Votes — continued

Jackson's vitality in these Oceanside and Pendleton polling areas probably reflects the large numbers of Black Marines and their families on the base and just outside its perimeters, and the size of the Black neighborhoods of northern Oceanside. The Mira Costa College area showing is but one of several county colleges whose neighborhoods displayed support for Jackson.

Carlsbad, however, handed Jackson delegates the margin of significance in only three precincts out of a total of 30 to 40. One polling site, of the community between El Camino Real and Aqua Hedionda Lagoon, did tally up 30% for the reverend.

Half of **Encinitas'** sixteen precincts gained our margin of respect. Six passed the 20% mark and one reached 30%. These were from areas on the Pacific side of 101, and just west of Interstate 5. In **Cardiff**, Jackson's delegates pulled in our margin of 15% or more in seven of its 17 polling zones. Three exceeded 20%. Across the San Elijo Lagoon in **Solana Beach**, four of ten precincts attained the margin for Jesse. The top three, all over 20%, are situated in the north of town on both sides of the freeway and around Earl Warren Junior High School.

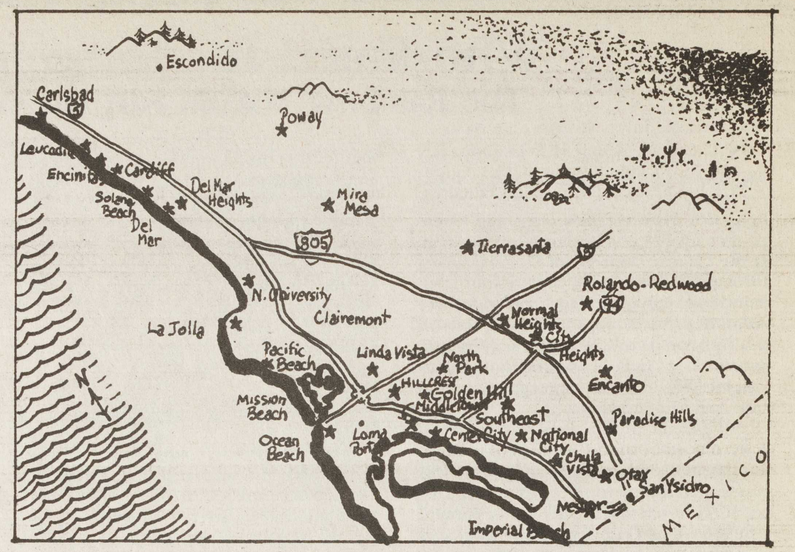
Ending our cruise down the coast momentarily at **Del Mar**, I counted four out of seven polling places collecting Jackson's margin of respectability. In one a quarter of the Democratic votes went for Jesse. Although within San Diego city limits, **Del Mar Heights** is just up the hill. Its 12 polling sites gave Jackson our electoral limit in five, with two recording 20% or higher.

Inland Conservatism

In sharp contrast to the coastal strip, north county's inland areas didn't display too much favoritism toward Jackson, reflecting their overall conservatism. Of **Fallbrook's** 14 precincts, only three attained 15% or more. Another three registered in that range in **Vista**, out of its 30 to 35 polling areas. Two of **Bonsall's** six precincts voted 12 to 14% for Jackson's delegates. And the incorporated areas of north county, with their 46 precincts, balloted to our margin in only three.

Up in **Escondido** only one out of 68 polling sectors expressed any significant support for Jackson. Four precincts in **Poway** did reach the margin, however, and one secured over 20%. Way out in **Ramona**, interestingly enough, three precincts topped the 15% margin for Jackson, and in one he received nearly one-third of the vote.

We've just covered most of the 43rd Congressional District, where over 3000 Democrats balloted for Jesse's delegates. We can visualize a strip of land running the length of the coast from Oceanside and the border with reactionary Orange County down to



Del Mar harboring a belt of political progressivism. Within this strip of turf, 27 precincts showered Jesse Jackson with a fifth or better of their votes.

The City of San Diego

In exploring the percentages and precincts across the city of San Diego, I've tended to use the names the Registrar office labels different communites. They may or may not correspond with what their own residents call them.

Most of San Diego north of Mission Valley and including the beach areas, Point Loma, Hillcrest and parts of North Park all fall into the 41st Congressional District where the top Jackson delegate acquired over 8500 votes.

