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Sample Ballot and Voter Information Guide

Muestra de Boleta y Guía de Información para el Votante

Presidential General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Ballots will be mailed October 5 to all voters to promote safe voting from home.

Elección general presidencial Martes, 3 de noviembre de 2020

Las boletas se enviarán por correo el 5 de octubre a todos los votantes para promover la votación segura desde casa.

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← **Lugares de votación en persona y horas en la página 3.**

Santa Cruz County Elections Department

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Dear Voter,

Life has certainly changed since the March 3 Primary Election.

We have all had to deal with the realities of Coronavirus and the public health protocols designed to keep us all safe: sheltering in place, maintaining physical distances, wearing a mask, washing our hands often, covering our coughs and sneezes, and disinfecting everything often.

For the November Election, Governor Newsom issued an executive order to require all voters be mailed a ballot. This way, you can easily vote from the safety of your own home. Returning your ballot is simple using one of our 15 drive-up ballot drop boxes, or dropping it off at any of our voting locations, or mailing it in the postage paid envelope.

While we want to encourage you to vote from home using the ballot we mail you, you may need to use in-person voting options. We have identified 17 voting locations that will be open Saturday, October 31 through Tuesday, November 3 for voters. At these locations you can obtain a second ballot, drop off your voted ballot, vote an accessible ballot on the tablet, vote a Spanish ballot on the tablet, register and vote on the same day, vote provisionally, or any other voter service. If you are going to visit a voting location, please wear a mask and respect the physical distancing requirements. These efforts, along with sanitizing our hands and things we touch will help save lives. So, thank you for doing your part.

What has been abundantly clear in the last several months, is how much I appreciate the essential workers in our community. I am especially grateful to our doctors, nurses, health care workers, farmers, grocery clerks, teachers, government officials, and our election workers. Thanks to you, many of the things we have taken for granted have continued: staying healthy, eating, learning, functioning in our homes, and voting! This November, it is important now more than ever, that every citizen be given an accessible, secure, simple way to cast their vote. No one should have to risk their health to make their voices heard. We are doing our part in Santa Cruz County to make sure you have a positive and safe voting experience.

We are here to help and answer your questions. Please call us at 831-454-2060 or email info@votescount.us.

Your vote counts! Thank you for being a voter!

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department

Estimado votante,

La vida ciertamente ha cambiado desde las elecciones primarias del 3 de marzo.

Todos hemos tenido que lidiar con las realidades del Coronavirus y los protocolos de salud pública diseñados para mantenernos a todos seguros: refugiarse en el lugar, mantener distancias físicas, usar una máscara, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia, cubrirnos la tos y los estornudos, y desinfectar todo a menudo.

Para las elecciones de noviembre, el gobernador Newsom emitió una orden ejecutiva para requerir que todos los votantes reciban una boleta por correo. De esta manera, puede votar fácilmente desde la seguridad de su hogar. Devolver su boleta es simple usando una de nuestras 15 casillas de boletas de entrega, o dejándola en cualquiera de nuestros lugares de votación, o enviándola por correo en el sobre con franqueo pagado.

Si bien queremos alentarle a votar desde su hogar utilizando la boleta que le enviamos por correo, es posible que puede necesitar usar las opciones de votación en persona. Hemos identificado 17 lugares de votación que estarán abiertos del sábado 31 de octubre al martes 3 de noviembre para los votantes. En estos lugares puede obtener una segunda boleta, dejar su boleta votada, votar una boleta accesible en la tableta, votar una boleta en español en la tableta, registrarse y votar el mismo día, votar provisionalmente o cualquier otro servicio electoral. Si va a visitar un lugar de votación, use una máscara y respete los requisitos de distanciamiento físico. Estos esfuerzos, junto con la desinfección de nuestras manos y las cosas que tocamos, ayudarán a salvar vidas. Entonces, gracias por hacer tu parte.

