

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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536,558 BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTERS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office today mailed out 536,558 Vote by Mail ballots for the November 6th Presidential General Election to registered voters in the county.

Vote by mail voters should begin receiving their ballots in the next few days. Voters, who do not receive their ballots by October 17th, are encouraged to contact the Registrar of Voters' (ROV) Office and check on the status of their ballots.

Today marks the first day of early voting, this means that voters also have the option of casting ballots at the ROV Office. They don't have to wait until Election Day to vote in person.

Completing Vote By Mail Ballots

Santa Clara County uses paper optical scan ballots to conduct voting by mail. Voters complete their ballots by connecting the arrow next to their selection with a single, unbroken line. Voters can only use blue or black ink on their ballots and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks on their ballot, including their name or initials.

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

Voters must sign the Vote by Mail return envelope for their votes to be counted. Signatures are used to verify the voter's identity. If signatures do not match, the ballot will not be counted.

Vote by Mail voters returning their ballots in a blue return envelope will need to apply 65 cents. Voters returning their ballots in a green return envelope are in a mail ballot precinct and do not need to pay postage.

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Vote by Mail ballots can also be delivered to the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, or any of the City Clerk Offices in the county or the Santa Clara County Government Center at 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, during normal business hours. For voters' convenience, there is a 24-hour drop-box located near the flagpole outside of the Registrar's Office.

Website

Voters can track the status of their Vote by Mail ballots online at the Registrar of Voters' website, www.sccvote.org, to verify their returned ballots are received and counted.

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
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