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Adam Sanchez wins race for DHS Mayor

Sanchez 1,042 votes Parks 1,030 votes

Desert Hot Springs, Calif. -

New election results were posted Saturday at noon, and now show that Councilman Adam Sanchez has beaten Mayor Yvonne Parks by 12 votes in the race for Desert Hot Springs Mayor.

The vote count was :

	Vote Count	Percent
ADAM SANCHEZ	1,042	43.20%
JOHN-PAUL VALDEZ	340	14.10%
YVONNE PARKS	1,030	42.70%
Total	2,412	100.00%

Desert Hot Springs Councilman Adam Sanchez campaigns for Mayor.

On the Riverside County Registrar's website, the Registrar Kari Verjil stated that ballot counting is now complete. Final unofficial election results are now posted. The Registrar of Voters was prepared to certify election results today (Saturday), but postponed that step because of the Veterans Day Holiday Weekend. Official Certification of the election will take place Tuesday, November 12.

Both Sanchez and Parks have been part of city leadership for several years. Sanchez began on the council in 2011, and Parks in 2005.

With Sanchez's win, this will be the first time Desert Hot Springs has had a new mayor in seven years.

But, Parks does have the right to contest the results and ask for a recount.

Parks and Sanchez have not returned calls seeking comment Saturday afternoon. On Friday, when she held a narrow lead in the vote count, Parks told us she would ask for a recount if the numbers swung in favor of Sanchez.

"Nowhere are you gonna find 159 votes that come out of nowhere, enough said," Parks told us Friday. "I will be asking for a recount if he (Sanchez) goes over."

The registrar's office says the official results are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon but if the election is contested, the results may not be final for some time.