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FIRST BALLOTS MAILED FOR JUNE 7 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

4,759 Ballots Mailed to Military and Overseas Voters

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The first ballots for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election were mailed today to military and overseas voters.

Both federal and state law require ballots for voters who are on active duty in the military or who live abroad to be sent earlier than other mail ballots. Military and overseas ballots are mailed between 60 and 45 days before an election, while ballots for other voters can only be mailed starting 29 days before an election.

Military and overseas voters are mailed their ballots earlier than local voters to ensure that they have enough time to return their ballots by the deadline. In order to be counted in the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election, Vote by Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, June 10 (three days after the election). Military and overseas 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.

Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey emphasized the importance of enfranchisement for military and overseas voters, stating: "There is no more important action in a democracy than voting. By mailing ballots early to the men and women who are serving and living abroad, we are safeguarding their right to vote."

The last day to register to vote in the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is May 23 and can 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.



There are 759,810 registered voters in Santa Clara County. Of those, 545,878 are permanent Vote by Mail voters and 4,759 are military and overseas voters.

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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