

Election Results

The results are in! As of 8:00 a.m. November 5th, 2008, Monterey County voter turnout looks to be around 51%.

Below is a quick wrap-up of races and ballot measures throughout Monterey County. Additional updates will be sent out as final vote tabulations are released. Stay Tuned!

Congress 17th District:

Sam Farr (D) (68%)

State Senate 15th District:

Abel Maldonado (R) (61%)

State Assembly 27th District:

Bill Monning (D) (64%)

State Assembly 28th District:

Anna Caballero (un-opposed)

Gonzales Mayor:

Scott Funk (un-opposed)

Greenfield City Council:

John Martinez (29%)

Yolanda S. Teneyuque (25%)

King City City Council:

Jeff Pereira (29%)

Robert Cullen (27%)

Susan Kleber (22%)

Marina Mayor:

Bruce Delgado (52%)

Marina City Council:

Frank O'Connell (20%)

Jim Ford (19%)

Monterey Mayor:

Chuck Della Sala (79%)

Monterey City Council:

Libby Downey (36%)

Jeff Haferman (36%)

Pacific Grove Mayor: (final tabulation with write-in votes could take some time)

Dan Cort

Pacific Grove City Council:

Bill Kampe (20%)

Carmelita Garcia (14%)
Deborah Lindsay (12%)

Salinas City Council:

Jyl Lutes (58%)

Seaside Mayor:

Ralph Rubio (un-opposed)

Seaside City Council:

Ian Oglesby (41%)
Steve Bloomer (35%)

Soledad Mayor:

Richard Ortiz (46%)

Soledad City Council:

Richard Perez (28%)
Alejandro Chavez (28%)

Measure X (Pacific Grove Unified SD Parcel Tax)

Pass (75%)

Measure Y (Pacific Grove Defined Contribution Retirement)

Pass (56%)

Measure Z (1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax)

Too Close to Call (62% - votes still being counted)

Measure E (Seaside Utility Tax Repeal)

Fail (57% opposed)

Voters Inspired

I am sure many of you have heard of the campaign to "Get Out The Vote" or GOTV - it is a reference to each political party's attempts to energize their voting base through various activities. Republican or Democrat, no doubt there was a GOTV effort in your city or town. GOTV efforts produced results not seen in a very long time. There are many different reasons why educated and even passionate people fail to make it to the polls for each election. Some say low voter turnout represents a lack of trust in government. However, this year, this Presidential Election, it can be said unequivocally that voters were inspired and ready to see this Nation move in a new direction.

In the past few years we've seen a special election to unseat a Governor, a contentious Presidential race, major bond campaigns and raucous political infighting. At some point, voters reached maximum exposure and decided it was time to do something about it. Casting votes in droves, Republicans and Democrats alike took advantage of the very right which makes this country so special, they voted.

The tide on voter apathy has changed course. Regardless of party affiliation, every

American should feel a sense of great pride for the turnout enjoyed on November 4th.

Stay tuned as MCAR continues to update on the results of this historic election. Friday's Stone Report will focus what happened throughout the State along with an in-depth analysis of current market and economic conditions.

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Until next time,

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