

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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161,490 BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTERS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office today mailed out 161,490 Vote by Mail ballots for the November 5th Consolidated Election. Voters who have requested Vote by Mail ballots account for over 68% of the approximately 237,000 eligible voters in this election.

This election covers only certain parts of the county, including the cities of Palo Alto and Sunnyvale, the Orchard, Loma Prieta, Sunnyvale Union and Campbell Union High School Districts, Stanislaus County Board of Education and the South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District. **It is not a countywide election.**

Vote by Mail voters should begin receiving their ballots in the next few days. Voters, who do not receive their ballots by October 18th, are encouraged to contact the Registrar of Voters' Office and check on the status of their ballots. Voters may request Vote by Mail ballots until 5 pm on Tuesday, October 29th (postmarks are not accepted). Request forms are available on the back of the Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet sent to all voters as well as online at www.sccvote.org.

Today also marks the first day of early voting. Any eligible voter can cast a ballot in-person at the Registrar's Office during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Completing Vote by Mail Ballots

Santa Clara County uses paper optical scan ballots to conduct voting by mail. Voters complete their ballots by connecting 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 be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks on their ballot, including their name or initials.

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

Voters must sign the Vote by Mail return envelope for their votes to be counted. Signatures are compared to the voter registration forms on file to verify the voter's identity. If signatures do not match, the ballot cannot be counted.

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Vote by Mail voters returning their ballots in a blue return envelope will need to apply 66 cents postage. Voters returning their ballots in a green return envelope are in a designated mail ballot precinct and do not need to pay postage.

Vote by Mail ballots can also be delivered to the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose or at one of the drop-off sites, during normal business hours. A complete list of drop-off sites is available below and at www.sccvote.org. Ballots that are dropped off in person do not require postage. For added convenience, the Registrar's Office has a white 24-hour drop box located near the flag pole in the parking lot.

Drop-off Sites (Open During Business Hours Only)

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor
70 W. Hedding, San Jose, CA 95110

Campbell City Hall
70 N. First Street, Campbell, CA 95008

Gilroy City Hall
7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020

Palo Alto City Hall
250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Sunnyvale City Hall – City Finance Office
650 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Ballot Drive-Thru Drop-off Site

Saturday, October 26, 10 am to 3 pm

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 & 3, 10 am to 3 pm

Gilroy City Hall parking lot, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020

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.

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

Toll Free:	1-866-430-VOTE (8683)	Spanish:	1-408-282-3095
English:	1-408-299-VOTE (8683)	Vietnamese:	1-408-282-3097
TTY:	1-408-288-9820	Chinese:	1-408-282-3086
Online:	www.sccvote.org	Tagalog:	1-408-282-3089

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