

County of Santa Clara

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VOTING UNDERWAY FOR MAY 4TH SPECIAL ELECTION

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has mailed out ballots to almost 120,000 voters for the May 4th Special Election. The election is being conducted by mail ballot only and includes the school districts of: Palo Alto Unified, Fremont Union High, Lakeside Joint, Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary, and Union Elementary. It is not a countywide election. Only voters who live in these school districts are eligible to vote.

The ballot packets contain other key voting information, such as:

- Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet
- Instructions for completing the official ballot
- Yellow Mail Ballot Return Envelope (postage paid)

Register to Vote

Monday, April 19th is the deadline to register and still be eligible to vote in the May 4th election.

Mailed registration forms that are postmarked by April 19th will be accepted. Voters can also return their registration forms in person at the Registrar's Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose. For voters' convenience, there is a white 24-hour drop box located by the flag pole outside the Registrar's Office.

Voters need to re-register only when they move, change their name, or would like to change their political party affiliation. Voters can check if they are registered to vote online at www.sccvote.org or by calling toll-free (866) 430-VOTE [8683] 24-hours a day.

Voter registration forms can be found at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls and most local government offices. Registration forms are also available online at www.sccvote.org and at the Registrar's Office.

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Completing Vote by Mail Ballots

Santa Clara County uses paper optical scan ballots to conduct voting by mail. Voters mark their ballots by completing the arrow next to their selection with a single, unbroken line. Voters can only use blue or black ink on their ballot and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should also be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks on their ballot, including their name or initials.

Voters are encouraged to read all instructions before marking the ballot. If a voter makes a mistake or needs a replacement, they are available from the Registrar's Office.

Returning your Vote by Mail Ballots

Voters must sign the mail ballot return envelope for their votes to be counted. Signatures are used to verify the voter's identity and protect against voting fraud.

All completed ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 4th (postmarks are not accepted).

Ballots can be returned by mail. Postage is not necessary because this is an all mail ballot election. Voters are encouraged to allow enough time for their ballot to arrive before the deadline.

Ballots may be dropped off through Election Day during normal business hours at the County Government Center, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose or at city halls in cities that are within these school districts. Ballots may also be returned in person at the Registrar of Voters' Office or dropped off at the white 24-hour drop box located outside the office near the flag pole.

Ballots may also be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day at the following drop-off sites: Lakeside Elementary School, 19621 Black Road, Los Gatos; Loma Prieta Elementary School, 23800 Summit Road, Los Gatos; and Vineland Branch Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose.

Early Voting

Early Voting is available Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Registrar's Office between now and up to the day before the election and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Accessible touch screen voting is also available at the Registrar's Office during Early Voting.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

Toll Free:	(866) 430-VOTE [8683]	Spanish:	(408) 282-3095
English:	(408) 299-VOTE [8683]	Vietnamese:	(408) 282-3097
TTY:	(408) 288-9820	Chinese:	(408) 282-3086
Online:	www.sccvote.org	Tagalog:	(408) 535-3916