

# County of Santa Clara

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## Media Information: November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election

**About This Election:** The November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election is the 58th quadrennial U.S. Presidential Election. It will also include numerous federal, state, and local contests, including 17 state measures and 32 local measures, for a total of 129 contests on the ballot countywide.

Total Registration	875,176				
Permanent Vote By Mail (as of 10/31/16)	635,486				
Military & Overseas Voters (as of 10/31/16)	7,579				
Voters by Language (as of 10/31/16)	English: 808,456	Chinese: 16,417	Spanish: 15,677	Tagalog: 4,401	Vietnamese: 29,027
	Japanese 98	Korean: 757	Hindi: 160	Khmer: 19	
Voters by Qualified Political Parties	Democratic (DEM): 411,479 Republican (REP): 171,281 American Independent (AIP): 18,149 Green (GRN): 3,714 Libertarian (LIB): 5,856 Peace & Freedom (P&F): 2,169 No Party Preference/Other (NPP): 261,202				

**Election Night Results and Information** will be available at [sccvote.org](http://sccvote.org). The first press report with preliminary Vote by Mail ballot tallies will be issued online at approximately 8:05 p.m. The Registrar of Voters' Office will post updated results at roughly one-hour intervals on its website, [sccvote.org](http://sccvote.org), and on its [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

**Interview/Media Requests** should be directed to our media line at 408-282-3008. We would be happy to assist with your requests to visit polling places, view our ballot opening/sorting/counting operations or schedule interviews. Arrangements should be made prior to arriving at our offices and/or polling places. A media room will be available at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, Room 181 in San Jose on Election Day. Credentials will be required for entry.



You are encouraged to film/take photos of:  
 \*polling places and ballot tally operations  
 \*election officers/employees processing ballots  
 \*election headquarters

Please do not film/take photos of:  
 \* election officers/voters without permission  
 \* voted ballots/return envelope signatures  
 \* obstruct/disrupt voting

**Expanded Media Opportunities:** The Registrar of Voters’ Office is offering increased availability for media questions, taping and interviews for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election through December 8.

Our expanded schedule is shown below. Please note that it is subject to change, although we will make every effort to accommodate media requests during this time. **For night and weekend interviews and taping, please telephone our media line in advance to make arrangements.**

<b>Election Day:</b>	
Tuesday, November 8	5 a.m. - Unofficial Semi-Final Results
<b>Post-Election</b>	
Wednesday, November 9 --Thursday, November 10	24 hours <b>(upon advance request)</b>
Friday, November 11 -- Thursday, December 8 (closed on Thanksgiving Day)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Voting Options**

There are four different options for voting in this election.

**1) All voters may vote at a polling place on Election Day.**

836 polling places located throughout Santa Clara County will be open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8. After voters arrive at their polling place, they will sign into the roster index, receive an official ballot, and cast their vote. Voters who have already received a Vote by Mail ballot can surrender their mail ballot at the polling place in exchange for a polling place ballot.

Each polling place will be equipped with at least one touch screen voting machine. The touch screen voting machine is accessible to blind and visually impaired voters.

Polling place voting locations can be found on the back of the Sample Ballot Voter Information Pamphlet, on [sccvote.org](http://sccvote.org) and the [SCCVOTE mobile app](#), or by calling 866-430-VOTE (8683).

**2) All voters may vote at any of six Early Voting Centers.**

Once voters arrive at an Early Voting Center, they may obtain a ballot and cast it in person, or they could take their ballot home to complete later. Voters may also drop off their completed Vote by Mail ballots, receive replacements for lost or damaged Vote by Mail ballots, or use a touch screen voting machine. The touch screen voting machine is accessible to blind and visually impaired voters. The Early Voting Center located at the Registrar of Voters’ Office is open as follows:

