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SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS BEGIN MAILING FOR JUNE 23 SPECIAL RUN-OFF 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 June 23, 2015 Special Run-off 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.

Mailing will continue through the next week as the pamphlets are printed. Over 47,000 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 applications can also be found online at [Vote by Mail Application](#). Vote by Mail ballots for this election will be mailed beginning on Tuesday, May 26.

Voters are encouraged to review the pamphlets carefully, whether they vote by mail or at the polls. Marking their choice 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 Monday, June 8 and can be done online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters who want to check their registration status may do so on the website at [Check Your Registration Status](#).



A voter should complete a new registration form if he or she has moved, changed a name(s), or would like to change his or her political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, 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 June 8, paper registration forms that are postmarked prior to or on June 8 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 who want to find out if they live within San Jose City Council District 4 can look up their districts using the online tool at [Look Up Your Districts](#).

San Jose City Council District 4 consists of 40,514 registered voters of which 28,174 are permanent vote by mail voters. Ballots will begin being mailed on Tuesday, May 26.

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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