As we move south and east on the map beginning in the northwest portion of the city, we face the wide area known as **Penasquitos**. Nine of its 34 precincts sent Jackson's delegates 15% of the vote. Three had one out of five voters or better go with Jesse. Out across the scrub brush to **Mira Mesa**, Jackson showed some depth of support. Eighteen of 26 polling areas pulled in the margin of credibility, while eight tallied over 20%. Most of Jackson's strength exists in the northern and southern portions of Mira Mesa, especially around the junior and senior high schools.

Closer to the coast, Jackson earned some dramatic backing from **UCSD** and its surrounding student dominated residential areas. One precinct on the campus itself, with nearly 250 Democrats voting, gave over 35% of their ballots to Jackson. A total of nine polling stations out of 16 in this North University sector gained the margin, with four very close to 20% — several of these are found in the La Jolla Village-Gilmon area.

La Jolla proper has 38 precincts. Nine of them reached the margin or higher, while three eclipsed one-fifth of their vote for Jesse. Two precincts, including the northwest corner of downtown La Jolla, reported one-fourth of the votes for the Jackson candidacy.

Across Interstate 5, among the ridges and canyons of Clairemont, Jesse polled merely 5 to 10% in most precincts. In the **North Clairemont** tract, only one of 31 polls handed him our margin. **South Clairemont** was more supportive. Five and possibly seven of its 24 precincts topped 15% or more, including the area around the University of San Diego, and an area off of Clairemont Drive — just a few blocks from I-5. Seven of **East Clairemont's** 41 polling zones displayed our margin, while two obtained or bettered the 20% mark. Here, Jackson's suport is centered in the area northeast of the Balboa and Genesee close to Mesa College.

The story in **Linda Vista** was different. One of the few Black and integrated neighborhoods in San Diego and the only one north of Mission Valley but in the city proper, Linda Vista has long been a depth of liberal politics. Perhaps that's why the community has been jerrymandered into the 44th District. At any rate, eleven of its twenty precincts gave Jackson our margin or better. Five beat 20%. And Jesse received one in three votes in another. His muscle here rested in the community's central hub, a couple of precincts out on the edge of Tecolote Canyon, and in a slice of neighborhood sandwiched between Highways 805 and 163 and Mesa College Drive. Surprisingly or not, one of the precincts located within Linda Vista's military housing went for Jackson with one out of four votes.

Northeast of Linda Vista, **Tierrasanta** showed glimmers of support for the first Black man to get this close to the Presidency. Six of its 22 polling stations registered our margin. Overlooking Highway 15 and on both sides of Tierrasanta Boulevard, two precincts recorded between 25 and 35%. Further east, only two **San Carlos** precincts out of 27 scored 15% or more for Jackson. Other communities in this region as well as La Mesa and El Cajon failed to register anything over 10%.

Down at the Beach

Following Mission Valley west, our trail of Jackson support carries us out to the beach areas where he was able to corner some strength in the mostly all-white neighborhoods. **Pacific Beach** handed Jackson 15% or greater in eight and possibly nine out of 41 precincts. His main core of voters in P.B. live in its northwestern neighborhood — north of Loring, plus the area south of the Grand-Balboa intersection. One out of four votes went to Jackson in a precinct just west of Interstate 5 and south of Garnet.

The three sun-swept precincts that make up almost the entire north **Mission Beach** strip all gave Jesse 25 and 30% of their vote, encompassing the bayside down to El Carmel Point. One other precinct took 15%.

Across the flood control channel we approach **Ocean Beach**. Of the 19 precincts which cover a good portion of Point Loma, twelve reached our margin of significance. Six polling stations, mainly in the northern and southern ends of Ocean Beach, reported one of five or better votes for Jesse. The most northwestern precinct handed him a third of the ballots. The remainder of the peninsula saw only scattered minimum support for Jackson. Of **Loma Portal's** 17 precincts, just two registered our margin. In the more exclusive **La Playa** neighborhoods, our delegates won between 11 and 14% in four precincts out of 13.

South of Highway 8

It has often been said that Highway 8 does more than split up Mission Valley, but that it also divides the city racially and politically. And in terms of the Jackson vote this past primary, this separation — excusing a few exceptions — seemed to be intact. There was a marked difference in the levels of sympathy for Jesse Jackson on the different sides of the valley, with the southern rim much more interested in the politics of the Black minister.

Hillcrest furnished some support to Jackson. Half of its eighteen polls realized our margin of credibility, including two or three who awarded his delegates 20% or more of their vote. These included the neighborhood around the Board of Education Center, that near University Hospital, and a precinct overlooking Mission Valley. Next door in the **Midway** area, one precinct north of Grant Elementary and another just across Washington from there both supplied Jesse's camp with 15-20%. Two of **Mission Hill's** thirteen voting blocs granted him the 15% margin of respect. One of them was awfully close to 20%.