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Monday – Friday	Oct. 11 – Nov. 7	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	Oct. 29 & 30, Nov. 5-6	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 8 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The five additional Early Voting Centers were open Saturdays and Sundays, October 29 and 30, and November 5 and 6, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Educational Park Branch Library – 1772 Educational Park Dr., San Jose
- Joyce Ellington Branch Library – 491 E. Empire St., San Jose
- Rinconada Library – 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto
- Santa Clara City Library – 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
- Wheeler Community Room – 250 W. Sixth St., Gilroy

**3) Vote by Mail voters may drop off their voted ballots at one of 55 drop-off and drive-thru sites located throughout the County.**

For added convenience, 25 ballot drop-off sites are open 24 hours a day. The Ballot Drop-Off Sites became available on October 11 and will continue through 8 p.m. on Election Day at the following locations:

**Open 24 hours per day**

- Registrar of Voters' Office – Outside drop-box, 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose
- Valley Medical Center – Outside drop-box, 751 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose
- Berryessa Library – Outside drop-box, 3355 Noble Ave., San Jose
- Campbell Library – Outside drop-box, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell
- Central Park Library – Outside drop-box, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
- Cupertino Library – Outside drop-box, 10800 Torre Ave., Cupertino
- Gilroy Library – Outside drop-box, 350 W. Sixth St., Gilroy
- Los Altos Library – Outside drop-box, 13 South San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
- Los Gatos Library – Outside drop-box, 100 Villa Ave., Los Gatos
- Woodland Branch Library – Outside drop-box, 1975 Grant Rd., Los Altos
- Milpitas Library – Outside drop-box, 160 North Main St., Milpitas
- Mountain View Public Library – Outside drop-box, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View
- Morgan Hill Library – Outside drop-box, 660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill
- Pearl Avenue Library – Outside drop-box, 4270 Pearl Ave., San Jose
- Saratoga Library – Outside drop-box, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga
- Sunnyvale Library – Outside drop-box, 665 W Olive Ave., Sunnyvale
- Tully Community Library – Outside drop-box , 880 Tully Rd., San Jose
- De Anza College (at Main Quad near the Flag Pole), 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino
- Evergreen Valley College (at Cafeteria located in Gullo 1), 3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose
- Foothill College (at Bldg.1900/Admin near Flag Pole), 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills
- Gavilan College (at Student Center), 5055 Santa Teresa Blvd., Gilroy
- Mission College (Drop off/Pick-up Loop), 3000 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara
- San Jose City College (at Student Center), 2100 Moorpark Ave., San Jose
- San Jose State University (at Clark Hall Bldg. & The Villages), 1 Washington Sq., San Jose
- Santa Clara University (at Benson Memorial Center), 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
- West Valley College (at Admissions near the Flag Pole), 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga

**Open during normal business hours**

- Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose
- Campbell City Hall – City Clerk's Office, 70 N. First St., Campbell

- Cupertino City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino
- Gilroy City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 7351 Rosanna St., Gilroy
- Los Altos City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
- Los Altos Hills Town Hall – Town Clerk’s Office, 26379 Fremont Rd., Los Altos Hills
- Los Gatos Town Hall – Town Clerk’s Office, 110 E. Main St., Los Gatos
- Milpitas City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
- Monte Sereno City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd., Monte Sereno
- Morgan Hill City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 17575 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill
- Mountain View City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 500 Castro St., Mountain View
- Palo Alto City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto
- San Jose City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 200 E. Santa Clara St., T14 Floor, San Jose
- Santa Clara City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara
- Saratoga City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 13777 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga
- Sunnyvale City Hall – City Finance Office, 650 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale
- Martin Luther King Library – Inside drop-box, 150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose
- Mitchell Park Library – Inside drop-box, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
- Rose Garden Library – Inside drop-box, 1580 Naglee Ave., San Jose

The Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites were open on Saturdays and Sundays, October 29 and 30, and November 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voters were able to drop off their ballots without even getting out of their vehicles at the following locations:

