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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS' OFFICE WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEVEN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS

*Voter Registration and Education Campaign Publicizing
Postage-Paid Vote by Mail Ballots*

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. -- The Registrar of Voters' Office will provide voter registration and education regarding its new postage-paid Vote by Mail initiative in seven National Night Out events tomorrow, Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

This year's participation in National Night Out is a special event for the Registrar of Voters. Not only will the Registrar's Office give out free prizes and register qualified citizens to vote, it will also begin a new education campaign to explain prepaid postage for Vote by Mail Ballots. This new service for Santa Clara County voters will begin with the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election.

Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey believes that providing free, postage-paid Vote by Mail ballots is an important step toward increasing voter turnout. The Registrar also hopes that providing free postage will encourage voters to mail their ballots prior to Election Day.

"70% of our county's voters now receive a Vote by Mail ballot. We hope our new policy of providing prepaid postage will result in all of those voters mailing their ballots before Election Day," Ms. Bushey stated. She also noted that Vote by Mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received within three days of the election in order to count.

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood cooperation in order to make neighborhoods safer. During the evening hours, residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening at block parties with their neighbors and local police officers.

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by the police agencies throughout Santa Clara County. This year, over 38 million people are expected to participate nationwide. Locally, the Registrar of Voters' office will staff booths at seven different neighborhood block parties.



The Registrar's office will participate in the following National Night Out sites:

- 1) Mountain Residents Night Out, 6:00-8:30 pm, Redwood Estates Pavilion, 21450 Madrone Road, Los Gatos
- 2) Gilroy National Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm, Downtown Gilroy on 5th Street between Egleberry Street and Monterey Road
- 3) Playa del Rey Neighborhood Association National Night Out, 5:15-8:15 pm, Playa del Rey Park, San Jose
- 4) Alum Rock National Night Out, 5:00-8:00 pm, St. John Vianney Gardens, 4609 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose
- 5) Target Shopping Center National Night Out, 4:00-8:00 pm, King and Story Road, San Jose
- 6) Community Concert and Resource Fair National Night Out, 6:30-9:00 pm, ConXion to Community, 749 Story Road, San Jose
- 7) Blackford NAC National Night Out, 5:00-8:00pm, Starbird Park, San Jose

The last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election is October 19 and 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 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 in prison or on parole for a felony.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on October 19; paper registration forms that are postmarked prior to or on October 19 will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls and most local governmental offices. October 27 is the last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot.

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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