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AUGUST 17TH SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION IN 15TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT UNDERWAY

Voting in the August 17th Special General Election, to fill the vacancy, in the 15th State Senate District, is underway.

Tomorrow, the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters will be mailing out Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets to over 114,000, voters who are eligible to vote in this election. Vote by Mail ballots have been mailed to over 83,000 or 73% of the voters.

The 15th State Senate District covers areas within the county such as Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, Saratoga and parts of San Jose and San Martin. The district also spans four other counties.

The ballot for the August 17, 2010 Special General Election is identical to the June 22, 2010 Special Primary Election ballot. This is because none of the parties represented in the special primary had more than one candidate running. Pursuant to California law, since no candidate received a majority of all votes cast in the Special Primary Election to fill the vacancy, a Special General ("run-off") must be held. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast in the general election shall be declared elected.

Voter Registration

The deadline to register or re-register and still be eligible to vote in this election is Monday, August 2nd.

Mailed registration forms that are postmarked by August 2nd will be accepted. Voters can also return their registration forms in person at the Registrar's Office. 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, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

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To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be at least 18 years old on Election Day, a U.S. citizen, and a Santa Clara County resident. They may not be in prison or on parole for a felony.

Vote by Mail

Voters who would like to request a Vote by Mail ballot, through the mail, still have time to do so. The deadline is 5 p.m., Tuesday, August 10th (postmarks are not accepted).

Vote by Mail applications are available on the back cover of the Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet and online at www.sccvote.org. Voters can also sign up to Vote by Mail permanently and automatically receive their ballots by mail before every election.

Vote by Mail voters who are returning their ballots in a blue return envelope, will need to apply 44 cents postage. Voters who are returning their ballots in a green return envelope are in a mail ballot precinct and do not need to pay postage.

Early Voting

After the August 10th deadline, ballots can only be obtained at the Registrar of Voters' Office. The Registrar of Voters' Office is open for Early Voting during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Website

Voters can track the status of their Vote by Mail ballots online at the Registrar of Voters' website, www.sccvote.org, to verify their returned ballots are received and counted.

Voters can also visit the Registrar's website to find their assigned polling place, check their voter registration status, and download forms like the Voter Registration Form and Vote by Mail application.

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

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