order of date counted. Each of these batches must be retrieved from storage, matched, and subjected to a quality control check to ensure that whole precincts are ready for manual tallying.

We have scheduled the automatic manual recounts to start on Monday, December 7, 2020. ROV staff will work on the automatic recounts from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., six days a week, until all recounts have been completed. The recounts are estimated to last a couple of weeks. The results of each of the automatic recounts will be posted on ROV's website upon completion and you will be notified. You are welcome to observe the recount process at any time. Should you wish to observe the process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Michael Borja to make the necessary arrangements at (408) 282-3005 or [Michael.Borja@rov.sccgov.org](mailto:Michael.Borja@rov.sccgov.org).

This automatic recount policy does not preclude any voter-requested recounts from being initiated in any other manner allowed by California law, nor does it affect the payment or recovery of costs associated with such voter-requested recounts. If you have any concerns or questions about County Board Policy 3.63 or ROV's recount process, please contact Assistant Registrar of Voters Virginia Bloom at [Virginia.Bloom@rov.sccgov.org](mailto:Virginia.Bloom@rov.sccgov.org) or her direct line at (408) 282-3135.

Sincerely,

Shannon Bushey  
 Registrar of Voters

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