

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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VOTING UNDERWAY FOR MAY 5TH SPECIAL ELECTION

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has begun mailing ballots for the May 5th Special Election. The special election is being conducted by mail ballot only and includes the Cupertino Union School District and the Moreland School District. It is not a countywide election. Only voters who live in these school districts are eligible to vote.

Ballots will be sent to over 88,000 voters currently registered in these two districts. The ballot packets will contain other key voting information, such as:

- Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet
- Instructions for completing the official ballot
- Vote by Mail Return Envelope

Register to Vote

Monday, April 20th, is the deadline to register and still be eligible to vote in the May 5th election.

Mailed registration forms that are postmarked by April 20th 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 ballots and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should also be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks, including their name or initials, on their ballot.

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 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.

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 on time.

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: Quinlan Community Center, 10185 North Stelling Road, Cupertino and West Valley Branch Library, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose.

All completed ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 8 p.m. on election day, May 5th (postmarks are not accepted).

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 touchscreen voting is also available at the Registrar's Office during Early Voting.

More information

Contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

Toll Free: (866) 430-VOTE [8683]
English: (408) 299-VOTE [8683]
TTY: (408) 288-9820
Online: www.sccvote.org

Spanish: (408) 282-3095
Vietnamese: (408) 282-3097
Chinese: (408) 282-3086
Tagalog: (408) 535-3916