East of Hillcrest Jackson's popularity is much more concentrated. In **North Park**, Democratic balloters conferred Jesse our margin in 15 of 27 precincts. Between one-fifth and one fourth of the voters went with him in the area north of Adams Avenue. Other sources of his strength are centered in northwest North Park and a couple of precincts south of El Cajon Boulevard.

Normal Heights, east of 805, flushed the Jackson delegates with votes. That oft-repeated margin was reached in twenty out of 33 polling sites. Twelve transcended that difficult boundary of 20%. Most of these precincts are in the neighborhood north of University and between 805 and 40th Street. A precinct near Wilson Junior High went for Jackson with one out of three votes. Another stronghold appeared in the block surrounding Hoover High, where four precincts topped the margin and two claimed 20-25% for Jesse.

From here on in, most of Jackson's depth is south and southeast. Except for a couple of polling stations out near **San Diego State University**, each of which gave him one-fifth of their vote or better, nothing of significance came Jackson's way further east.

In the City Heights area, known also as **East San Diego**, Jackson delegates were endowed with our margin in all but two of 16 precincts. Ten hit the 20% mark or higher, and five soured between 30-35%. Jesse's concentration of support runs along both sides of University and up on the west side of Home Avenue.

The section of town the Registrar calls **Rolando-Redwood** rests south of City Heights and north of Highway 94. Here in the precinct just northeast of 94 and Euclid, where Jackson's San Diego Headquarters is located, voters handed his delegates a whooping 70% of the ballots. In all they gained the margin in 14 of 41 polling sites. Twelve had better than the proverbial 20%. His strongest areas include the neighborhood between El Cajon and University where two precincts registered over 35% for him and a precinct east of 54th Street that reported over 45%.

Moving west for a moment — across Balboa Park, into the **Middletown** region, we find more support for Jackson. Half of the ten precincts reflected the margin. Three, including a couple running alongside the park, voted 20% or more. Traveling south into downtown, **center city** reported that 5 of its 9 polling zones topped 15% and three reached our second plateau of notice. This latter group includes the City College area and the community just to the west of Lowell Elementary.

Jackson has substantial muscle up among the seven precincts of **Golden Hills**. All of them surpassed our first percentage level. Democratic votes transmitted 20-30% of their votes to the Jackson delegates in three precincts, while they dispersed one-third of their vote in two others.

Jackson Strongholds

The principle source of support for the Jackson candidacy came out of the Southeast and Encanto communities. His sweep of the Southeast was awesome, where his delegates won in ten of the 18 precincts with over 50%. Across this large region, precinct after precinct reported 30 to 45% of the vote for Jackson. Only one had 15% or lower. The sweep was so complete it is meaningless to single out the strongest parcels.

A similar story unfolded in Encanto. **West Encanto** has 21 polling sites. Jackson delegates swept eight and possibly 12 (depending on the final count). They received 30-40% of the vote in three, and 40-50% in six others. More precincts fell to Jesse in **East Encanto**, where half of its 18 went to his delegates. Three ended up awarding them a third of the vote. Two more checked in at 35-40%.

Jackson took eight and probably ten of the 17 **Chollas Park** precincts. Two gave him two-thirds of their vote. The remainder ranged from 20 to 45%.

Continuing our electoral journey south, we leave the city limits and enter **National City**. From here south, Jackson's strength and following drop off as only six of National City's 19 polling sites registered the 15% margin or more. The three precincts that gave Jackson's delegates one-fifth of the vote or higher include the community just east of 805 at the north end of town, and one just west of 805 between 8th and 18th Streets. However, in Paradise Hills, just east of there, Jackson delegates actually swept one precinct out of the 14, and took seven others with 20 to 40%.

Nine of **Chula Vista's** 58 precincts made a showing for our candidate in question. Three furnished him with 20-25% of their vote. At the south end just west of 805 one precinct handed him better than one-quarter. Another precinct within Bonita Estates provided Jesse with one out of five ballots.

There were pockets of solidarity with Jackson sprinkled throughout the South Bay. Only one of twelve precincts in **Castle Park** gave him any showing, but it went for him with a quarter of its vote. Ten of **Otay's** fourteen polling sections reached our margin of credibility, while half of them exceeded 20%. **Nestor**, with twelve precincts, handed Jackson the margin in five, and three of those reached 20%.

Out on the coast once again, only two of **Imperial Beach's** 13 precincts had anything near 15% for Jackson. And out of

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