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EARLY VOTING BEGINS FOR NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

Approximately 585,000 Ballots Mailed to Voters

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – Early Voting is underway in the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office opened an Early Voting Center at its offices today and mailed approximately 585,000 ballots to voters throughout the County who had requested to vote by mail.

Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey said, "As a convenience to voters during the Early Voting period, voters from any precinct in the County may come to our office or one of the other Early Voting Centers to cast a ballot or drop off a voted mail ballot. We are also offering 54 ballot drop-off sites throughout the County and 5 drive-thru ballot drop-off sites, where voters can cast their voted ballots without getting out of their vehicles."

Bushey added, "We have worked hard to expand voting opportunities throughout Santa Clara County. We want voters to use the voting method that best fits their schedule."

As in all elections since November 2015, the Registrar of Voters' Office included a postage-paid return envelope with every 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 one of two counties in the state to feature prepaid postage for mail ballots. Bushey explained, "The Registrar of Voters' Office and the Board of Supervisors are passionate about increasing voter turnout and we hope that we will make it easier to vote by providing prepaid postage for all mail ballots. An added benefit of voting early," Bushey continued, "is that completed ballots received prior to Election Day are included in the results received at 8:05 p.m. on the night of the election."

There are three different options for voting early in this election.

1) All voters may vote at any of six Early Voting Centers.

Once voters arrive at an Early Voting Center, they can obtain a ballot on demand and cast it in person, or they can take their ballot home to complete later. Voters can also drop off their completed Vote by Mail ballots, receive a replacement for a lost or damaged Vote by Mail ballot, or use a touch



screen voting machine. The touch screen voting machine is accessible to blind and visually impaired voters.

The Early Voting Center located at the Registrar of Voters' Office is open as follows:

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Monday – Friday	Oct. 11 – Nov. 7	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	Oct. 29 & 30, Nov. 5-6	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 8 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The five additional Early Voting Centers are open Saturdays and Sundays, October 29 and 30, and November 5 and 6, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Educational Park Branch Library – 1772 Educational Park Dr., San Jose
- Joyce Ellington Branch Library – 491 E. Empire St., San Jose
- Rinconada Library – 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto
- Santa Clara City Library – 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
- Wheeler Community Room – 250 W. Sixth St., Gilroy

2) Vote by Mail voters may drop off their voted ballots at one of 54 drop-off and drive-thru sites located throughout the County.

For added convenience, 25 ballot drop-off sites are open 24 hours a day. The Ballot Drop-Off Sites open on October 11 and will continue through 8 p.m. on Election Day at the following locations:

-Open 24 hours per day

- Registrar of Voters' Office – Outside drop-box, 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose
- Berryessa Library – Outside drop-box, 3355 Noble Ave., San Jose
- Campbell Library – Outside drop-box, 77 Harrison Ave., Campbell
- Central Park Library – Outside drop-box, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
- Cupertino Library – Outside drop-box, 10800 Torre Ave., Cupertino
- Gilroy Library – Outside drop-box, 350 W. Sixth St., Gilroy
- Los Altos Library – Outside drop-box, 13 South San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
- Los Gatos Library – Outside drop-box, 100 Villa Ave., Los Gatos
- Woodland Branch Library – Outside drop-box, 1975 Grant Rd., Los Altos
- Milpitas Library – Outside drop-box, 160 North Main St., Milpitas
- Mountain View Public Library – Outside drop-box, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View
- Morgan Hill Library – Outside drop-box, 660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill
- Pearl Avenue Library – Outside drop-box, 4270 Pearl Ave., San Jose
- Saratoga Library – Outside drop-box, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga
- Sunnyvale Library – Outside drop-box, 665 W Olive Ave., Sunnyvale
- Tully Community Library – Outside drop-box, 880 Tully Rd., San Jose
- De Anza College (at Main Quad near the Flag Pole), 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino
- Evergreen Valley College (at Cafeteria located in Gullo 1), 3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose
- Foothill College (at Bldg.1900/Admin near Flag Pole), 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills
- Gavilan College (at Student Center), 5055 Santa Teresa Blvd., Gilroy
- Mission College (Drop off/Pick-up Loop), 3000 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara
- San Jose City College (at Student Center), 2100 Moorpark Ave., San Jose

- San Jose State University (at Clark Hall Bldg. & The Villages), 1 Washington Sq., San Jose
- Santa Clara University (at Benson Memorial Center), 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
- West Valley College (at Admissions near the Flag Pole), 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga

-Open during normal business hours

- Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose
- Campbell City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 70 N. First St., Campbell
- Cupertino City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino
- Gilroy City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 7351 Rosanna St., Gilroy
- Los Altos City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
- Los Altos Hills Town Hall – Town Clerk’s Office, 26379 Fremont Rd., Los Altos Hills
- Los Gatos Town Hall – Town Clerk’s Office, 110 E. Main St., Los Gatos
- Milpitas City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
- Monte Sereno City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd., Monte Sereno
- Morgan Hill City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 17575 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill
- Mountain View City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 500 Castro St., Mountain View
- Palo Alto City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto
- San Jose City Hall – City Clerk’s Office, 200 E. Santa Clara St., T14 Floor, San Jose
- Santa Clara City Hall – City Clerk Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara
- Saratoga City Hall – City Clerk Office, 13777 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga
- Sunnyvale City Hall – City Finance Office, 650 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale
- Martin Luther King Library – Inside drop-box, 150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose
- Mitchell Park Library – Inside drop-box, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
- Rose Garden Library – Inside drop-box, 1580 Naglee Ave., San Jose

The Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Sites are open on Saturdays and Sundays, October 29 and 30, and November 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voters will be able to drop off their ballots without even getting out of their vehicles at the following locations:

- Curtner LRT Station, Canoas Garden Ave. at Curtner Ave., San Jose
- Hostetter LRT Station, Capitol Ave. at Camino del Rey, San Jose
- Mayfield Soccer Complex, Page Mill Rd. at El Camino Real, Palo Alto
- Morgan Hill Transit Center, Main Ave. at Hale Ave., Morgan Hill
- Westgate Shopping Center (near Hamilton Ave.), 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose

3) Vote by Mail voters may mail their voted ballots at no cost by using the postage-paid return envelope that the Registrar of Voters’ Office includes with every Vote by Mail ballot.

No postage is necessary for voters returning their ballots using a postage-paid return envelope that is included 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 offer prepaid postage for Vote by Mail ballots.

Deadline to Return Vote by Mail Ballot

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in person must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. Vote by Mail ballots that are returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by Monday, November 14.

Voters must sign the ballot's return envelope themselves so that their signature on the envelope can be compared to their signature on the voter registration form and their identity can be confirmed. Voters who forgot to sign their return envelope must complete the [Unsigned Ballot Statement](#) form and return it by November 16.

Voters can track the status of their ballots online at www.sccvote.org or by using the free SCCVOTE mobile app.

Deadline to Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote for the Presidential General Election is Monday, October 24. To register to vote or to check voter registration status, Santa Clara County residents can visit www.sccvote.org.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on October 24; paper registration forms that are postmarked by October 24 will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, city halls, and local government offices.

A voter should complete a new registration form if he or she has moved, changed a name, 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.

Vote by Mail voters account for approximately 72% of all registered voters in this election.

Sample ballot pamphlets 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 at Request a Vote by Mail ballot or calling at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll free at 1- 866-430-VOTE (8683). The last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot is Tuesday, November 1.

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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