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WEEKEND VOTING OPTIONS OFFERED FOR MAY 3 SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN LOS GATOS- SARATOGA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Drive-thru Ballot Drop-off Voting Next Two Weekends
Approximately 22,750 Ballots Outstanding*

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office will offer three different options on Saturday for voters who wish to cast their votes early.

Voters who would like to cast their ballots in person can vote at the Registrar of Voters' Office, which will be open for early voting on the next two Saturdays, April 23 and April 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early voting at the Registrar of Voters' Office is also available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On the next two Saturdays, April 23 and April 30, voters who are pressed for time can cast their voted ballots at a Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-off Site, where they can vote without getting out of their vehicles.

Voters also have the option of using one of eight Ballot Drop-off Sites, which are conveniently located within the Los-Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District, as well as at the Registrar of Voters' Office and County Government Center in San Jose.

There is only one contest on the ballot in this election, a parcel tax measure. Only voters who live in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District are eligible to vote.

Because this is an all-mail ballot election, polling places will not be open on Election Day. Instead, all registered voters in the district were automatically mailed a sample ballot, a ballot, and a postage-paid return envelope. No postage is required to return ballots.

Voting began nearly three weeks ago for the May 3 Special Mail Ballot Election as the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters mailed close to 30,000 ballots to voters in Los-Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District. Over 22,000 ballots are still outstanding.

"We are encouraging voters to visit the Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-off Site, return their ballot at one of the drop-off locations, or come to our office the next two Saturdays to vote or drop off their ballots," said Registrar of Voters, Shannon Bushey.



Bushey added that it is very important for voters to participate in local elections because one vote can determine the success or failure of a contest.

The last day to register to vote in the May 3, 2016 Special Mail Ballot Election was April 18 and could be done online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters wishing to check their registration status may do so on the 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 imprisoned or on parole for a felony.

Returning Ballots

Vote by Mail ballots can be returned in person at the Registrar of Voters' Office or at a designated ballot drop-off or drive-thru site. A complete list of ballot drop-off locations and hours is included in the ballot packet and is available online at [May 3, 2016 Special Mail Ballot Election Drop-off Sites](#). Voters can track the status of their ballots online at www.sccvote.org or by using the free [SCCVOTE mobile app](#).

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in person must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Vote by Mail ballots that are returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, May 6 (three days after the election). Voters are encouraged to mail their ballots as soon as possible. Voters must sign the return envelope themselves so that their signature on the envelope can be compared to their signature on the voter registration form and their identity can be confirmed.

First In, First Counted

Voters are encouraged to mail their ballots as soon as possible. Completed ballots that are received prior to Election Day are included in the results released at 8 p.m. on the night of the election.

Early Voting is open to all registered voters in Santa Clara County. Any voter can vote early at the Registrar of Voters' Office, which is located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose CA 95112.

Day(s)	Date(s)	Hours
Monday – Friday	April 4 – May 2	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	April 23	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday	April 30	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	May 3 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballot Drop-Off Sites

Beginning April 4 through Election Day, voters have the option of dropping off their voted ballots at the locations listed below.

Open during normal business hours

Los Gatos Town Hall – City Clerk's Office – 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos CA 95030

Monte Sereno City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 18041 Saratoga/Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno CA 95030

Palo Alto City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto CA 94301

San Jose City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2, San Jose CA 95113

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose CA 95110
Saratoga City Hall – City Clerk’s Office –13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

Open 24 hours a day until 8 p.m. on Election Day

Registrar of Voters’ Office – 1555 Berger Drive, parking lot near flagpole, San Jose, CA 95112
Saratoga Library – 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site

On Saturdays, April 23 and April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., voters will have the option of dropping off their ballots without getting out of their vehicles at a convenient Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site. The site is located at:

West Valley College, Main Entrance – 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070.

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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