



Official Voter Information Pamphlet

Special All-Mail Ballot Election

Tuesday ★ May 7, 2013

Ballot Deadline: 8 p.m. May 7

This election is being conducted only with ballots mailed to all registered voters within the **Lakeside Joint School District**. The Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department will be open on Election Day, May 7, 2013 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to serve as a polling place and to assist voters.

The enclosed ballot is the only one you will receive unless you request a second ballot. See inside for more information.

This guide also has information on:

- The measure on your ballot
- How to return your vote-by-mail ballot
- Answers to common voter questions
- Information on Services for Voters with Specific Needs

Your official ballot is enclosed!

Información en español al otro lado →



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Información Oficial Para el Votante

Elección Especial balota por correo

Martes ★ 7 de mayo, 2013

Fecha limite de la balota: el 7 de mayo a las 8 p.m.

Esta elección se llevara a cabo por medio de balotas enviadas por correo a los votantes registrados dentro del **Distrito de Lakeside Joint School**. La Secretaria del Condado/Departamento de Elecciones, estará abierta el día de las Elecciones, el 7 de mayo 2013, desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 8 de la noche, y funcionará como lugar de votación y para ayudar a los votantes.

La balota incluida es la única que recibirá, a menos que usted solicite una segunda balota. Hay mas información adentro.

Este folleto también le informa sobre:

- La iniciativa de ley en su balota
- Cómo devolver su balota por correo
- Respuestas a preguntas comunes de votantes
- Servicios para votantes con necesidades específicas

¡Su balota oficial esta incluida!



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Vote-By-Mail Instructions

How do I mark my ballot?

- Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. *Do not* use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.
- Make one single line to connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice.
- To vote on the *Ballot Question*, connect the head and the tail of the arrow that points to your choice of YES or NO.



How can I make sure my ballot will count?

DO NOT sign your name on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot. Also, if you make a mistake and use an eraser to correct it, your original mark may make it unclear how you want to vote. It is best to get a new ballot and start over.

Top 3 avoidable reasons why vote-by-mail ballots are not counted:

1. The ballot arrives after 8 p.m. on Election Day.
2. The voter did not sign the envelope.
3. Someone else signed the envelope instead of the voter.

Call 831-454-2060 or send an e-mail to ballot@votescount.com the week following Election Day to find out if your ballot was counted or not, and if not, why not.

If I make a mistake marking my ballot, how do I fix it?

The best option is to get a new ballot. You may call the Elections Department at 831-454-2060 or send an e-mail to 2ndballot@votescount.com

We will then send you a new ballot. If there is no time to mail a second ballot to you, you may pick up a second ballot at the County Elections Office located at 701 Ocean St., Room 210 in Santa Cruz.

What is an Overvote?

Marking more voting spaces than allowed for a contest is called an overvote. For example, in this election you may vote Yes or No on the measure. If you vote for both options, your vote will count as an overvote for that contest and neither side will benefit from your selection.

What is an Undervote?

Voting is not a test. You may leave contests blank. Blank votes are called undervotes and do not affect votes cast on other measures.

What do I do after I vote my ballot?

- After you have voted your ballot, remove the top stub from your ballot by tearing at the perforated line.
- Place the ballot in the return envelope provided. This envelope has identification information unique to you that we use in processing your returned ballot.
- *SIGN* your name on the envelope in the space provided. If you do not sign your envelope, we can not count your ballot. Do not let someone else sign your name on your behalf.
- Write the address where you live in Santa Cruz County on the envelope in the space provided. Do not write your P.O. Box or work address.
- Mail it in the green envelope provided. Postage is paid.
- Allow sufficient time for the elections official to receive your ballot in the mail. We suggest you mail it by Wednesday before Election Day.

Can I hand deliver my ballot to you?

Yes. You must return your ballot to the county elections official no later than 8 pm Election Day. You may personally drop it off at one of the locations listed below starting April 8 or you can have a relative or someone who lives with you drop it off.

- Santa Cruz - County Elections Office, 701 Ocean St., Room 210, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday or 7 am to 8 pm, Election Day, Tuesday, May 7. Phone: 831-454-2060.
- Los Gatos - Los Gatos Town Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday. Expanded Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Hours: Saturday, May 4, 10 am to 3 pm and Tuesday, May 7, 5 pm to 8 pm

Are there any other options for dropping off my ballot?

Yes. We have a drop box in the county where voters with mail ballots can drop them off 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No postage is required:

- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. There is a white mail box receptacle in front of the County Building.

