

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
COUNTY CLERK / REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, throughout Santa Cruz County, California.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following offices are scheduled for election within the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, United States, for the purpose of electing members as follows:

FEDERAL OFFICES

U.S. Representative in Congress - District 18	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
U.S. Representative in Congress - District 19	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two

STATE OFFICES

Governor	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Lieutenant Governor	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Secretary of State	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Controller	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Treasurer	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Attorney General	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Insurance Commissioner	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Board of Equalization - District 2	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
State Assembly - District 28	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
State Assembly - District 29	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
State Assembly - District 30	Vote for one (1)	Top-Two
Supreme & Appellate Court Justices		

CITY OFFICES

Capitola City Council	Vote for three (3)	
Santa Cruz City Mayor	Vote for one (1)	Runoff
Scotts Valley City Council	Vote for two (2)	
Watsonville City Council - District 3	Vote for one (1)	
Watsonville City Council - District 4	Vote for one (1)	
Watsonville City Council - District 5	Vote for one (1)	
Watsonville City Council - District 7	Vote for one (1)	

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Area 1	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Area 2	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Area 7	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Area 4	Vote for one (1)	Short-Term
Santa Clara County Board of Education - Area 2	Vote for one (1)	
Cabrillo Community College District - Area 1	Vote for one (1)	
Cabrillo Community College District - Area 2	Vote for one (1)	
Cabrillo Community College District - Area 6	Vote for one (1)	

Cabrillo Community College District - Area 5	Vote for one (1)	Short-Term
West Valley-Mission Comm. College District - Area 3	Vote for one (1)	

UNIFIED/HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Aromas-San Juan Unified School District - Area 3	Vote for one (1)	Short-Term
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union HSD - Area 3	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Unified School District - Area 1	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Unified School District - Area 4	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Unified School District - Area 5	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Unified School District - Area 7	Vote for one (1)	
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District - Area 1	Vote for one (1)	
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District - Area 2	Vote for one (1)	
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District - Area 4	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz City School District - Area 1	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz City School District - Area 2	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz City School District - Area 4	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz City School District - Area 5	Vote for one (1)	
Santa Cruz City School District - Area 6	Vote for one (1)	
Scotts Valley Unified School District	Vote for two (2)	

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District	Vote for three (3)	Short-Term
Happy Valley Elementary School District	Vote for three (3)	
Lakeside Joint Elementary District	Vote for three (3)	
Live Oak School District	Vote for three (3)	
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District	Vote for three (3)	
Mountain Elementary School District	Vote for two (2)	
Mountain Elementary School District	Vote for one (1)	
Pacific School District	Vote for two (2)	
Soquel Union Elementary School District - Area 3	Vote for one (1)	
Soquel Union Elementary School District - Area 4	Vote for one (1)	

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Aromas Tri-County Fire	Vote for three (3)	Short-Term
Ben Lomond Fire	Vote for three (3)	
Ben Lomond Fire	Vote for two (2)	
Boulder Creek Fire	Vote for two (2)	
Central Fire - Division 4	Vote for one (1)	
Central Fire - Division 5	Vote for one (1)	Short-Term
Felton Fire	Vote for two (2)	
Felton Fire	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Fire	Vote for two (2)	
Scotts Valley Fire	Vote for two (2)	
Zayante Fire	Vote for three (3)	Short-Term
Zayante Fire	Vote for one (1)	

WATER DISTRICTS

Central Water	Vote for three (3)	Short-Term
Central Water	Vote for one (1)	

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency - Division A	Vote for one (1)
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency - Division C	Vote for one (1)
San Lorenzo Valley Water	Vote for three (3)
Scotts Valley Water	Vote for three (3)
Soquel Creek Water	Vote for three (3)

PORT DISTRICT

Santa Cruz Port District - Division 4	Vote for one (1)
Santa Cruz Port District - Division 5	Vote for one (1)

RECREATION DISTRICTS

Boulder Creek Recreation & Park District	Vote for two (2)
La Selva Beach Recreation District	Vote for two (2)

MISCELLANEOUS DISTRICTS

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District - Ward 6	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement	Vote for three (3)	
Pajaro Valley Health Care District - Zone 1	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Health Care District - Zone 3	Vote for one (1)	
Pajaro Valley Health Care District	Vote for one (1)	Short-Term
Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District	Vote for three (3)	

QUALIFICATIONS

Federal Voter-Nominated Offices

Each candidate must be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for at least seven years, and a resident of California on the date they would be sworn into office if elected. A sworn statement that the candidate meets documentation requirements per state law is required when nomination papers are filed. There are no district residency requirements for members of Congress.

State Legislative Voter-Nominated Offices

Each candidate must be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued to the person. Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting, giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes. Candidates must have served no more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during their lifetime if they were first elected to the legislature after June 2012 and have not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly. Candidates must not have served two terms in the State Senate since November 6, 1990, if they were elected to the State Senate before June 2012. Candidates must not have served three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if they were elected to the Assembly before June 2012.

Nonpartisan Offices

Superior Court Judge: Each candidate must be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, and either be a member of the State Bar of California for ten years or have served as a judge of a California court of record for ten years immediately preceding selection. Candidates must file a Declaration of Intention and a Declaration of Candidacy, executed under penalty of perjury, together with the required nomination documents.

