

# County of Santa Clara

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## **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR MAY 5 SPECIAL ELECTION IN PALO ALTO UNIFIED AND CAMPBELL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

*Online Registration Until Midnight*

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – Today is the last day to register to vote in the May 5 Election in the Palo Alto Unified and Campbell Union School Districts.

“Registering to vote is one of our most fundamental rights as citizens,” said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. “The Registrar’s Office is here to answer your questions and make sure you’re ready to make your voice heard on Election Day.”

One can register online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters who want to check their registration status may do so on the website at [Check Your Registration Status](#).

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 tonight, paper registration forms that are postmarked today will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls, and most local government offices.

Additionally, voters who want to find out if they live within either the Palo Alto Unified School District or the Campbell Union School District can look up their districts using the online tool at [Look Up Your Districts](#).

### **Register to Vote Online**

Voters can access the California Online Voter Registration system at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov). The system will use the voter’s DMV signature from their California driver’s license or identification card to complete the process online. Voters can also print their registration forms to sign and return by mail. Online registrations will be accepted as meeting today’s deadline as long as they are completed before midnight.



## **Palo Alto Unified School District and Campbell Union School District Special Election**

The May 5 Election for both the Palo Alto Unified School District and the Campbell Union School District, each contain a single contest - a parcel tax measure. Only registered voters who live in these districts are eligible to participate in the election.

Because this is as an all-mail ballot election, there will be no polling places on Election Day. Instead, all registered voters in the districts were automatically sent a ballot, including their Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet, on April 6. No postage is required to return a ballot in a mail ballot election.

Special mail ballot elections have become common in Santa Clara County; there have been ten held in the last five years. Mail ballot elections typically have voter turnout rates in the 35-45% range. The turnout tends to be higher than most other local special elections but lower than countywide primary or general elections. Palo Alto Unified School District consists of 42,084 registered voters and the Campbell Union School District consists of 43,924 registered voters.

Voters who prefer to cast their ballots in person can also vote early at the Registrar of Voters' office. Otherwise voters can mail their ballots, drop off ballots at one of our ballot drop off sites in their neighborhoods, or even drive thru a weekend ballot drop off site.

"Voter participation is extremely important in each election, but it is especially significant in these local special elections where every vote truly can make a difference," said Bushey.

### **Returning Ballots**

Ballots can be returned by mail using the purple postage-paid return envelope included in the ballot packet. Voters are encouraged to return their ballots as soon as possible to allow enough time for them to be received by Election Day. Ballots that are returned in-person must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day, May 5. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, May 8 (three days after the election).

For added convenience, the Registrar's Office has ballot drop boxes at city halls and the Campbell Library, available during normal business hours. There is also a drop box inside the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street and a 24-hour drop box in the parking lot of the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1555 Berger Drive in San Jose.

Additionally, staff from the Registrar's Office will set up Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites in the parking lots of the Campbell Library and Palo Alto City Hall on Saturday, April 25, and Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Voters can cast a ballot in-person at the Registrar's Office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays (April 25 & May 2) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**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.**

<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Monday – Friday	April 6 – May 4	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	April 25	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday	May 2	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	May 5 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Ballot Drop-Off Sites:** Beginning April 6 through Election Day. Voters will 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  
Campbell City Hall – City Clerk Office - 70 N. First Street, Campbell, CA 95008  
Campbell Library - 77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008  
Los Altos Hills Town Hall – City Clerk Office - 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022  
Los Gatos Town Hall – City Clerk Office - 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030  
Monte Sereno City Hall–City Clerk Office-18041 Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd, Monte Sereno, CA 95030  
Palo Alto City Hall – City Clerk Office - 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301  
San Jose City Hall – City Clerk Office - 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2, San Jose, CA 95113  
Santa Clara City Hall – City Clerk Office - 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050  
Saratoga City Hall – City Clerk Office - 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070  
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**

Registrar of Voters – Parking Lot near flagpole, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112

**Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site:** Open Saturdays (April 25 & May 2) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voters will 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:

Campbell Library - 77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008  
Palo Alto City Hall - 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

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](http://www.sccvote.org).

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