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FIRST BALLOTS MAILED FOR NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION *268 Ballots Mailed to Military and Overseas Voters*

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The first ballots for the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election were mailed today to military and overseas voters. Included among these 268 military and overseas ballots are a contest for a seat on the Board of the Orchard School District, a parcel tax measure for Union School District and a bond measure for the City of Los Altos.

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

Beginning with this election, the Registrar of Voters will include a postage-paid return envelope with every Vote by Mail ballot. In previous elections, voters had to pay the cost of return postage, which frequently exceeded a single first-class stamp.

Notably, Santa Clara is only the second county in the state to feature prepaid postage for Vote by Mail ballots. Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey stated, "There is no more important action in a democracy than voting. The Registrar of Voters' Office is passionate about increasing voter turnout and we hope that we will make it easier to vote by providing prepaid postage for all Vote by Mail ballots."

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.

The last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election is October 19. Registration can be done online at www.sccvote.org or by using the free [SCCVOTE mobile app](#), which is available for download on Android and Apple devices. Voters wishing to check their registration status may do so online at [Check Your Registration Status](#). Voters can also request a Vote by Mail ballot at www.sccvote.org or by using the [SCCVOTE mobile app](#).



Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on October 19, and paper registration forms postmarked by 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 within the Orchard School District, the Union School District or the City of Los Altos can use our convenient online tool [Look Up Your Districts](#). Orchard School District consists of 4,293 registered voters. Union School District consists of 21,952 registered voters and the City of Los Altos consists of 17,734 registered 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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