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EARLY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTIONS UNDERWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is offering convenient ways for voters to participate in the upcoming November 3rd Consolidated Elections. The elections will only include certain areas of the county. This is not a countywide election.

One of the most convenient ways voters can cast a ballot is the Vote by Mail program. This week, the Registrar mailed ballots to more than 153,000 voters, or approximately 71% of the 216,889 voters who are registered and eligible to participate in the November elections. Vote by Mail applications are available on the back cover of the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet or online at www.sccvote.org.

Early Voting also began this week and will continue through Election Day during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend Voting is also available on Saturday, October 31st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early and Weekend Voting are conducted at the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

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

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

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

Vote by Mail ballots, which are sent in a blue return envelope, require 44 cents postage to return by mail. Ballots for mail ballot precincts, which are sent in a green return envelope, do not require postage.

Ballots can be returned by mail at the Registrar's Office, the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street in San Jose or at one of the drop-off sites, during normal

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business hours. 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 to any Santa Clara County polling place or the Registrar's Office on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Website

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

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