



Sunday, November 20, 2022 · 2:50 PM

Texting with Loren (SMS/MMS)

Hello Loren. This is Tim Dupuis, Registrar of Voters for Alameda County. Supervisor Carson asked me to reach out to you today. Are you available for a call?

L Yes. That would be great. Feel free to call at your convenience.

Monday, November 21, 2022 · 4:05 PM

Hello Loren. The update tonight will not be until 8:00. We are posting an update on Social media.

L Thanks for the update.

Monday, November 21, 2022 · 5:05 PM

L Hi Tim, who is eligible to request a recount? Any of the mayoral campaigns?

We are reviewing the recount document to make sure that everything is current. Here is the section you are asking about: Any voter may, within five days of the completion of the official canvass but not later than 5 p.m. on the fifth day, file a request for a recount for any local or countywide election with the Registrar of Voters. The request must be in writing and specify on behalf of which candidate or position on a measure it is filed. The recount request must be filed within five days of the completion of the official canvass. Completion of the canvass is when the elections official signs the certified statement of the results of the election. (CA Elections Code Sec. 15620). The requestor of the recount must select whether the recount shall be conducted manually or by machine. (CA Elections Code Sec. 15627)



I know you are interested in the cost. Again, we are reviewing the document, but here is the section detailing what must be paid for: Cost and Payment

- The elections official shall determine the amount of deposit necessary to cover costs of the recount for each day. (E.C. §15624)
 - The voter filing the request for recount must pay a deposit, before the recount commences and at the beginning of each day following, such sums as required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day. (E.C. §15624)
 - If upon completion of the recount the results are reversed, the deposit shall be returned. (E.C. §15624)
 - The recount shall be conducted under the supervision of the elections official by special recount boards consisting of four voters of the county appointed by the elections official.
- Costs in the recount include:
- Meet with proponents
 - Identify and prepare materials
 - Hire and train recount boards
 - Legal advice (if necessary)
 - Security personnel (if necessary)
 - Resolve challenges
 - Documentation/correspondence
 - Prepare tally sheets
 - Cost of 1 recount board (4 members)
 - Review of material – supervision
 - Supervision of recount and board(s)
 - County overhead at current rate
 - Equipment and supplies



We are reviewing to make sure you get all the correct info so you can make the most informed decision.

L Thanks!

Monday, November 21, 2022 · 8:32 PM

We are still working on the final votes. Hoping to have it out within an hour.

Thx for heads up. 👍

L I will take a break from hitting refresh then. 😊

Posting now



Thursday, November 24, 2022 · 6:28 AM

Good morning, Tim. And Happy Thanksgiving! 🦃🍁

Pardon the intrusion on this holiday, but did your team get a chance to draft and publish the FAQ on the Recount process in Alameda County? It appears there are some people interested in the process and considering using it. I'd like to be able to direct them towards your office's updated information.

Thanks!

L -Loren Taylor

Thursday, November 24, 2022 · 7:51 AM


Good morning, Loren. Happy Thanksgiving

Someone did inquire. We provided them the white paper on recount. I can send it to you. Can you give me your email address. I don't seem to have it easily available this morning.

I have done some research into our past recounts. The last Registrar ran three. The most votes changed in those recounts were 5.

There was also a fairly recent recount in San Diego that we all paid close attention to. I found this article to give you a sense of what it would take to change the outcome:
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-chula-vista-city-council-recount-mccann-padilla-2014dec18-story.html>

If you give me your email, I will forward the white paper.

 [Chula Vista recount ends, John McCann remains victor over Steve Padilla - The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

Chula Vista recount ends, John McCann

The ballot recount is over in the Chula Vista City Council race, and Councilman John
www.sandiegouniontribune.com

Thanks, Tim. Loren@lorenforoakland.com

I am also curious if recounts have been done on rank-choice elections and if anything about the process/ analysis differed with those types of ballots.

We have not had a recount for RCV. The analysis/challenge wouldn't change. Is there a thought that the algorithm didn't perform correctly?

I just sent you an email with the white paper attached.

Thanks! Regarding the rank choice algorithm... there isn't a specific concern.

