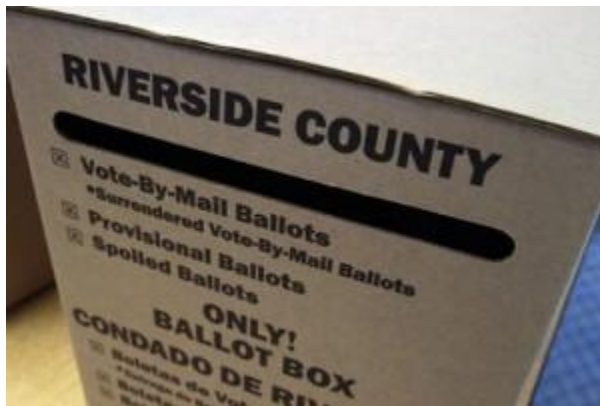


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Election results certified, starting clock on any recount

The Riverside County Registrar of Voters has just certified the election results.

The numbers didn't change since Saturday, when Registrar Kari Verjil posted the [final unofficial tally of last week's election](#).



But the certification does mean the clock is now ticking for [anyone wanting to seek a recount](#).

A total of 41,369 voters cast ballots countywide, meaning turnout for Tuesday's election was 18.45 percent.

The valley's closest race was in Desert Hot Springs, where Councilman Adam Sanchez beat incumbent Mayor Yvonne Parks by 12 votes.

The tally shows Sanchez received 1,042 votes, or 43.2 percent, to Parks' 1,030 votes, or 42.7 percent. Economist John-Paul Valdez got 340 votes.

[Parks last week The Desert Sun she would seek a recount, then later said she was considering her options.](#)

As of this morning, no one had contacted Verjil about starting the process.

Changing the results via a recount is rare, according to an April 2011 study by the nonpartisan Center for Voting and Democracy.

Between 2000 and 2009, there were 2,884 statewide general elections and 18 statewide recounts. Eleven of them were deemed "consequential," because the original margin of victory was less than 0.15 percent. Only three of those "consequential" election results were overturned in the recount, the study found.

[Salary database: Desert Hot Springs spent average of \\$71,509 per employee in 2011](#)

