

County of Santa Clara

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EARLY VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UNDERWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is offering two convenient ways for voters to cast their ballots early for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election.

First, any registered voter can sign up to Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballots are currently being sent to over half a million voters, or approximately 67% of the county's 751,996 registered voters. More voters will cast their ballots by mail in Santa Clara County than ever before.

Second, early voting is being conducted at the Registrar's Office during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until Election Day. Additional early voting hours will be available during the last two weekends before the election. The Registrar's Office is located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

Ballots that are cast and returned early will be the first tallied on Election Night.

With these early voting options, the Registrar's Office hopes to make it as convenient as possible for every Santa Clara County voter to participate in this historic election.

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

Vote by Mail applications are available on the back cover of the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet or online at www.sccvote.org.

All Vote by Mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day (postmarks are not accepted). Voters must also sign the return envelope themselves so the ballot can be validated and counted.

Ballots can be returned by mail, at the Registrar's Office, or at one of the many drop off locations conveniently located across the county.

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Vote by Mail ballots, which are sent with a blue return envelope, require 59 cents postage to return by mail. Ballots for mail ballot precincts, which are sent with a green return envelope, do not require postage.

Vote by Mail drop off sites are located at the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street in San Jose and at all 15 city halls in the county during normal business hours. Additional drop off sites will be available during the last weekend before the election. A full listing of drop off sites is available at www.sccvote.org.

For added convenience, the Registrar's Office has a white 24-hour drop box located near the flag pole.

Ballots may also be returned at any Santa Clara County polling place or the Registrar's Office on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

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