



## Center Stage

Elaine Baum decided to become a poll worker because her friend and co-worker talked about the pleasure of being at the polls, about watching the election unfold and encouraged her to work at the polls once she retired.



Elaine Baum  
Belmont, CA

What she likes most—seeing neighbors and putting faces, names and addresses together.

Having done work for the Census, she knows a lot about the local streets and areas. So the two jobs, give her a really complete picture of the community. Now, she knows who lives around the corner, instead of just next door!

Many poll workers share Elaine’s perspectives on service at the polls on Election Day.

“Election Day service is rewarding, the voters are interesting and my colleagues were wonderful. It was particularly gratifying that so many voters said “Thank you for doing this” and that voters were determined to vote, no matter what,” Elaine explained.

“At the end of the very long day, when you’re packing up the eSlates and finishing up, it made me feel great that I was able to give back to the community and really participate in democracy.”

## IRS Requirements

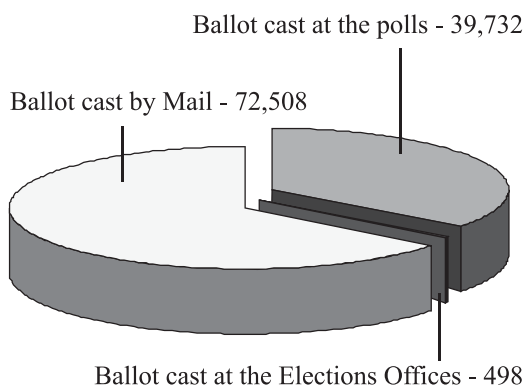
If you worked on the May 19th Consolidated Special Statewide Election, you know already that the Controller Tom Huening has advised us that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) classifies election officer service as that of an employee not of a contractor. What that means is that in order to get paid, you had to fill out and sign the standard W-4 form along with the regular Green Payroll Sheet. Of the 1616 election officers who served, 80% did the paperwork. Thank you!

You will only have to fill out this paperwork once unless you change your name or address. According to Huening, being classified as a County employee/election officer means:

- **No** federal or state taxes will be withheld from your pay;
- **No** Medicare or Social Security taxes will be withheld unless and until you earn more than \$1,500 as an election worker in 2009;
- The County will send you a W-2 for your election work **IF** you earn \$600 or more in a calendar year working for San Mateo County. (Only applies if you are a regular and extra help County employee); and
- Existing County employees must also complete the W-4 for election work. You **may** receive two (2) form W-2s to file with your tax returns; one for your normal County employment and one from your work as an election worker. **If** you earn \$600 or more for your entire work with the County in any calendar year.

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## May 19 Consolidated Special Statewide Election Stats

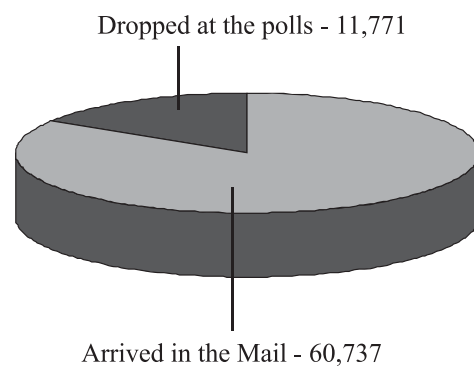


Total ballots cast: 112,738  
Turnout: 31.25%

### Provisional Ballot Totals

Total PV Ballots Cast:	2,182
Total PV Ballots Accepted:	2,042
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Number of Precincts:	407
Number of Polling Locations:	233
Number of Consolidated Precincts:	51
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Number of Field Techs/RACs: (Teams of two)	136
Number of Election Officers:	1,616

### Following the Vote by Mail Ballots



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