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VOTING OPTIONS FOR FINAL WEEKEND BEFORE MAY 3 SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN LOS GATOS- SARATOGA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Over 20,000 Ballots Outstanding in the Special Mail Ballot Election

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office is offering early voting at its offices in San Jose and operating a convenient Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site in Saratoga at the main entrance of West Valley College on Saturday for the May 3 Special Election.

Voting began nearly a month ago as the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters mailed nearly 30,000 ballots to voters in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District for the May 3, 2016 Special Mail Ballot Election. Over 20,000 of those ballots are still outstanding.

Because this is an all-mail ballot election, polling places will not be open on Election Day. Instead, beginning on April 4, all registered voters in the district were automatically mailed a ballot and a postage-paid return envelope. No postage is required to return ballots.

"We are encouraging voters to visit County drive-thru ballot drop-off sites, return their ballot at one of the ballot drop-off locations or come to our office this Saturday to vote or drop off their ballots. This is the final weekend of voting in the May 3 Special Mail Ballot Election," said Registrar of Voters, Shannon Bushey.

Voters who prefer to cast their ballots in person can vote early at the Registrar of Voters' Office. The Registrar's Office will be open for early voting this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early Voting is also available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters can mail their ballots, drop off their ballots at a ballot drop off site in their neighborhood, or drive thru a weekend ballot drop-off site. This is the final weekend of voting and all ballots must be received by 8 p.m. this Tuesday, May 3. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Friday, May 6.

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 and included in the count on Election Night. Ballots



that are returned in-person must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 3. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, May 6 (three days after the election).

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

Additionally, staff from the Registrar's Office will set up a Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off site at the main entrance of West Valley College this Saturday 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., Saturday 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.**

Day(s)	Date(s)	Hours
Monday – Friday	April 4 – May 2	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	April 30	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	May 3 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballot Drop-Off Sites

Through Election Day, voters have the option of dropping off their voted ballots at the following locations:

Open during normal business hours

Los Gatos Town Hall – City Clerk's Office – 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos CA 95030

Monte Sereno City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno CA 95030

Palo Alto City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto CA 94301

San Jose City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing 2, San Jose CA 95113

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose CA 95110

Saratoga City Hall – City Clerk's Office – 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

Open 24 hours a day until 8 p.m. on Election Day

Registrar of Voters' Office – 1555 Berger Drive, parking lot near flagpole, San Jose, CA 95112

Saratoga Library – 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site

Voters 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 open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be located at:

West Valley College, Main Entrance – 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070.

The last day to register to vote in the election was April 18 and could be done online at [Register to Vote](#). Voters can check their registration status on the website at [Check Your Registration Status](#).

Additionally, voters wanting to find out if they live in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District can look up their districts using the online tool at [Look Up Your Districts](#).

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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