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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS' OFFICE CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY AND HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS

Will Participate in 10 Outreach Events Throughout Santa Clara County

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Registrar of Voters' Office will observe High School Voter Education Weeks from September 14-25 and National Voter Registration Day on September 22. The Registrar of Voters will celebrate both of these events with a coordinated effort to register voters, recruit election officers and make valuable face-to-face connections within the community.

The Registrar of Voters' Office has partnered with five high schools throughout Santa Clara County—Christopher High School in Gilroy, Monta Vista High School in Cupertino, Westmont High School in Campbell and Evergreen and Yerba Buena High Schools in San Jose—in order to encourage students to participate in our country's democracy.

Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey stated, "Voter turnout in California's 2014 general election among eligible 18-24 year-olds was a very low 8.2 percent. With a new school year just beginning and the nation celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, this is the perfect opportunity to help public schools prepare their students to become lifetime voters and part of an informed electorate."

In addition to observing High School Voter Education Weeks, the Registrar of Voters' Office will also celebrate National Voter Registration Day. This year's celebration marks a special day for the office, as it represents a notable expansion from last year's participation. Tomorrow, the Registrar of Voters' Office will staff booths at the following libraries located throughout Santa Clara County:

- 1) SJSU King Library, 150 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;
- 2) Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- 3) Gilroy Library, 350 West 6th Street, Gilroy, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- 4) Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street, Milpitas, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and
- 5) Sunnyvale Library, 665 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



By collaborating with these local agencies, the Registrar of Voters' Office hopes to boost its ability to foster civic engagement. Because candidates for President and the U.S. Senate will be on the ballot in 2016, Ms. Bushey believes that election excitement will run high in the coming months. "By working with agencies such as local libraries," she said, "we can encourage eligible voters throughout Santa Clara County to register to vote and turn out at the polls. It is important for them to ensure that their voices are heard in the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election, in the 2016 Primary and General Presidential Elections and beyond."

Beginning with the November 3, 2015 Consolidated 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 or register online at www.sccvote.org 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.

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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