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SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS BEGIN MAILING FOR APRIL ELECTION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. -- The Registrar of Voters' Office began mailing Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets today to Santa Clara County voters for the April 7, 2015 Special Election. Sample Ballot Pamphlets include information on a single contest to decide who will fill a vacancy on the San Jose City Council for District 4.

The sample ballot pamphlet is mailed to every registered voter beginning 40 days before each election. It contains important information that will help voters cast their ballots, including voting instructions, a sample of the ballot, and information about local candidates and measures.

Mailing will continue through the next week as the pamphlets are printed. Over 50,000 pamphlets will be produced this election to send to voters and to have available at polling places on Election Day. Pamphlets are printed in five different languages required by federal and state law: English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

The sample ballot pamphlets also include a Vote by Mail application that can be removed from the back cover. Voters can request a Vote by Mail ballot for this election only, or they can sign up to be a Permanent Vote by Mail voter and automatically receive a ballot every election. Vote by Mail ballots for this election will be mailed beginning on Monday, March 9th.

Voters are encouraged to review the pamphlets carefully, whether they vote by mail or at the polls. Marking their choices on the sample ballot first and then using it as a guide to complete the official ballot will help voters avoid making mistakes. The pamphlet includes candidate statements which can help voters make an informed decision. Voters who go to the polls are encouraged to take their sample ballot pamphlets with them to help speed up the process on Election Day. Each voter's assigned polling place location is printed on the back cover of the pamphlet.

The last day to register to vote in the election is March 23rd and can be done online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters wishing to check their registration status may do so on our website at [Check Your Registration Status](#).

Voters should complete a new registration form if they have moved, changed their name, or would like to change their political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a Santa Clara County resident, and not in prison or on parole for a felony.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on March 23rd, paper registration forms that are postmarked on that date will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls, and most local government offices.

Additionally, voters wishing to find out if they live in San Jose Council District # 4 can look up their districts using our online tool at [Look Up Your Districts](#).

San Jose City Council District 4 consists of 40,313 registered voters of which 27,894 are permanent vote by mail voters. Ballots will begin being mailed on March 9th.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sccvote.org.

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