

Election Day

Vote Centers are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Election Day Observing

The Registration & Elections Division has procedures in place for election observers at the Vote Centers. It is important that activities at the Vote Centers are organized, operationally smooth and hassle-free for both the voters and the Vote Center Representatives.

- Observers are welcome to watch all proceedings at the polls, including Vote Center Representatives while opening up the polls, citizens preparing to vote, and, more commonly, to observe the closing activities.
- Observers have the right to raise questions to the Vote Center Representatives, and may direct their questions about procedures to the Lead Vote Center Representative, or in the absence of the Lead, to other Vote Center Representatives who are in charge.
- Observers may not go near a voting booth while occupied and may not approach voters during the voting process. Observers may talk to voters outside the Vote Center, beyond the “no-electioneering zone.”
- Observers may not directly challenge a voter. Election law provides that only the Elections Official, and/or Vote Center Representative holds the right to challenge a particular vote.
- Observers may not interfere in any way with the voting process.

Election Night Results: Semi-Official and Official Canvass

The semi-official canvass will commence immediately upon the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on November 5, 2024. Votes are cumulated at the secure, central counting location within the Registration & Elections Division at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402.

EC §15150

Generally, the election night results will be released as follows:

- **8:10 p.m.:** Vote by Mail Ballots Only
- **9 p.m.:** All Vote Center Votes (*Updated every 1 hour*)

There are two different ways to obtain Election Night Semi-Official results:

- View the results as they are posted on our website at www.smcacre.gov.
- Subscribe to emailed reports, via subscription form posted on www.smcacre.gov one week prior to the election