Municipal Offices: Candidates must file with the applicable City Clerk's Office and be a registered voter residing within the city or district they seek to represent, in accordance with state law and local requirements. For information regarding candidate qualifications, filing requirements and filing deadlines for city offices, contact the appropriate City Clerk's Office.

County Board of Education, School Districts and Community College Districts: Candidates must be registered voters residing within the district or trustee area they seek to represent and must meet all general eligibility requirements for elective office.

Special Districts: Candidates must be registered voters residing within the district or division they seek to represent and must meet all applicable eligibility requirements for elective office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that declarations of candidacy and other required nomination papers for eligible candidates may be obtained at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department from Monday, July 13, 2026, 8:00 a.m. until Friday, August 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Nomination documents must be filed at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department no later than Friday, August 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m. The deadline to file for offices for which an incumbent does not file by Friday, August 7, 2026, will be extended for everyone except the incumbent until Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Interested candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling (831) 454-2060.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that appointments to each elective office will be made in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for the office and a petition for an election is not filed with the elections official within the nomination period described above.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the statutory deadline to submit a measure to be voted on at the General Election is 5:00 p.m., August 7, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that measures from jurisdictions whose boundaries include multiple counties may have different deadlines that will be established by the lead county.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the deadline to submit arguments for or against any measures submitted to the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department is 5:00 p.m., August 13, 2026. Arguments are limited to 300 words and may be signed by up to five people.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the deadline to submit rebuttals in response to arguments for or against any measures submitted to the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department is 5:00 p.m., August 20, 2026. Rebuttal arguments are limited to 250 words.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, in accordance with provisions of the election laws of the State of California, the Secretary of State and the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department will simultaneously conduct a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates must appear on the official ballot on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the State-mandated Logic & Accuracy (L&A) test of the voting system will begin on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. and continue until completion, at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department located at 701 Ocean St, Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Vote-by-Mail ballots will be mailed no later than Monday, October 5, 2026. The last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is Tuesday, October 27, 2026. California Election Code § 3000.5 requires county election officials to send Vote-by-Mail ballots to all active registered voters in the state. If needed, a replacement Vote-by-Mail ballot can be obtained at any Vote Center in the county or by calling (831) 454-2060.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that early voting for the November 3, 2026, General Election begins Monday, October 5, 2026, at three in-person voting locations, and continues through Monday, November 2, 2026. Additional voting locations will open on October 24, 2026, and October 31, 2026. On Election Day, November 3, 2026, there will be a grand total of 23 locations open. A list of ALL voting locations, their addresses, and the dates they are open are in your County Voter Information Guide and online at www.votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov. Voters may vote at any Vote Center in the county or return their ballot at any Official Ballot Drop Box.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the last day to register to vote for the Tuesday, November 3, 2026, General Election is Monday, October 19, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Conditional Voter Registration for the General Election is available from Tuesday, October 20, 2026, through Tuesday, November 3, 2026, including same-day registration at all vote centers.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the central counting location for Vote-by-Mail ballots is at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department located at 701 Ocean St, Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Signature verification, opening, and processing of Vote-by-Mail ballots will begin upon receipt in the Santa Cruz County Elections Office, and continue through Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, extending into a limited portion of the official canvass period until completed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the official canvass for the November 3, 2026, General Election will commence at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 701 Ocean St, Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, in accordance with provisions of the election laws of the State of California, the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department will, on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., randomly select precincts for a manual tally of one percent (1%) of the ballots cast for the November 3, 2026, General Election. This activity will occur at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 701 Ocean St, Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Friday, November 13, 2026, the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department will begin a manual tally of one percent (1%) of ballots cast for the November 3, 2026, General Election. This manual tally is open to the public and must continue daily until completed, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays unless otherwise directed by the Registrar of Voters. This manual tally is required to be completed no later than Thursday, December 3, 2026, and will take place at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department located at 701 Ocean St, Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the elections official shall maintain and document at all times the chain of custody for each ballot included in the one percent (1%) manual tally. Ballots shall

be kept securely, and the chain of custody shall be maintained at all times during the one percent (1%) manual tally. Each ballot will be counted by hand, and the results of the hand count will be compared to the count produced by the voting system to verify that votes were tabulated correctly. The elections official shall secure and maintain in sealed ballot containers all tabulated ballots. Chain of custody logs shall be available for public inspection after the canvass of the election is complete.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the results of the one percent (1%) manual tally shall be published to the county website immediately upon conclusion of the tally and will further be reported in the certification of the official canvass of the vote pursuant to Elections Code section 15372.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that members of the public are welcome to observe any and all of the following activities: The randomized alphabet drawing, the Logic & Accuracy (L&A) test, Vote-by-Mail ballot processing, Election Day ballot processing, the random selection of precincts for the 1% manual tally, and the 1% manual tally of ballots cast in this election on the date(s) and at the location(s) specified above. Interested persons may call the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at (831) 454-2060 for more information.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that once the 1% manual tally is completed and the election results have been officially certified by the Registrar of Voters, the final official election results will be posted on the Santa Cruz County Elections website, www.votescount.santacruzcountycalifornia.gov, and reported to the California Secretary of State in the Official Statement of Votes Cast no sooner than after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, and no later than Thursday, December 3, 2026.

Dated: July 17, 2026

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Spanish Notice

Si desea obtener una traducción al español de este aviso legal, comuníquese con la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz.