

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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OVER HALF A MILLION BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTERS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office has mailed Vote by Mail ballots for the November 2nd Gubernatorial General Election to over 500,000 registered voters in the county.

Many voters have already received their ballots and others should be receiving them in the mail shortly. Of the voters who have received their ballots, some have already voted. Approximately 6,000 ballots have been returned.

Vote by Mail voters are encouraged to complete and return their ballots as soon as possible, so their votes can be included in the Election Night results posted at 8 p.m. Ballots received early are the first to be counted on Election Night. First in, first counted!

As many as 70,000 voters may wait and deliver their ballots to the polls on Election Day. Voters who wait should keep in mind that ballots dropped off at the polls are counted days after the election. They are highly encouraged to reduce wait time and get their ballots in early!

Completing Vote By Mail Ballots

Santa Clara County uses paper optical scan ballots to conduct voting by mail. Voters complete their ballots by connecting the arrow next to their selection with a single, unbroken line. Voters can only use blue or black ink on their ballots and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks on their ballot, including their name or initials.

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

Voters must sign the Vote by Mail return envelope for their votes to be counted. Signatures are used to verify the voter's identity and protect against voting fraud.

Vote by Mail voters, who will be returning their ballots in a blue return envelope, will need to apply 61 cents postage for 2 ballot cards or 78 cents postage for 3 ballot cards. Voters who are returning their ballots in a green return envelope are in a mail ballot precinct and do not need to pay postage.

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Vote by Mail ballots can also be delivered to the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, or any of the City Clerk Offices in the county or the Santa Clara County Government Center at 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, during normal business hours. For voters' convenience, there is a 24-hour drop-box located near the flagpole outside of the Registrar's Office.

Website

Voters can track the status of their Vote by Mail ballots online at the Registrar of Voters' website, www.sccvote.org, to verify their returned ballots are received and counted.

Candidates' statements and measure information from the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet are also available online. This feature has been introduced so voters can learn about the contests and issues on the ballots and make informed decisions.

Voters can also visit the Registrar's website to find their assigned polling place, check their voter registration status, and download forms like the Voter Registration Form and Vote by Mail application.

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

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