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SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS FOR MAY 19TH
STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE MAIL

Voters in Santa Clara County should be receiving their Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets for the May 19th Statewide Special Election in the mail soon. The Registrar of Voters has started mailing sample ballot pamphlets to over 794,000 registered voters throughout the county.

Voters who register or re-register by Monday, April 20th will also receive a Sample Ballot pamphlet. Voters who register after that date will be sent a letter with their assigned polling place location. The last day to register to vote in the May election is Monday, May 4th.

The Sample Ballot pamphlet contains the ballot question for each of the six state propositions (1A – 1F), voting instructions, and each voter’s assigned polling place location. In the City of Morgan Hill, pamphlets will also include information about a city measure.

Voters are encouraged to review the pamphlets carefully and mark their selections in the Sample Ballot pages, which are located in the center of the pamphlet. Voters should bring the Sample Ballot with them to the polls to help the voting process move faster.

Santa Clara County provides Sample Ballot pamphlets in English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. Voters can update their language preference by calling toll-free (866) 430-VOTE [8683] or completing a Preferred Language Survey, which is in the pamphlet, or available online at www.sccvote.org.

Detailed information about the state propositions is available in the State’s “Official Voter Information Guide” pamphlet. The “Official Voter Information Guide” is prepared by the California Secretary of State’s Office and is mailed by the State to households with registered voters. Additional information is also available at www.smartvoter.org, www.easyvoter.org, and www.ss.ca.gov.

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Voting by Mail

The Sample Ballot pamphlet also includes a Vote by Mail Application. Voters may choose to vote by mail for this election only or sign up to vote by mail permanently.

Voting by mail is an option available to all registered voters. Its popularity has increased in recent years due largely to its convenience. It is an ideal choice for voters who may have difficulty going to the polls on Election Day or anyone who prefers the convenience of casting a ballot from home. Over 507,000 Santa Clara County residents are currently signed up to vote by mail, or approximately 64 percent of all registered voters.

For 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

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