Lo que ha sido abundantemente claro en los últimos meses, es cuánto aprecio a los trabajadores esenciales en nuestra comunidad. Estoy especialmente agradecido con nuestros médicos, enfermeras, trabajadores de la salud, agricultores, empleados de supermercados, maestros, funcionarios gubernamentales y nuestros trabajadores electorales. Gracias a usted, muchas de las cosas que hemos dado por sentado han continuado: ¡mantenerse saludable, comer, aprender, funcionar en nuestros hogares y votar! Este noviembre, es más importante ahora más que nunca, que todos los ciudadanos tengan una forma accesible, segura y simple de emitir su voto. Nadie debería arriesgar su salud para que se escuchen sus voces. Estamos haciendo nuestra parte en el Condado de Santa Cruz para asegurarnos de que tenga una experiencia de votación positiva y segura.

Estamos aquí para ayudarlo y responder sus preguntas. Llámenos al 831-454-2060 o envíe un correo electrónico a info@votescount.us.

¡Tu voto cuenta! ¡Gracias por ser un votante!

Departamento de Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elecciones

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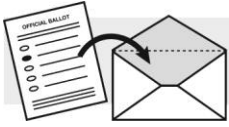
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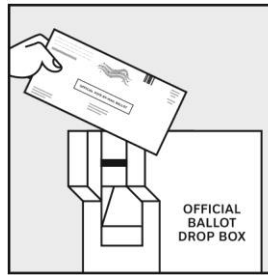


How to return the ballot mailed to you

Ballots will be mailed to all voters to promote safe voting from home

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all active registered voters will be mailed a ballot by October 5. Once you get your ballot:

1. Mark it by filling in the oval to the left of your choices. Voting is not a test, you do not have to vote on every issue.
2. Sign the envelope with your name and address on it in your own handwriting and print your name, address, and a way to contact you, and
3. Drop it off or mail it.



OR



How to return your vote-by-mail ballot



Drop it off at one of the 24/7 drop boxes (locations may change due to fire damage) located at:

- Aptos – Public Library, 7695 Soquel Dr.
- Aptos - Polo Grounds near the dog park, 2255 Huntington Dr.
- Aptos – Cabrillo College Parking lot R by the stadium, 3732 Cabrillo College Dr.
- Ben Lomond – Highlands Park, 8500 Highway 9
- Boulder Creek Library – 13390 W. Park Ave.
- Capitola – 420 Capitola Ave. in the City Hall parking lot
- Capitola – Mall near the old Sears, 1855 41st Ave.
- Corralitos – Community Center, 35 Browns Valley Rd.
- Felton – Covered Bridge Park – at Mt. Hermon and Graham Hill Rd.
- Santa Cruz - 701 Ocean St. in front of the County Government Center
- Santa Cruz – 212 Church St. in the public parking lot
- Santa Cruz – UCSC Quarry Plaza
- Scotts Valley – 1 Civic Center Dr. in the City Hall parking lot
- Watsonville – 316 Rodriguez St. in the municipal public parking lot 14
- Watsonville – County Health Center, 1430 Freedom Blvd.



Deliver your ballot to the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office or the Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley or Watsonville City Clerk. Check www.votescount.us for other locations.



Drop off your ballot at any voting location open Oct. 31 to Nov. 3. A list of Santa Cruz County locations is provided in this guide and online at www.votescount.us.



Mail your ballot, so that it is postmarked on or before Election Day, November 3.



How to vote in person

All voters will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election.

However, in-person voting locations will be available for voters to:

- Obtain a replacement ballot
- Register and vote on the same day
- Vote an accessible ballot on the tablet
- Vote a Spanish ballot on the tablet
- Drop off their voted ballot
- Any other voter service

Starting October 5, the Santa Cruz County Elections Office and Watsonville City Clerk's Office will open for voting and other voter services.

Pursuant to State law and Governor's executive order, Santa Cruz County must have one in person voting location for every 10,000 voters. Any voter can go to any location.

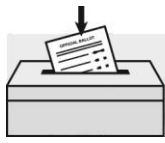
Due to the fires in Santa Cruz County, some of these sites may have to be relocated due to fire damage or being used for a shelter or other emergency purpose.