It is more a question of why we have such a high number of non-transferable/ exhausted ballots (which seems to be a higher number than one might otherwise expect or be comfortable with)

Questions for me... Was it a voter education problem? A voter fatigue problem with 5 rankings? A ballot completion/tabulation issue? Or even a conscious decision by voters to not weigh in on differentiating those candidates who ultimately advanced to the final rounds of rank-choice.

Outside of the recount process, Will the registrar's office publish a breakdown of how ballots allocated their choices? That would be helpful for those who are evaluating ways to improve RCV implementation in the future.

(I know that I am throwing a lot out there. Appreciate your time entertaining/ responding to this inquiry.)

Do you have time for a quick call?

Thursday, November 24, 2022 · 10:21 AM

L Sorry that I missed this note earlier. Feel free to call when you are available to chat.

Around 12:00?

L That works for me. Appreciate you being available.

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 · 3:36 PM

Hi Tim, good afternoon. Can you provide a cost estimate on the high end & the low end for conducting the recount? The high end is 100% manual process, right? The low end is therefore 100 computer-count?

Having that range would be helpful for me and others who are considering their options. Thanks!

L -Loren

We are working on the estimate. We will have a better idea towards the end of the week.

Ok. We are eagerly awaiting that update, then. From a ball park perspective is \$30-\$40k close? Or are we looking at something closer to \$100k?

L (Trying to at least gauge an order of Magnitude)

At least \$12k a day. Computer would be the fastest. Computer count will be at least 4 days. This is a guesstimate to give you order of magnitude. We are still fine tuning the number. If anything, it will be higher than this. The cost of prep is not included in this. We have to pull at least 1300 batches to extract all the votes for the Oakland Mayor race.

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 5:57 PM

FYI, we just posted the Unofficial Final Election results. I will be certifying the election on Dec 8.



Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 8:58 AM



Good morning, Tim. Someone asked me a question that I don't know the answer to and I'm hoping you can help. When an individual registered voter requests a recount and is prepared to pay the \$... are there any disclosure requirements regarding the source of funds?

I will have to check. I am not sure if that becomes public record.

They may also want to check with an attorney. We can't give legal advice. I will see what we are required to share.

My legal team just cautioned that I can't give legal advice. I can say that my office does not ask for the source of funding as part of the recount request.



Understood.

Do you have a sense of how likely they will request the recount?



It seems likely.

Do you have a moment for a call?

L Yes.

I just called and it went to your voicemail

Friday, December 9, 2022 · 1:55 PM

Hi Loren. I just emailed you the 1% manual tally reports. There were no discrepancies.

L Thanks, Tim.

We are still working on the exact cost for the recount. It will most likely be between \$12k - \$15k per day plus payment for prep. A lot will depend on the approach requested for the recount.

We just received the request. We are going to have to reevaluate the cost based on the approach requested. So the cost will very likely change.

L Thanks. Can you share who the request came from? The person I am talking to as the likely spokesperson said that he hasn't submitted a formal request yet.

Monday, December 12, 2022 · 1:12 PM

Can I call you?

L 15min?

Sure

Available now?

It would be very helpful if you could share the Cast Vote Record

L What file format is it in?

Monday, December 12, 2022 · 3:19 PM

L Following up on the request above for Cast Vote Record file... how quickly can this be shared?

Working on it.

Are you available for a call?

L Free until 4:30p. Chairing a public meeting after that.

REC-2022-0001: Chairing a public meeting after that.

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - 8:28 PM

Hi Tim, I'm hoping that your holiday wasn't totally consumed by election management and oversight.

Given the recent announcement of the D4 school board results changing due to the revised algorithm. How does/did this affect the final count for the mayor's race? For other races? When will the updated count for all races be published?

Also, how can voters have confidence that other aspects of the algorithm are correct and don't need to be re-examined? That is a big question coming my way today as it likely is for you as well?

Also, my data team has asked about the precincts listed in the raw vote data... is this the correct list of consolidated precincts to map to?...

https://data.acgov.org/datasets/3d3205bb21904c3db4f8597e1c55cc5e_0/explore?location=37.679995%2C-121.906442%2C11.17

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Thanks!

Thursday, December 29, 2022 - 7:00 PM