

Date: 18 July 2018

To: San Francisco Election Commission, SF Department of Elections Director John Arntz

From: Roger Donaldson, SF Election Commissioner

Subject: Analysis of 5 June 2018 Final Results Statement of Votes, VBM Report and Certified Results

Commissioners and Director,

I reviewed the Final Results documents on the SF Department of Elections Results page found here: <https://sfelections.sfgov.org/june-5-2018-election-results-detailed-reports>.

Key documents and data from review of the reports on that page

-- The Cert letter states total ballots cast as 253,583.

-- The 20180627_sov.xlsx reflects the 253,583 total with a breakout of 89,756 Election Day and 163,827 VBM Ballots

-- The Precinct Turnout reconciles to the 253,583 total and breakout of 89,756 Election Day and 163,827 VBM Ballots.

That review resulted in the following observations questions:

1 -- Ballots for Mayor show 254,016. What accounts for the difference between that and the 253,583? (screenshot from Certification Letter inset below)

Answer: The voting system is set to base turnout on the first contest on card 1 since that contest tends to receive the most votes when the City votes on multi-card ballots. Only once previously – I think Nov 2016 – did we use a different contest on which to base turnout. Also, I didn't see the 433 vote difference when drafting the certification documents.

1a) Do you have any further details for on the 433 difference?

Answer: The issue revolves around whether the first contest on Card 1 was voted and whether voters returned Card 1 for processing.

2 -- The VBM Status Report shows Total Accepted (counted) of 165,696 (screenshot below) and SOV VBM a total of 163,827. What accounts for the difference?

Answer: Regarding the VBM numbers the SOV, again, shows the number of Card 1s that were processed. The VBM status shows, instead, the number of VBM "envelopes" that were accepted, including those for which we contacted voters when they forgot to sign envelopes, or cured signature mismatches, etc.

3 -- Is there a way for the public to account for the difference between the precinct Posted Ballot Statement and the SOV precinct Election Day final total?

Answer: I don't think there is a method for the public to account for differences in the posted ballot statement and the SOV. One issue is that we can expect to not receive posted ballot

statements from the polls, the ones that get posted at the polling places are often removed before we collect the equipment.

Certification Letter: Statement of the Results, Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election – June 5, 2018

(<http://www.sfelections.org/results/20180605/data/20180627/CertificationLetterJun2018.pdf>)

RCV Results Report

Customer Name:	The City and County of San Francisco	Election Date:	6/5/2018
Election Name:	SFC_20180605_E	Run Date:	6/27/2018
Contest:	Mayor	Load Type:	Complete

Run Id: 55 - Pass 8

Pass Number: 8

Initial State			
Candidate		Votes	% Vote
MICHELLE BRAVO	Eliminated in pass 3.	0	0.00%
LONDON BREED		102767	43.27%
MARK LENO		68707	28.93%
JANE KIM		66043	27.81%
RICHIE GREENBERG	Eliminated in pass 5.	0	0.00%
ANGELA ALIOTO	Eliminated in pass 7.	0	0.00%
AMY FARAH WEISS	Eliminated in pass 4.	0	0.00%
ELLEN LEE ZHOU	Eliminated in pass 6.	0	0.00%
WRITE-IN	Eliminated in pass 1.	0	0.00%
WRITE-IN ANTOINE R. ROGERS	Eliminated in pass 2.	0	0.00%
	Continuing Ballots	237517	
Exhausted by Over Votes		693	
Under Votes		2350	
Exhausted Ballots		13456	
	Total Ballots	254016	

Vote by Mail Ballot Report

(http://www.sfelections.org/results/20180605/data/20180627/20180627_vbm.pdf)

June 5, 2018, Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election: Vote-by-Mail Ballot Status Report				
Total Accepted (Counted) Vote-by-Mail Ballots		Accepted (Counted) Vote-by-Mail Ballots that were remedied by contacting voters to correct issues on the return envelopes. These are included in total accepted.	Challenged (Not Counted) Vote-By-Mail Ballots	
165,696		984	3,665	
		N/A	2,953	Received after deadline of three days after E-Day or late postmark
		113	190	Signature miscompares
		866	505	No signature
		N/A	5	Cancelled registration status
		3	5	No ballot enclosed
		2	3	No "Voter Oath" received with faxed ballot
		N/A	4	Voter Already Voted