

# County of Santa Clara

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## **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION** *Online Registration Until Midnight*

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – Today is the last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election. Registration can be done online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters who would like to check their registration status may do so at [Check Your Registration Status](#). Voters may also request to vote by mail for this election at [Request a Vote by Mail Ballot](#), or they may request to become permanent Vote by Mail voters at [Permanent Vote by Mail](#).

Beginning with this election, the Registrar of Voters will include 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 of Voters Shannon 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.”

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 imprisoned 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.

### **Register to Vote Online**

Registration can be done online at [Register to Vote](#). 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.



## **November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election**

The November 3, 2015 Consolidated Election includes a contest for a seat on the Board of the 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 4,294 registered voters. Union School District consists of 21,952 registered voters and the City of Los Altos consists of 17,818 registered voters.

Only registered voters who live in the City of Los Altos and Orchard or Union School Districts are eligible to participate in the 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](#).

## **Returning Ballots**

Vote by Mail voters account for approximately 75% of the 44,064 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's 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 both 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](http://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**.

<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Hours</b>
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 – 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 Site:** 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](http://www.sccvote.org).

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