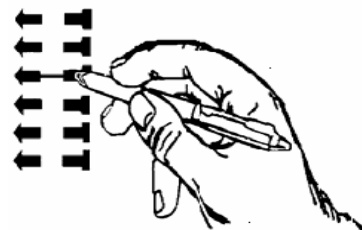
Do you need assistance?

Please call us at 831-454-2060 and accommodations will be made, including delivering a ballot to your home and returning it to the Elections Department. Please call prior to Election Day so there will be sufficient time to provide assistance.

Instrucciones para votar por correo

¿Cómo marco mi balota?

- Use un bolígrafo con tinta azul o negra solamente. *NO* use bolígrafos de tinta roja, Sharpies, ni ningún otro tipo de bolígrafo.
- Dibuje una sola línea que conecte la cabeza y la cola de la flecha que señala a su opción.
- Para votar sobre cualquier *pregunta de la balota*, conecte la cabeza y la cola que señala a su opción de SÍ o NO.



¿Cómo puedo asegurar que mi balota se contará?

NO debe firmar su nombre en la balota, ni poner sus iniciales o escribir ninguna otra palabra o marca en la balota votada. También, si comete un error y usa un borrador para corregirlo, su marca original podría ocasionar que su balota se cuente de manera incorrecta. Sería mejor conseguir una balota nueva y empezar de nuevo.

Los 3 principales motivos evitables por qué el voto por balota de correo no es contado son:

1. La balota llegó después de las 8 p.m. el día de la elección.
2. El votante no firmó el sobre.
3. Alguien más firmó el sobre en vez del votante.

La llamada 831-454-2060 o envía un e-mail a ballot@votescount.com la semana que sigue día de elección para descubrir si se contó su balota o no, y si no por qué no.

Si hago algún error al marcar mi balota, ¿cómo lo arreglo?

La mejor opción es pedir una nueva balota. Puede llamar al Departamento de Elecciones al 831-454-2060 o enviar un e-mail a: 2ndballot@votescount.com

Le enviáramos una balota nueva. Si no hay tiempo para que enviar una segunda balota por correo, usted puede recoger una segunda balota en la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado ubicado en 701 Ocean St., Sala 210, en Santa Cruz.

¿Qué es un voto en exceso?

Marcar más espacios de votación de lo permitido en una contienda se conoce como voto en exceso. Por ejemplo, en estas elecciones puede votar Sí o No en la medida. Si vota por las dos opciones, su voto contará como voto en exceso y ningún lado se va a beneficiar por su selección.

¿Qué es un voto nulo?

La votación no es una prueba. Puede dejar contiendas en blanco. A los votos en blanco se les conoce como votos nulos y no afectan los votos emitidos para otras medidas.

¿Qué hago después de votar mi balota?

- Después de votar su balota, quite el trozo superior de su balota rasgándose en la línea perforada.
- Ponga la balota en el sobre de vuelta incluido. Este sobre tiene información de identificación exclusiva al votante, que usamos para procesar su balota.
- *FIRME* su nombre en el espacio provisto en el sobre. Si no firma el sobre, no podemos contar su balota. No permite que otra persona firme su nombre.
- En el espacio provisto en el sobre, escriba la dirección donde usted vive en el Condado de Santa Cruz. No ponga su apartado postal, dirección postal ni la dirección de su trabajo.
- Envíelo en el sobre verde proporcionado. El franqueo es pagado.
- Permite tiempo suficiente para que el funcionario de elecciones reciba su votación en el correo. Le sugerimos que mande su balota lo más tarde el miércoles, antes del día de la elección.

¿Puedo entregar mi balota en persona?

Sí. Se tiene que entregar la balota al funcionario de elecciones del condado no mas tarde que las 8 p.m. el día de la elección. Usted puede entregarla en persona en las ubicaciones que figuran a continuación a partir de abril 8, o la puede entregar un familiar o alguien que vive con usted.

- Santa Cruz - Oficina de Elecciones del Condado, 701 Ocean St., Sala 210, 8 a.m. a 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes o 7 a.m. a 8 p.m., el día de la elección, martes, 7 de mayo. Tel.: 831-454-2060.
- Los Gatos - Los Gatos Town Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, de 8 am a 5 pm, lunes - viernes. Ampliado Drive-Thru Drop-Off Boleta Horario: sábado, 4 de mayo 10 am a las 3 pm y el martes, 7 de mayo, 5 pm a 8 pm.

