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EARLY VOTING FOR JUNE 8TH STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION UNDERWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is offering convenient ways for voters to cast their ballots early in the upcoming June 8th Statewide Direct Primary Election.

One of the most convenient ways is through vote by mail. This week, the Registrar began mailing ballots to more than 530,000 voters, or approximately 69% of county’s 770,000 registered voters. Vote by Mail applications are available on the back cover of the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet or online at www.sccvote.org.

Early Voting also began this week and will continue until Election Day during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend Voting is also available on May 29th and June 5th and 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early and Weekend Voting is conducted at the Registrar of Voters’ Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

Ballots that are cast and returned early will be the first tallied on Election Night.

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

All Vote by Mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day (postmarks are not accepted). Voters must sign the return envelopes themselves so the ballot can be validated and counted.

Vote by Mail ballots, which are sent in a blue return envelope, require 61 cents postage to return by mail. Ballots for mail ballot precincts, which are sent in a green return envelope, do not require postage.

Ballots can be returned early, by mail, at the Registrar’s Office, the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street in San Jose or at one of the drop-off sites, during normal business hours. A full listing of drop-off sites is available at www.sccvote.org. For added convenience, the Registrar’s Office has a white 24-hour drop box located near the flag pole.

Ballots may also be returned to any Santa Clara County polling place or the Registrar’s Office on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Website

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

Candidates’ statements and measure information from the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet are also available online. This feature has been introduced so voters can learn about the contests and issues on the ballots and make informed decisions.

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:

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