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SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS FOR THE JUNE 5TH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN THE MAIL

Voters in Santa Clara County should receive their Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets for the June 5th Presidential Primary Election in the mail soon. The Registrar of Voters has started mailing Sample Ballot pamphlets to over 759,000 registered voters throughout the county.

Voters who register or re-register by Monday, May 7th, will also receive a Sample Ballot pamphlet. Voters who register after May 7th and by May 21st, the deadline to register to vote for this election, will only be sent a letter with their assigned polling place location.

The Sample Ballot pamphlet is an important resource for voters to help prepare them for the election. It includes:

- Instructions for completing the official ballot
- Information about candidates and measures on the ballot
- A Vote By Mail Application
- The voter’s assigned polling place location

“This June marks the first time that county voters will be casting ballots under the all new Top-Two Candidates Open Primary system. As a result of Redistricting, some voters will also find themselves in different districts”, said Barry Garner, Registrar of Voters. “We want to minimize the impact these and other changes may have on voters and one way to do that is to provide them with resources, like the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet”, said Garner.

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. The sample ballot can be used as a guide to complete the official ballot and can help expedite the voting process, whether voting early or at the polls on Election Day.

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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.sccgov.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.sos.ca.gov.

Voting by Mail

Voters may choose to vote by mail for this election only or sign up to vote by mail permanently. A Vote by Mail application can be found on the back cover of the Sample Ballot pamphlet.

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 anyone who prefers the convenience of casting a ballot from home or voters who may have difficulty going to the polls on Election Day. Over 68% of Santa Clara County residents who are registered voters are currently signed up to vote by mail.

Voting at the polls

Voters casting ballots at the polls on Election Day should go to their assigned polling place, which is listed on the back cover of the Sample Ballot pamphlet, and should also bring the pamphlet with them.

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

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

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