GUIDE TO VOTER REGISTRATION

www.sccvote.org  (408) 299-VOTE (8683)
Registering to Vote

Requirements

- A United States citizen and resident of California
- 18 or older on or before Election Day
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

Find a Paper Form

You may pick up a paper registration form at your local county elections office, public libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles, or U.S. Post Office. You may request a paper form by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or emailing voterinfo@rov.sccgov.org.

Register Online

You may also register to vote online at: www.registertovote.ca.gov

Deadline

Forms must be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election. If you miss the deadline you may take advantage of the Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) process. Please visit our website at www.sccvote.org to learn more.
Ways to Vote

Vote by Mail

All voters in Santa Clara County will receive a ballot in the mail for every election. Return it by mail, drop it off at any Santa Clara County Ballot drop box, or in person at the Registrar of Voters' Office or Vote Center.

Please visit www.sccvote.org to find the nearest Ballot drop box or Vote Center.*

In Person Before Election Day

You may vote early at our office or at any Vote Center in Santa Clara County. Please contact our Office for early voting dates, and Vote Centers dates and hours of operation.

At a Vote Center on Election Day

Vote Centers are open several days before Election Day, as well as on Election Day*

**Election Day: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm**

To find a Vote Center near you:

• Please visit our website at www.sccvote.org
• Contact the Registrar of Voters at (408) 299-VOTE (8683)

Please be advised that Vote Centers availability does not apply to Special Mail Ballot Elections.*
Important Dates

29 days prior to Election Day
First day to vote in person at your local Registrar of Voters Office

15 days prior to Election Day
Last day to register to vote

14 days prior to Election Day
Conditional Voter Registration begins through Election Day

7 days prior to Election Day
Last day to request a replacement Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to you

Several days prior to Election Day
Vote Centers open for in-person voting*

Election Day
Vote Centers and the Registrar of Voters' Office opens from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

*Please visit our website at www.sccvote.org or call (408) 299-VOTE (8683) to learn more.
What to Expect at a Vote Center

When you arrive, election staff will be there to help you. Please follow COVID-19 prevention protocols.

Check in

Get your ballot

Go to the voting booth and mark your selections

Review your selections and cast your ballot

If you are not on the voter list, election staff will direct you to vote a provisional or conditional ballot.
How to Mark your Ballot

To Vote Paper Ballot

Make your selection by filling in the oval next to your choice(s).

When you are done, place the ballot(s) inside secrecy sleeve, walk to the Ballot Scanner and insert one card at a time.

To Vote Touchscreen

Make your selections on the screen.

Check your votes before you cast your ballot.
Before Election Day

Voters with a disability and/or illness can vote with a Vote by Mail ballot or in person on or before Election Day. Please visit www.sccvote.org to learn more.

On Election Day

There are accessible voting systems at each Vote Center throughout the County, and at the Registrar of Voters' Office.

Voters with a physical disability may vote from their vehicle at a Vote Center. If this applies, bring a helper with you who can go inside and request curbside assistance.

Get help reading the ballot from election staff or your own helper.

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Ballot

Instead of using a paper Vote by Mail ballot, you can access an electronic version of the ballot, which can be marked using your own assistive technology at home. When you are done, you must print your ballot and return it to the Registrar of Voters for your ballot to be counted. Your ballot selections are not transmitted electronically through the Internet.
Know Your Voting Rights

You Have the Right to:

• **Vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will be directed to vote provisionally. Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

• **Vote if you are still in line when the Vote Center or Registrar of Voters’ Office closes.**

• **Cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

• **Request a new ballot if you have not already cast a ballot.** Request a new ballot from an Elections Official at any Vote Center or from the Registrar of Voters’ Office.

• **Ask for help when casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

• **Drop off your completed Vote by Mail ballot at any Vote Center or Ballot drop box** in Santa Clara County.

• **Receive election materials in a language other than English** if available.

• **Ask questions to election officials about election procedures** and observe the election process.

• **Report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an election official or the Secretary of State’s Office.**

• **Opt out of receiving the County Voter Information Guide by mail and view it on our website at** www.sccvote.org/gogreen.