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REGISTRAR OFFERS EARLY VOTING AND BALLOT DROP-OFF OPTIONS IN FINAL WEEKEND BEFORE NOVEMBER 3 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Nearly 24,225 Vote by Mail Ballots Outstanding

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is operating Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites this Saturday, October 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hillview Community Center in Los Altos and the Park and Ride VTA station at Camden Avenue and Highway 85. The Registrar hopes these drive-thru sites will make it easier for voters in the City of Los Altos and Orchard and Union School Districts to cast their ballots in the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election.

Approximately 24,225 ballots for this election remain outstanding. In an effort to bolster Vote by Mail ballot returns, the Registrar of Voters is working to accommodate voters who want to vote early.

“We are encouraging Vote by Mail voters to visit the county Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites, return their ballots at one of the drop-off locations or come to our office this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to vote or drop off their ballots,” said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. Ms. Bushey added that ballots received first are counted first, stating: “The ballots of early voters are included in the results released at 8 p.m. on the night of the election.”

Beginning with this election, the Registrar of Voters has included 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 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.”

To date, the Registrar of Voters’ Office has received approximately 9,480 Vote by Mail ballots, with approximately 24,225 still outstanding.



November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election

The November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election includes a contest for a seat on the Board of Orchard School District, a renewal of an expiring parcel tax measure for Union School District and a bond measure for the City of Los Altos.

Orchard School District consists of 4,298 registered voters. Union School District consists of 21,949 registered voters and the City of Los Altos consists of 17,838 registered voters.

Only registered voters who live in the City of Los Altos and Orchard or Union School Districts are eligible to participate in this election. Voters who want to find out if they live within these jurisdictions can look up their districts using the online tool [Look Up Your Districts](#) on the Registrar of Voters' website.

Returning Ballots

Vote by Mail voters account for approximately 75% of the 44,085 voters in this election. Vote by Mail ballots were mailed to registered voters on October 5, 2015.

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in-person must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3. Vote by Mail ballots that are returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, November 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 the signature can be compared to the voter registration form to confirm the voter's identity.

Vote by Mail ballots can be returned in person at the Registrar of Voters' Office, any Santa Clara County polling place on Election Day or at a designated ballot drop-off site. A complete list of ballot drop-off locations and hours is included in the Vote by Mail ballot packet and online at [November 3 Special Consolidated Election Ballot Drop-Off Sites](#). Voters can track the status of their ballots online at www.sccvote.org or by using the free [SCCVOTE mobile app](#).

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	October 5 – November 2	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	October 24	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday	October 31	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	November 3 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballot Drop-Off Sites: Beginning October 5, 2015 through Election Day, Vote by Mail voters have the option of dropping off their completed ballots at the following locations:

Open during normal business hours

Los Altos City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022

Los Altos Main Library – near front entrance – 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110
San Jose City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2, San Jose, CA 95113
Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters’ Office – 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA 95112
Vineland Branch Library – outside of Community Room – 1450 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118

Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites: Open Saturdays, October 24 & 31, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vote by Mail voters have the option of dropping off their ballots without getting out of their vehicles at convenient Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites. The sites will be located at:

Hillview Community Center – 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022
Park and Ride VTA – Camden Avenue at Highway 85, San Jose, CA 95124

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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