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VOTING OPTIONS FOR FINAL WEEKEND BEFORE MAY 5 SPECIAL ELECTION

Over 62,000 Ballots Outstanding in the Special Mail Ballot Election

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is offering early voting at its office and operating convenient drive-thru ballot drop-off sites at the Campbell Library and Palo Alto City Hall on Saturday for the May 5 Special Election.

Voting began nearly a month ago as the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters mailed close to 86,000 ballots to voters in the Palo Alto Unified and Campbell Union School Districts for the special mail ballot election on May 5. Over 62,000 of those ballots are still outstanding.

Because this is an all-mail ballot election, there will be no polling places this Tuesday, May 5, 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.

“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 this 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 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 prior to 8 p.m. this Tuesday, May 5 or postmarked by Election Day and received by Friday, May 8.

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 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 at the Campbell Library and Palo Alto City Hall 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 6 – May 4	8 a.m. to 5 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: Through Election Day, voters 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 Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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:

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

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.

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 42,072 registered voters and the Campbell Union School District consists of 43,841 registered voters.

The last day to register to vote in the election was April 20 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 Palo Alto Unified or Campbell Union School Districts 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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