



NEWS RELEASE

City of Santa Barbara

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA 2009 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RECOUNT COMPLETED

No change to election results previously reported

SANTA BARBARA, CA – November 12, 2009 – The complete recount of the ballots cast in the City of Santa Barbara 2009 General Municipal Election has been completed. There is no change to the outcome of the election previously reported.

The recount was conducted after it was discovered through an audit performed by the City Clerk's office that a voting machine had not counted votes on some ballots due to a calibration error.

Attachment 1 is a PDF file of the "City of Santa Barbara, General Municipal Election – November 3, 2009, SUMMARY REPORT," issued on November 12, 2009, at 12:21 p.m.

Attachment 1



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Attachment 2 is the News Release issued on November 10, 2009, which outlined the reasons for the recount.

Attachment 2



Election Results
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The "City of Santa Barbara, General Municipal Election – November 3, 2009, SUMMARY REPORT," issued on November 12, 2009, at 12:21 pm, has been posted on the public notice board at City Hall. The results of the recount will be posted later in the day at: SBCityVote.org.

The recount process included extensive pre, mid-point and post recount testing.

A logic and accuracy test of the ballot-counting machine was conducted prior to beginning the recount. A second logic and accuracy test of the ballot-counting machine was conducted at the mid-way point. A logic and accuracy test of the ballot-counting machine was conducted after all of the ballots were recounted. In addition, the final test of the ballot-counting machine included a test of the machine generated count of the precinct manually tallied. All four tests administered confirmed 100% accuracy.

The City Council is scheduled to certify the results of the election on November 24, 2009.

For more information, contact the persons listed at the top of this page.

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** CITY OF SANTA BARBARA **
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2009
SUMMARY REPORT

Mayor	(#/PCT 27)	
(No. to vote for 1)	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
Bob Hansen	420	1.8
Stephen M. Cushman	3696	16.2
Isaac Garrett	484	2.1
Dale Francisco	7684	33.8
Helene Schneider	10433	45.9
Write-ins (votes)	116	0.5
Blank voted (ballots)	307	1.3
Over voted (ballots)	27	0.1
City Council Member	(#/PCT 27)	
(No. to vote for 3)	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
John J. Thyne, III	3753	5.9
Justin Tevis	2765	4.3
Frank Hotchkiss	7560	12.0
Grant House	9679	15.3
Dianne Channing	6765	10.7
Cruzito Herrera Cruz	2098	3.3
John W. Gibbs, Jr.	2072	3.2
Rowland Lane Anderson	1414	2.2
David Pritchett	5580	8.8
Harwood "Bendy" White	8893	14.1
Bonnie Raisin	926	1.4
Michael Kathleen Self	7513	11.9
Cathie McCammon	3912	6.2
Write-ins (votes)	62	0.2
Blank voted (ballots)	436	1.8
Over voted (ballots)	85	0.3
MEASURE "B"	(#/PCT 27)	
(No. to vote for 1)	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
In favor of =====> YES	10444	46.0
Not in favor of ==> NO	12237	53.9
Blank voted (ballots)	201	0.8
Over voted (ballots)	6	0.0

MEASURE "C"	(#/PCT 27)	
(No. to vote for 1)	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
In favor of =====> YES	16969	78.5
Not in favor of ==> NO	4633	21.4
Blank voted (ballots)	1280	5.5
Over voted (ballots)	6	0.0
MEASURE "D"	(#/PCT 27)	
(No. to vote for 1)	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
In favor of =====> YES	12101	57.0
Not in favor of ==> NO	9104	42.9
Blank voted (ballots)	1673	7.3
Over voted (ballots)	10	0.0
MEASURE "E"	(#/PCT 27)	
(No. to vote for 1)	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
In favor of =====> YES	14026	65.7
Not in favor of ==> NO	7321	34.2
Blank voted (ballots)	1535	6.7
Over voted (ballots)	6	0.0
VOTER STATISTICS	(#/PCT 27)	
	(#/RPT 27)	(%/RP 100.0)
CITYWIDE REGISTRATION	46718	
ABSENTEE TURNOUT	0	0.0
ACCUM VOTER REGISTRATION	46718	
PRECINCT TURNOUT	23167	49.5
OVERALL VOTER TURNOUT	23167	49.5



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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA 2009 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY CLERK DECIDES TO DO A RECOUNT

SANTA BARBARA, CA – November 10, 2009 – City Clerk Services Manager, Cyndi Rodriguez, after conducting a manual audit of election results, has determined that a vote counting machine, in some cases, did not properly read a portion of ballots cast. As a result, she has decided to do a complete recount.

“We don’t anticipate that the recount will affect the overall results of the election other than, perhaps, the order for the third and fourth place on the race for City Council,” said Marcelo A. López, administrative services director.

It appears that the voting machine used by the contracted ballot counters lacked the sensitivity to read some of the lighter shaded marks for votes cast for City Council candidates and Measures D and E.

The reader problem does not affect the race for Mayor and/or Measures B and C. In fact, the manual tally results for Mayor and Measures B and C matched the machine-generated results. The nearly 50% voter turnout is also not affected.

“As part of the process, the elections official is required to verify the accuracy of the election by manually tallying approximately one-percent of the votes cast. During the accuracy verification process, the City Clerk Services Manager discovered that in some cases the machine-generated results did not match the manual tally,” said López.

The elections process has many checks and balances, including statistical random sampling of ballots. "Our checks and balance process worked – we identified the problem and by recounting the ballots we will be able to assure voters that the count is accurate," said Cyndi Rodriguez, city clerk services manager.

The recount will occur on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 10:00 am, in the Council Chambers at Santa Barbara City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street.

All candidates, and ballot measure proponents and opponents have or will be informed of the recount. A public notice of the recount is posted at City Hall. The recount is open to the public.

The recount must match the manual tally of the verified precinct selected at random. The city will transmit the updated results in a news release. The results will also be posted on the City's election website: SBCityVote.org.

The projected date for the City Council to certify the election results is Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

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