

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTERS IN MAY 8TH SPECIAL ELECTION

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has mailed out ballots to over 67,000 voters for the May 8th Special Mail Ballot Election. The election is being conducted in the Santa Clara Unified School District and the Saratoga Union School District. Only voters who live in these school districts are eligible to vote. **(It is not a countywide election.)**

Voters in the Santa Clara Unified School District will be deciding on Measure A (parcel tax) and voters in Saratoga Union School District on Measure B (parcel tax). Both measures require a two-thirds vote to pass.

Ballots will automatically be sent to voters in these districts. The ballot packets also contain the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet and a yellow Mail Ballot Return Envelope (postage paid). This is an all-mail ballot election at the request of the districts. As such, there will be no polling places.

Register to Vote

Monday, April 23rd is the deadline to register and still be eligible to vote in the May 8th election. Mailed registration forms postmarked by April 23rd 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. They can check to see 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 are available at: post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls, most local government offices as well as online at www.sccvote.org and at the Registrar's Office.

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 ballot and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should also be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks on their ballot, including their name or initials. They are also encouraged to read all instructions carefully before marking the ballot. If a voter makes a mistake or needs a replacement, they are available from the Registrar's Office.

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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.

Voters are also encouraged to complete and return their ballots as soon as possible. Ballots received early can be processed and verified and their votes included in the initial results posted on Election Night. First in, first counted!

Ballots can be returned in a variety of ways. Regardless of what option voters choose, **all voted ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 8th (postmarks are not accepted).**

Ballots can be returned by mail. Postage is not necessary because this is an all-mail ballot election. They may also be dropped off at the Registrar of Voters' Office during Early Voting or at the 24-hour white drop box located outside the office near the flagpole or at any of the following return centers.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT RETURN CENTERS <i>Open during normal business hours beginning April 9th through Election Day</i>	
Santa Clara County Government Center – 1 st Floor 70 W. Hedding Street San Jose, CA 95110	San Jose City Hall 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2 San Jose, CA 95113
Cupertino City Hall 10300 Torre Avenue Cupertino, CA 95014	Santa Clara City Hall * 1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050
Los Gatos Town Hall 110 E. Main Street Los Gatos, CA 95030	Saratoga City Hall * 13777 Fruitvale Avenue Saratoga, CA 95070
Monte Sereno City Hall 18041 Saratoga/Los Gatos Road Monte Sereno, CA 95030	Sunnyvale City Hall – City Finance Office 650 W. Olive Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086
<p>*Expanded Ballot Return Hours: Saturday, May 5th 10 am to 3 pm & Tuesday, May 8th until 8 pm at Santa Clara City Hall & Saratoga City Hall</p>	

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

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

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