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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 system that will provide a single, uniform registration database for the entire state. VoteCal will replace the 58 county registration databases that had previously been used throughout the state.

"We are very excited to participate in this important project that will move our voter registration records onto a modern statewide database. The successful deployment of VoteCal gives us an enhanced ability to implement the Help America Vote Act and to ensure the integrity of our voter registration data," said Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey.

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 California 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 will also allow voters to find their polling places online and check the status of their vote-by-mail and provisional ballots.

"VoteCal is crucial to improving the election experience for California voters, allowing citizens to easily check the status of their voter registration and the status of their ballot. VoteCal will help county officials across the state efficiently and accurately maintain voter rolls," said California Secretary of State Alex Padilla.

The 58 counties in California have been grouped into a series of six "waves" for the deployment of VoteCal, with Santa Clara County being part of the fourth wave. All six waves are estimated to be operational by mid-March. After VoteCal is deployed in every county throughout the state and Secretary of State Padilla has validated it, VoteCal will become the official system of record for voter registration in California. This is expected to occur by June 30, 2016.

The last day to register to vote in the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is May 23. Registration 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 wishing to check their



registration status may do so online at [Check Your Registration Status](#). 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 imprisoned or on parole for a felony.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on May 23, and paper registration forms postmarked by that date will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls and most local government offices.

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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