

# County of Santa Clara

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## **REGISTRAR OFFERS WEEKEND VOTING OPTIONS TO BOLSTER RETURNS FOR APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION**

*Nearly 25,000 Ballots Outstanding in San Jose City Council District 4*

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters will be operating a Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site this Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hostetter Light Rail Station at Capitol Avenue and Camino Del Rey. The Registrar hopes this drop-off site will make it easier for voters in San Jose City Council District 4 to cast their ballots in the April 7<sup>th</sup> Special Election.

Voting began nearly three weeks ago for the April 7<sup>th</sup> Special Election as the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters mailed nearly 28,000 ballots to voters who had requested to Vote by Mail and began early voting in the office. Almost 25,000 of those ballots are still outstanding.

The Registrar of Voters, Shannon Bushey wants voters to participate, “We are encouraging you to visit us at our drive-thru ballot drop-off site, return your ballot at one of our ballot drop-off locations or come to our office the next two Saturdays to vote or drop off your voted ballot.”

Vote by Mail voters account for approximately 69% of the 40,476 voters in San Jose City Council District 4.

Vote by mail voters who prefer to cast their ballots in person can also vote early at the Registrar of Voters’ office. The Registrar’s office will be open for early voting on the next two Saturdays, March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early Voting is also available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters who wish to vote by mail can mail their ballots, drop off ballots at one of our ballot drop off sites in their neighborhoods, visit one of the 26 polling places on Election Day, or even drive thru a weekend ballot drop off site. The Hostetter drop-off site will also be available again next Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

“It is important for voters to participate in these local special elections because one vote can make a lot of difference,” said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey.

Sample ballot pamphlets mailed the week of February 26<sup>th</sup> included an application to request a vote by mail ballot. Vote by Mail ballots may be requested by completing that application, applying on the



website [Request a Vote by Mail Ballot](#), or calling us at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll free 1-866-430-VOTE (8683). The last day to request a ballot by mail is Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Returning Vote by Mail Ballots**

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in-person must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Vote by Mail ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (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's office, any Santa Clara County polling place on Election Day, or at a designated ballot drop-off site. A list of ballot drop-off locations and hours is included in the Vote by Mail ballot packet and online at [April 7th Special Election Ballot Drop-Off Sites](#). Voters can track the status of their ballots online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org) or by using the free SCCVOTE mobile app.

**Early Voting** is open to all registered voters in Santa Clara County. Any voter can vote early at the Registrar of Voters' Office 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA 95112

Day(s)Date(s)	Hours	Times
Monday – Friday,	March 9 - April 6,	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday,	March 28,	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday,	April 4,	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday,	April 7 (Election Day),	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Ballot Drop-Off Sites:** Beginning March 9, 2015 through Election Day. Vote by Mail (VBM) Voters have the option of dropping off their voted ballots at the following locations:

### **Open During normal business hours**

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110  
San Jose City Hall – City Clerk Office, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2, San Jose, CA 95113  
Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters – 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112

### **Open 24 hours a day until 8 p.m. on Election Day**

Alviso Branch Library - Near Front Entrance, 5050 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95002  
Berryessa Branch Library-Parking Lot, Near 5-Minute Parking, 3355 Noble Avenue, San Jose, CA 95132  
Berryessa Community Center - Near Front Entrance, 3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA 95132  
Registrar of Voters – Parking Lot near flag pole, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112

**Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site:** Open Saturdays (March 28 & April 4, 2015) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vote by Mail (VBM) Voters will have the option of dropping off their ballots without getting out of their vehicles at a convenient Drive-Thru Ballot Drop Off Site. The site will be located at the Hostetter LRT Station, Capitol Ave at Camino del Rey, San Jose, CA 95132.

**Registering to Vote in the Election:** The last day to register to vote in the election was March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Election includes a single contest to decide who will fill a vacancy on the San Jose City Council for District 4. Only registered voters who live in San Jose City Council District 4 are eligible to

participate in the election. Voters wishing to find out if they live in San Jose Council District 4 can look up their districts using the online tool at [Look Up Your Districts](#).

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