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It's Official! Election Results Certified for the Feb. 23 San Mateo-Foster City School District Special Election

(Redwood City, CA) Today, Warren Slocum, the Chief Elections Officer for the County of San Mateo, officially certified the election results for the Feb. 23 San Mateo-Foster City School District Special Election that was conducted wholly by mail.

"This Vote by Mail election ran very smoothly. Of the nearly 22,000 ballots cast, 23 ballots were cast in person," explained Slocum, "Voter turnout was actually higher in this special election as compared with other special elections that we have conducted that included the use of polling places. I think it makes sense to conduct small, special elections by mail – for the voters, the taxpayers, and their jurisdictions."

The Chief Elections Officer officially certifies the results once the Canvass is completed in the 28 days following an election. During the Canvass, the Vote by Mail ballots and the paper and electronic ballots cast at the Elections Office are added to the semi-official vote totals. A publicly conducted one percent manual tally of the votes, an important part of an audit required by code, confirmed the accuracy of the election.

The official election results are published on the San Mateo County Elections website, www.shapethefuture.org. These official election results provide a complete picture of the election with vote totals that are broken down by precinct and the type of ballot cast (early vote at a voting center or Vote by Mail ballot). The Precinct Report is also available online and lists the ballots cast and turnout on a precinct by precinct basis. Anyone may review or download and print a complete copy of the election results from the San Mateo County portion of the district at the San Mateo County Elections Office website, www.shapethefuture.org.

For more information, please contact the Elections Office at (650) 312-5222.