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MEDIA INFORMATION: NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

About the Election: The November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election will determine the next President and Vice President of the United States. It also includes contests for U.S. Representative Districts 17, 18, 19 and 20; State Senate Districts 13, 15 and 17; State Assembly Districts 24, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Santa Clara County contests include Board of Supervisors District 3 and Judge of the Superior Court, Office 24.

City Council contests include Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale.

School board contests include Santa Clara County Board of Education, San Benito Board of Education, Foothill-DeAnza CCD, Gavilan Jt. CCD, SJ-Evergreen CCD, West Valley-Mission CCD, Gilroy Unified SD, Morgan Hill Unified SD, Palo Alto Unified SD, San Jose Unified SD, Santa Clara Unified SD, Campbell Union High School, East Side Union High School, Mt. View-Los Altos UHSD, Alum Rock Union SD, Berryessa Union SD, Cupertino Union SD, Evergreen SD, Loma Prieta Jt. USD, Luther Burbank SD, Moreland SD, Mountain View Whisman SD, Mount Pleasant SD, Oak Grove SD, Orchard SD and Saratoga Union SD.

Other races on the ballot include Cupertino Sanitary, El Camino Healthcare, Midpeninsula Open Space and SCV Open Space Authority.

Ballots include 12 state propositions and 21 local measures. The four ballot cards required for the amount of contests is the most in County history.

Total Registration (as of 10/30/20)	1,022,243
Permanent Vote By Mail	All (Voter's Choice Act implementation 2020)
Military & Overseas Voters (as of 10/30/20)	10,695

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Susan Ellenberg, S. Joseph Simitian
County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

Election Night Results and Information

Election results will be available at sccvote.org. The first results with preliminary Vote by Mail ballot tallies will be online shortly after voting ends at 8 p.m.

Vote Center Ballots

The Registrar of Voters' Office will post updated results on its website at [Election Results](#) and on its [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages at approximate intervals of 60 minutes until all Vote Centers have reported.

Vote by Mail Ballots

After Vote Center ballot tallying is completed, the Registrar of Voters' Office will continue to process Vote by Mail ballots that were received by November 3, working day and night until all such ballots have been counted. All Vote by Mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received within 17 days after the election will be processed and tallied as they come in.

The Registrar of Voters' Office will post updated results on its website at [Election Results](#) and on its [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages twice daily, at 10 a.m. and at 5 p.m. through the week of the election. After the week of the election, results will be updated daily at 5 p.m. Included in the daily updates are ballots such as provisional and damaged and/or unreadable ballots.

Expanded Media Opportunities

The Registrar of Voters' Office is offering increased availability for media questions, taping and interviews for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election from Saturday, October 31 through Monday, November 9.

Our expanded schedule is shown below. Please note that it is subject to change, although we will make every effort to accommodate media requests during this time. For early morning, night and weekend interviews and taping, please telephone our media line in advance to make arrangements.

Vote Center Media Event

Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey and Board of Supervisors President Cindy Chavez will talk about voting options in the final four days with an emphasis on safety, security and not waiting until the last minute to vote. Event is at the Levi's Stadium Vote Center, 4701 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, at 12:30 p.m. October 31. Park in Green Lot 1.

Media Availability Schedule:

Early Voting:	
Saturday, October 31	9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Media Event at Levi's Stadium Vote Center at 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 1	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pre-Election:	
Monday, November 2	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Election Day:	
Tuesday, November 3	5 a.m. to Unofficial Semi-Final Results
Post-Election	
Wednesday, November 4	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, November 5	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday, November 6 – Monday, November 9 (weekend availability upon request)	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All interview and media requests should be directed to our media line at (408) 282-3008 or rov.media@rov.sccgov.org. We would be happy to assist in your requests to visit Vote Centers, view our ballot opening/sorting/counting operations or schedule interviews. Arrangements should be made prior to arriving at our offices and/or Vote Centers. For Election Day only, a media room will be available upon arrangement at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, Room 180 in San Jose. Credentials will be required for entry.

You are encouraged to film/take photos of:

- Vote Centers and ballot tally operations
- Employees processing ballots
- Election headquarters

Please DO NOT:

- Take images of election officers and/or voters without their permission
- Record (video, take photos, or write down) voter information from voted ballots
- Obstruct or disrupt voting in any way

Social Distancing

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing and sanitizing protocols will be strictly enforced at the Registrars’ Office and at all Vote Centers. Please comply with 6-foot distancing requirements and adhere to personal protective equipment guidelines, which mandate face coverings be worn at all times. Face masks and other PPE will be available at the Registrars’ Office and Vote Centers.

Security

All voters and members of the press will be given a lanyard and badge that must be visible at all times while at the Registrars’ Office.

Post-Election Canvass

After Election Day, the canvass process of the entire election will commence. The canvass involves a complete audit of ALL ballots and election equipment, in order to ensure the fairness, accuracy and integrity of the electoral process.

Provisional ballots received will be independently researched, verified and counted. A 1% manual tally of ballots will also be conducted in order to ensure voting equipment functionality. Upon completion of canvass, election results will be certified by the Registrar of Voters and submitted to the Secretary of State. By law, the canvass process can take up to 30 days.

Early Voting or Other Voter Services in Person

In addition to the Registrar of Voters' Office, nearly 100 Vote Centers will open for in-person voting, registration or other voter services 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October 31 to November 2, and 7 a.m. until close of polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day. Locations can be found online at www.sccvote.org.

Ballot Drop-Off Sites

As of October 5 and continuing through Election Day, Vote by Mail voters have the option to drop off their completed ballots at 100 drop-box locations around the county or at the Registrar of Voters' Office. They can also be dropped off at a Vote Center opening October 31 through Election Day, for a total of nearly 200 locations. A complete list can be found [HERE](#).

Postage paid Vote by Mail Ballot Returns and Tracking

Voters may also return their voted ballots postage paid to the Registrar's Office by mailing them at any USPS mailbox or post office. Vote by Mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Friday, November 20 in order to be included in the vote count for the Presidential General Election. Voters may check the progress of their Vote by Mail ballot online at Wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at (866) 430-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sccvote.org. Media inquiries should be directed to the media line at (408) 282-3008 or rov.media@rov.sccgov.org.

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