- Curtner LRT Station, Canoas Garden Ave. at Curtner Ave., San Jose
- Hostetter LRT Station, Capitol Ave. at Camino del Rey, San Jose
- Mayfield Soccer Complex, Page Mill Rd. at El Camino Real, Palo Alto
- Morgan Hill Transit Center, Main Ave. at Hale Ave., Morgan Hill
- Westgate Shopping Center (near Hamilton Ave.), 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose

**4) Vote by Mail voters may mail their voted ballots at no cost by using the postage-paid return envelope that the Registrar of Voters’ Office includes with every Vote by Mail ballot.**

No postage is necessary for voters returning their ballots using a postage-paid return envelope that is included with every Vote by Mail ballot. In previous elections, voters had to pay the cost of return postage, which frequently exceeded a single first-class stamp. Notably, Santa Clara is one of only a few counties in the state to offer prepaid postage for Vote by Mail ballots.

**Deadline to Return Vote by Mail Ballot**

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in person must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. Vote by Mail ballots that are returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by Monday, November 14.

Voters must sign the ballot’s return envelope themselves so that their signature on the envelope can be compared to their signature on the voter registration form and their identity can be confirmed. Voters who forgot to sign their return envelope must complete the [Unsigned Ballot Statement](#) form and return it by November 16.

Voters can track the status of their ballots online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org) or by using the free [SCCVOTE mobile app](#) mobile app.

### **Counting the Vote**

Following the last voter in line at 8 p.m., Election Officers count the number of ballots voted and the number of signatures processed, reconcile the number of ballots received, and begin to disassemble the voting machines and polling places. Midday and Evening Courier Teams of two will travel to polling places and retrieve the voted ballots (including Provisional and Vote by Mail ballots), electronic voting machine memory cartridges, and voter verified paper audit trail records. These materials are then returned to the Auditorium at the Registrar of Voters' Office in San Jose for processing.

As precinct materials arrive, ballots are inspected first for damage and then sent to be counted by high-speed scanners, then added to the total election results and posted online. The posted results are updated regularly throughout the night. The Registrar of Voters' website shows how many precincts have reported, the number of votes counted, and the time of the last results update on its Election Results page.

When all precincts have reported, the Election Night counting is concluded; however, there are still more ballots to count and a lot more work to do before the results become official.

### **Ballots Counted after Election Day**

There are four types of ballots that are counted after Election Day – “last minute” Vote by Mail ballots, provisional ballots, damaged ballots, and ballots that contain write-in votes.

#### **“Last Minute” Vote by Mail Ballots**

Vote by Mail ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and arrive by Monday, November 14, will be processed and counted after Election Day.

Vote by Mail voters who forgot to sign their return envelopes will have the opportunity to complete and sign an [Unsigned Ballot Statement](#) form by 5:00 p.m. on November 16.

#### **Provisional Ballots**

Provisional ballots are cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined at the polling places on Election Day or who had received Vote by Mail ballots but did not have them to surrender at the polls and wanted to vote in person. Provisional ballots must be researched and verified in order to be counted.

#### **Damaged Ballots**

Some ballots will be torn, damaged, or marked in such a way that the tallying machines cannot read them. These ballots require additional processing before they can be counted.

#### **Write-In Votes**

Write-in votes must be tallied manually.

#### **Audits**

A review of all paperwork that was completed at the precincts will be conducted in order to ensure all ballots are accounted for. A manual recount of ballots from a random 1% sample of the precincts will be done to ensure that the vote tabulation equipment is

working accurately.

**Registering to Vote in the Election:** The last day to register to vote in the election was October 24 and could be done online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

A voter should complete a new registration form if he or she has moved, changed a name(s), or wants to change his or her political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a Santa Clara County resident and not imprisoned or on parole for a felony.

Online registrations were accepted as long as they were completed before midnight on October 24. Paper registration forms that were postmarked on that date were also accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls and most local government offices.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1- 866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

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