



Dear POLLcats,

Election Day may be in November, but many of our POLLcats have already been hard at work for months.

All summer long, nearly 700 of our wonderful poll workers labored in class to become not only teachers and ambassadors, but eSlate experts on behalf of San Mateo County voters on Election Day.

The 600 graduates of the Poll Worker Academy, all San Mateo County eJudges and Inspectors, will be the first group of poll workers to become “certified poll workers.” They are (e)Slated for special recognition.

To express our appreciation for the volunteer hours and special efforts made by these Academy graduates, we are hosting the Poll Worker Academy Graduation Party on Thursday, September 27th at the Little Theater on the College of San Mateo campus. There will be a ceremony, gifts, dignitaries, music, food and fun for all of the 2007 graduates!

I would like to express my personal thanks to each of you that attended all four classes, gave of your time and talent, and did so without compensation.

You are simply wonderful, dedicated patriots and I am proud to know you.

Best,

Warren Slocum

## Helping the Provisional Voter and her Twins

Tara showed up at her precinct with the twins in tow only to discover she was in the wrong place! The twins, one on her hip and the other pulling at her skirt whining about ice cream, began to lose interest in their mother’s right to vote. This was the only chance Tara would have all day to vote.

The Judge, Martha, broke the news to her gently. “I’m sorry dear, your precinct isn’t here; you could call the Elections Office or go online to find your precinct.” Noting that the twins were restless, Martha added, “You could vote using a provisional ballot here, at this precinct, if you want to.”

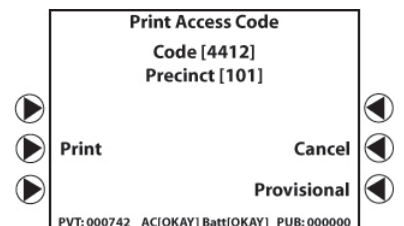
“Oh, thank you!” the besieged Tara responded. “I’ll do that!”

Martha, a Traditional Judge, gave Tara a provisional envelope and the vote confirmation flyer with instructions to fill it in and return it to the other Judge (the eJudge, Phil).

Tara presented her completed envelope to Phil. Here are the steps Phil followed to allow for Tara to vote with a provisional ballot.

1. Phil pressed the button that says “Add Voter” on the JBC.
2. Then, he pushed the “Provisional” button on the lower right-hand side of the JBC screen. When it prompted him to confirm the choice, he pressed “YES.”
3. Next, Phil pressed the Print button to print the Voter Provisional Stub. (Note: the JBC Screen displays the ACCESS CODE and ballot retrieval code prior to printing.)
4. Phil separated the access code from the stub. He handed Tara the stub to print her name and sign and said, “Be sure to put your address on the stub.” He remembered this from class – one signature, one vote. Everybody has to sign someplace... if File this stub. → not the roster, then the absentee ballot, if not the absentee ballot, then the provisional stub.
5. Tara returned the stub. Phil made sure it was complete and then handed her the access code and motioned her to a voting booth.
6. Then, Phil slipped the stub into the provisional envelope and put it safely into Envelope #1.

By now, the twins, Lizzy and Rebecca, were happy because everyone had given them “I Voted” stickers and lots of smiles.



**ACCESS CODE**  
Clave de acceso

**4412**

Date: 11-06-2001  
Time: 15:42:21  
Place: Main Street School  
Precinct: 101

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Sample County, U.S.A.  
General Election  
November 6, 2001  
Main Street School

**Voter Provisional Stub**

Date: 11-06-2001  
Time: 15:42:21  
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:  
1. Print your name below.  
2. Sign your name below.  
3. Place stub in envelope and seal.  
4. Give envelope to election judge.  
5. Proceed to voting booth to vote ballot according to regular procedures.  
DATE OF ELECTION:  
November 6, 2001  
NAME OF ELECTION:  
General Election  
PRECINCT NAME:  
101  
RETRIEVAL CODE:  
1000014412  
PRINTED NAME OF VOTER:  
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Voter Signature:  
X  
Residence Address:  
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## Center Stage

Paul Peneda became a San Mateo County poll worker after he retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He noticed an ad recruiting poll workers and thought, "I could do this – I am used to getting up early."

