

# SHASTA ELECTION TIMES

SHASTA COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

## STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY CERTIFIED

As a voter, the election process seems so simple. Come in, give your name and address and fill out a ballot. However, all of you seasoned poll workers know, there is so much more to the process! All of your efforts are truly appreciated. Inspectors, and Precinct Officers, we can not thank you enough for your service. As always, June elections posed a significant challenge to staff polling sites due to graduations, reunions, or just summer plans. We really appreciate your commitment to the election process. Many of you recruited volunteers to fill vacancies, or became new poll workers. Without your assistance Shasta County would not be able to hold any election, so again, thank you!



Your hard work combined with our staffs' enabled us to certify on Friday, June 13th! The final election results are available on our website:

## STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION 2014 STATISTICS

### General Stats

Registered voters	<b>98,777</b>
Voted at the polls	<b>6,787</b>
Vote-by-mail returned via mail or drop boxes	<b>14,043</b>
Vote-by-mail voters who dropped ballots off at polls on Election Day	<b>3,501</b>



### Provisional Stats

Total Provisional Ballots	<b>263</b>
Counted	<b>230</b>
Not Counted	<b>22</b>
Partially Counted	<b>11</b>
Vote-by-mail voters who did not surrender ballot, instead voted a provisional ballot	<b>185</b>

## JUNE PRIMARY LOW TURNOUT ACROSS STATE

**Despite low voter turnout, our poll workers found a variety of ways to pass the time...**

“Just figured out the deck of cards being used for Cribbage games is messed up! (Short in some suites, doubles in others.) So much for Cribbage!” #595

“Air conditioning is so cool we keep taking turns to go outside and enjoy the sunshine to warm up!” #15

“Broke scissors, tried very hard to repair them, unsuccessful.” #595

“Threw away dry ink pens” #112

“Considering showing great gratitude to the next voter that comes in by throwing confetti (shredding bits of paper we are making), into the air when they come to our table!” #595

“Big problem this election: waited 4 hours for a pizza to be delivered.” #660

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Hi all, I wanted to also take a moment to thank you for your service to all the citizens of Shasta County. Whether folks vote or not, an elections system with integrity benefits all of us. Thank you so much for being an essential part of it!

I wanted also to break down the numbers on the front page a little. Turnout in June was disappointing, at 6.87% at the polls—over 30% total, when you include the vote by mail. About one third of the traffic in your polling sites was VBM voters dropping off ballots. New procedures saved us some provisionals—20 inactive voters signed the roster and correctly voted a regular ballot. Also, we discovered that 80% of our provisionals are from voters who left their ballot at home (or lost it, or...); we'll be following up with those voters to see if we can get that number down.

Thank you all again! It's an honor to serve among you all.

**Cathy Darling Allen**

**Wondering how your Board did?**

Using feedback from staff, and other data from items returned on Election Day, each poll site was evaluated on their performance. This information will be used to modify the training sessions in October for the Election on November 4th!

\* Call for your results: Dee Dee at 225-5162. or Email: [dtompkins@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:dtompkins@co.shasta.ca.us)

**GEARING UP FOR NOVEMBER**

Bright orange poll worker availability cards have been mailed and we are anxiously awaiting their return! In an effort to provide the most convenient trainings for all poll workers we are requesting the best days and times on this card. If you have not done so please complete the orange card and return to our office immediately. The best way to insure you get to work at your first choice of a polling site is to return your card as early as possible!

The new format for the Quick Reference Guides was so well received in June it too is undergoing some fine tuning for November.

After reviewing the training evaluations, and the challenges of this election Dee Dee is again revising the Inspector and Clerk trainings. Look forward to even more interactive activities and scenarios!

We are actively recruiting new poll workers for the General Election on November 4, 2014. As of the start of August only half of our boards are complete. If you know anyone interested in serving as a poll worker, or student poll worker please have them visit our website, call the office, or even drop by 1643 Market Street for an application.