

# County of Santa Clara

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## **VOTING HAS STARTED FOR APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION IN SAN JOSE COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

*Nearly 28,000 Ballots Mailed to San Jose District 4 Voters*

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – Voting began today for the April 7<sup>th</sup> Special Election as the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters mailed nearly 28,000 ballots to voters who have requested to Vote by Mail.

The ballots include a single contest to decide who will fill a vacancy on the San Jose City Council for District 4. Only registered voters who live in San Jose City Council District 4 are eligible to participate in the election. Voters wishing to find out if they live in San Jose Council District 4 can look up their districts using the online tool at [Look Up Your Districts](#).

Vote by Mail voters account for approximately 69% of the 40,370 voters in San Jose City Council District 4.

Vote by mail voters who prefer to cast their ballots in person can also vote early at the Registrar of Voters' office. Voters who wish to vote by mail can mail their ballots, drop off ballots at one of our ballot drop off sites in their neighborhoods, visit one of the 26 polling places on Election Day, or even drive thru a weekend ballot drop off site.

"It is important for voters to participate in these local special elections because one vote can make a lot of difference," said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey.

Sample ballot pamphlets mailed the week of February 26<sup>th</sup> included an application to request a vote by mail ballot. Vote by Mail ballots may be requested by completing that application, applying on the website [Request a Vote by Mail Ballot](#), or calling us at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll free 1-866-430-VOTE (8683). The last day to request a ballot by mail is Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Returning Vote by Mail Ballots**

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in-person must be received by 8 pm on Election Day, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Vote by Mail ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (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 in the Vote by Mail ballot packet and online at [April 7th Special 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.

**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

Day(s)	Date(s)	Hours	Times
Monday – Friday,	March 9 - April 6,		8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday,	March 28,		9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday,	April 4,		9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday,	April 7 (Election Day),		7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Ballot Drop-Off Sites:** Beginning March 9, 2015 through Election Day. Vote by Mail (VBM) 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  
San Jose City Hall – City Clerk Office, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2, San Jose, CA 95113  
Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters – 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112

**Open 24 hours a day until 8 pm on Election Day**

Alviso Branch Library - Near Front Entrance, 5050 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95002  
Berryessa Branch Library-Parking Lot, Near 5-Minute Parking, 3355 Noble Ave., San Jose, CA 95132  
Berryessa Community Center - Near Front Entrance, 3050 Berryessa Rd., San Jose, CA 95132  
Registrar of Voters – Parking Lot near flag pole, 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose, CA 95112

**Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site:** Open Saturdays (March 28 & April 4, 2015) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vote by Mail (VBM) Voters will have the option of dropping off their ballots without getting out of their vehicles at a convenient Drive-Thru Ballot Drop Off Site. The site will be located at the Hostetter LRT Station, Capitol Ave at Camino del Rey, San Jose, CA 95132.

**Registering to Vote in the Election**

The last day to register to vote in the election is March 23<sup>rd</sup> and can be done online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters who would like to check their registration status may do so on the website at [Check Your Registration Status](#).

Voters should complete a new registration form if they have moved, changed their name, or would like to change their political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, 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 March 23<sup>rd</sup>, paper registration forms that are postmarked on 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.

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