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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS MAILED POSTCARDS TO “NO PARTY PREFERENCE” VOTERS

Not all political parties allow “No Party Preference” voters to vote a party ballot

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters’ Office mailed over 150,000 postcards to “No Party Preference” (Decline to State or Non-Partisan) voters to inform them of the parties that will allow them to vote those parties’ ballots for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

Voters who registered with no party preference may vote in the Presidential Primary for the Democratic, American Independent, or Libertarian parties. The postcard sent by the Registrar of Voters asks “No Party Preference” voters to choose the ballot – Democratic, American Independent, or Libertarian – that they would like to vote. This postcard does not change voters’ party affiliation, but does allow voters to vote for the presidential candidate listed on their chosen ballot.

Voters who registered with no party preference and who want to vote for the presidential candidate of the Republican, Green, or Peace & Freedom parties must re-register to vote with that party before May 23, 2016. The Republican, Green, and Peace & Freedom parties do not allow “No Party Preference” voters to vote their party ballot.

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](#).

A voter should complete a new registration form if he or she has moved, changed a name(s), or would like to change his or her political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a Santa Clara County resident and not imprisoned or on parole for a felony.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on May 23; 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.

Do you want to vote for a Presidential Candidate on June 7, 2016?

All voters can vote in a primary election.

Voting for President depends on the party you are registered with.

If you are registered with a political party:

You can vote for a candidate running for President in that party.

If you registered with no party preference, you can vote in the Presidential primary for the following parties:

- Democratic
- American Independent
- Libertarian

You can select the party ballot at your polling place. If you vote by mail, you were sent a postcard to select a party ballot.

If you registered with no party preference and want to vote in the Presidential primary for one of the following political parties:

- Republican
- Green
- Peace & Freedom

You must re-register to vote with that party by **May 23, 2016.**

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