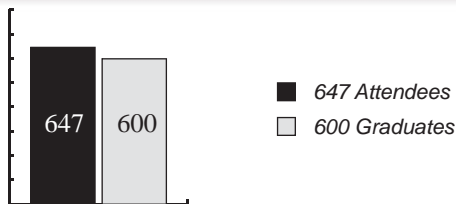


Paul Peneda

Paul will work his 20th consecutive election this November. What he likes most about being a poll worker is meeting people. "I have always enjoyed the folks I have worked with. It is exciting and the learning experience is fun."

Paul has chosen to serve as a Traditional Judge. "The new machines are a little challenging and I wanted to learn about them and become more confident by observing one or two elections before trying my hand at the eSlates," he said. "The roster is a key part to the election and must be filled in properly. Voters feel that it is the 'official' part of voting and I agree."

## 600 Academy Graduates



Of the 647 poll workers that attended the Poll Worker Academy this summer, 93% will graduate.

## Training, Training & More Training

Training is critical to our success, which is why we're putting so much effort into the poll worker training program. There are two upcoming training opportunities for all poll workers before Election Day – one that is mandatory and the other that is strongly recommended.

### • Procedures Classes Start Oct. 1

Poll workers must pre-register for the mandatory Procedures class, which begins Oct. 1. You can do that online at [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org) or by calling (650) 286-2810. More than 65 classes will be held throughout the county. Classes will be geared for first-time poll workers, Judges and Inspectors who have not completed the Poll Worker Academy and Poll Worker Academy graduates. You will receive a schedule in the mail with details.

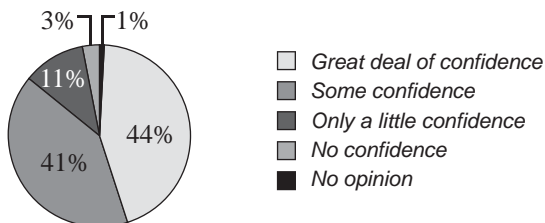
Please note that this year you will have to register in advance for the class. We will take note of the most popular times and locations, which will help us plan for the future and create schedules that reflect your preferences.

### • eSlate Lab Opens Sept. 24

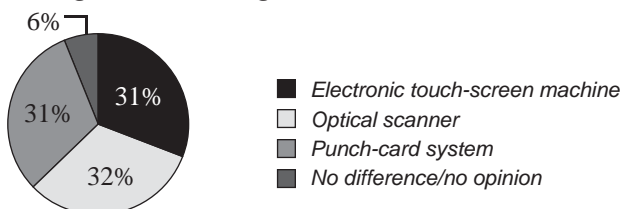
The eSlate Training Lab, located at 800 South Claremont St. in San Mateo, will open on Sept. 24 to give you a chance to practice your skills for Election Day. You will receive a letter in the mail with details and a schedule. The lab will be open weekdays, a couple of evenings and Saturdays. You may sign up for lab time online at [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org) or call (650) 286-2810. If you decide to utilize the lab, which we strongly recommend, you must make an appointment as space is limited.

## 85% of California Voters Have Confidence in their Voting Systems

### Level of confidence that votes are accurately counted



### Voting method that gives voters most confidence



Following the Secretary of State's Top-to-Bottom Review, the Field Poll tested voter opinion to see how Californians feel about their voting systems. Field Poll Director Mark DiCamillo stated that "it was somewhat surprising" that voters favor the electronic voting machines as much as any other voting system, considering the impact of the Secretary of State's recent decision. In fact, they seem to be evenly split on the systems. "The fact that 85 percent of the most committed voters have confidence in their voting system is encouraging; once the Secretary's additional security measures are implemented, even more people will feel confident," Warren Slocum said.

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