¿Hay otras opciones para entregar mi balota?

Sí. Tenemos uno buzones en el condado donde los votantes con balotas de votación por correo pueden entregarlas las 24 horas, 7 días a la semana. No hace falta poner estampilla postal:

- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. Enfrente del Edificio del Condado encontrará un buzón blanco.

¿Necesita ayuda?

Por favor llámenos al 831-454-2060 y haremos arreglos para que usted pueda votar, incluso la entrega de una balota a su casa y la vuelta al departamento de elecciones. Haga el favor de llamar antes del día de la elección para darnos tiempo suficiente para ayudarle.

SAMPLE BALLOT
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS::

- Use only a blue or black ballpoint pen to mark your choices.
- You must connect the head and tail of the arrow for your vote to count. You only need to draw one line.



- If you make a mistake, follow the instructions you received with your ballot on how to obtain second ballot.

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MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

SCHOOL

LAKESIDE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Shall 17 parcels located on Marty Road and Jensen Springs Road be transferred from the Lakeside Joint Union School District ("Lakeside") into the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District (LPJUSD); transferring the designated attendance for elementary education (K-8) and the associated property tax revenue; relieving, then reapportioning the parcels' G.O. Bond obligations to remaining Lakeside parcels; relieving the \$311 annual Lakeside parcel tax; and requiring an assessment of \$150 annually for the LPJUSD parcel tax?

Reorganization of school districts YES ←

Reorganization of school districts NO ←

VOTER'S PAMPHLET
MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS

(whichever is applicable to your ballot)
Arguments in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

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FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE A

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Effected parcels: 9108104, 9108107, 9108109, 9108118, 9108121, 9108136, 9108137, 9108138, 9108140, 9108142, 9108143, 9108144, 9108145, 9120102, 9120103, 9120104, and 9120105 located in the County of Santa Cruz, CA

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE A**

If this measure is approved by a majority of persons voting upon it, seventeen parcels of real property will be transferred from the Lakeside Joint Union School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

All registered voters of the Lakeside Joint Union School District (located partially in Santa Cruz County and partially in Santa Clara County) are eligible to vote on the question, although the properties subject to the transfer are located entirely within Santa Cruz County (on Marty Road and Jensen Spring Road). This is in accordance with a State law that provides that where an affected school district (in this case, Lakeside) opposes such a transfer and has an average daily attendance under a specified number, the election shall be held in the entire territory of the district opposing the transfer.

This measure provides that if the transfer of the parcels is approved, those properties will no longer be obligated to pay the parcel tax previously approved for the Lakeside Joint Union School District, or its general obligation bonds, but will instead pay a previously approved Loma Prieta Joint Union School District parcel tax. The bond obligations of those seventeen parcels will be reapportioned to the remaining Lakeside parcels.

A "yes" vote is to approve transfer of the seventeen parcels from Lakeside Joint Union School District and into Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

A "no" vote is to oppose transfer of the parcels.

DANA McRAE, COUNTY COUNSEL
By Jane M. Scott, Assistant County Counsel

NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A WAS FILED.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Lakeside needs your help. For 132 years, Lakeside has been educating our children and is currently one of the top-ranked districts in the state. This is true even though the state has been reducing funding for the last several years, requiring many careful cuts. If this measure were to pass, it would transfer students and funding away from Lakeside, making it evermore challenging to continue our tradition of excellence. Here are three reasons to vote "No":

First, this would push the majority of children in the proposed territory transfer area away from their school of choice, just to accommodate one student who wishes to attend another school. There is a simpler process called "inter-district transfer" that allows children to attend their preferred school without negatively impacting other families or their school of residence. The chief petitioners of this territory transfer, who are also the parents of this child, have never initiated an inter-district request.

Second, families in the territory transfer area are not unanimous in agreeing with this proposal. We should support all families in our school district (including those who live in the territory transfer area and don't want their children to be forced out of Lakeside) instead of following the desires of a few who want to rewrite the boundary to suit themselves.

Third, school funding is tied to parcels within our district. If these parcels were to transfer out, the resulting funding reductions will impact every student in the district. Further cuts will have to be made, and with few paths remaining we may have to reduce the teaching staff. This would negatively impact the education of all students in the district, with larger classes and more combined grades.

Help us insure the lasting success of Lakeside. Vote "No" on Measure A.

- s/ Steve Cox
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Bryan Loomas
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Theresa Bond
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Les Niles
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District
- s/ Linda Kelley
Governing Board Member, Lakeside Joint School District