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## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS SUCCESSFULLY DEPLOYS NEW VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office has successfully deployed VoteCal, the newly-certified California system that provides a single, uniform, centralized registration database for the entire state. VoteCal replaces the 58 county registration databases that had previously been used throughout the state.

"We are very excited to participate in California's modern statewide voter records database," said Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. "VoteCal enhances our ability to implement the Help America Vote Act. It also ensures the integrity of our voter registration data."

VoteCal is a requirement of the Help America Vote Act, which was passed by Congress in order to help modernize and reform the nation's voting processes. VoteCal will improve service to the voters of Santa Clara County and all California counties by allowing records to be transferred from county to county without voters having to re-register, and by including voters' preferences, such as their choice of language or whether they want to vote by mail or at the polls. It also allows voters to find their polling places online and check the status of their vote-by-mail and provisional ballots.

"VoteCal modernizes the California voter experience," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said in his system certification statement this week. "Through VoteCal, California citizens can now visit one website, <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>, to verify the status of their voter registration, find their polling place, and beginning this November check if their vote-by-mail or provisional ballot was counted. VoteCal allows elections officials to continue improving the voter experience in future elections."

The last of California's 58 counties connected to VoteCal in March, and since then the system has undergone accuracy testing, simulated exercises, and security audits, according to the Secretary of State's Office. The system features multi-layer security features and user access protocols.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683), toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit our website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

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