

County of Santa Clara

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BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTERS IN MAY 7TH SPECIAL ELECTION

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has mailed out ballots to 18,345 voters for the May 7th Special Mail Ballot Election. The election is being conducted in the Lakeside Joint School District and the Los Gatos Union School District. Only voters who live in these school districts are eligible to vote. **(This is not a countywide election.)**

Voters in the Lakeside Joint School District will be deciding on Measure A (reorganization of school districts) and voters in Los Gatos Union School District on Measure B (parcel tax). Measure A requires a majority vote to pass and Measure B requires a two-thirds vote to pass.

The ballots have been mailed in packets, which also contain the Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet and a green 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 on Election Day.

Register to Vote

Monday, April 22nd is the deadline to register and still be eligible to vote in the May 7th election. Voters can register using the California Online Voter Registration system at <http://registertovote.ca.gov> as long as they complete and submit the electronic form on April 22nd before midnight. Mailed registration forms postmarked by April 22nd 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 in the parking lot.

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 1-866-430-VOTE (8683).

Voter registration forms are available at: post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls, most local government offices, and at the Registrar's Office.

Ballots and election information will also be automatically mailed to new or existing voters, in these districts, who register or re-register by the deadline.

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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.

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 7th (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, at the 24-hour white drop box located in the parking lot, or at the ballot drop-off site listed below during the following hours:

BALLOT DROP-OFF SITE

Los Gatos Town Hall
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXPANDED DRIVE-THRU BALLOT DROP-OFF HOURS

Saturday, May 4th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7th, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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 election or other information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

Toll Free: 1-866-430-VOTE (8683)
English: 1-408-299-VOTE (8683)
TTY: 1-408-288-9820
Online: www.sccvote.org

Spanish: 1-408-282-3095
Vietnamese: 1-408-282-3097
Chinese: 1-408-282-3086
Tagalog: 1-408-282-3089