Each location will be open for voting on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, October 31, 2020, 9am to 5pm
- Sunday, November 1, 2020, 9am to 5pm
- Monday, November 2, 2020, 8am to 5pm
- Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7am to 8pm

Voting locations in Santa Cruz County include:

1. Aptos - Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd.
2. Boulder Creek - Boulder Creek Recreation Hall, 13333 Middleton Ave.
3. Capitola - New Brighton Middle School, 250 Washburn Ave.
4. Felton - San Lorenzo Valley High School, 7105 Highway 9
5. Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections, 701 Ocean St., Room 310. Opens Oct. 5 for voting.
6. Santa Cruz - Simpkins Swim Center, 979 17th Ave.
7. Santa Cruz - Bonny Doon Elementary School, 1492 Pine Flat Rd.
8. Santa Cruz - Kaiser Permanente Arena, 140 Front St.
9. Santa Cruz - Masonic Lodge, 828 N. Branciforte Ave.
10. Scotts Valley - Scott Valley Community Center, 360 Kings Village Rd.
11. Scotts Valley - Scotts Valley High School, 555 Glenwood Dr.
12. Soquel - Soquel Conference Center, 1931 Old San Jose Rd.
13. Watsonville - Watsonville City Community Room, 275 Main St., 4th Floor. Opens Oct. 5 for voting.
14. Watsonville - Pajaro Valley Community Trust, 85 Nielson St.
15. Watsonville - La Selva Beach Clubhouse, 314 Estrella Ave.
16. Watsonville - Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 East Lake Ave.
17. Watsonville - Calabasas Elementary School, 202 Calabasas Rd.
18. Santa Cruz - UCSC Merrill Cultural Center, will be open on Monday and Tuesday only.
19. Vote Mobile - Santa Cruz County has a mobile voting trailer that will be used throughout the county. Check **www.votescount.us** for dates and times.

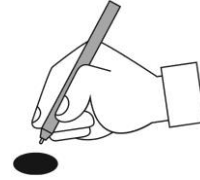


How to vote a paper ballot

Mark your ballot

Fill in the bubble to the left of your choice.

Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.



Do not sign your name on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

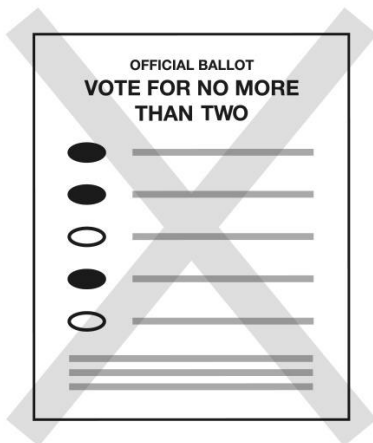
To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write their name on the blank line at the end of the list of candidates. Then fill in the bubble next to that name.



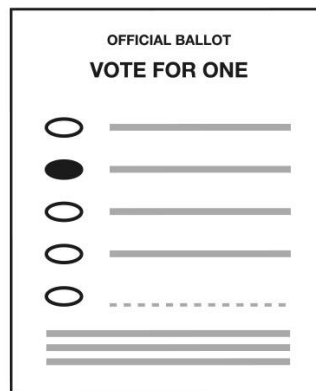
A list of qualified write-in candidates will be available at the voting locations. The list is posted on our website at **www.votescount.us** 13 days before the election.

Check your ballot carefully

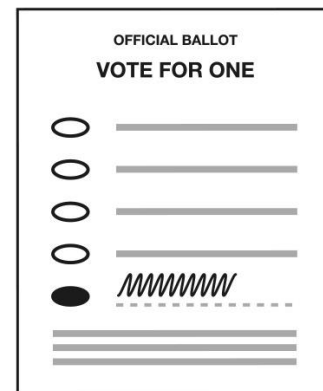
If you make a mistake, and you are voting from home, call us at 831-454-2060 or email us at **2ndballot@votescount.us** and we will mail you a new ballot. If you are voting in person, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.



Don't vote for too many.



Vote for the number allowed.



Always fill in the bubble on a write-in vote.

Return your voted ballot

Deposit your ballot into the ballot box. Your ballot will be scanned and counted at the Elections Office located at 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, in Santa Cruz.



How to vote with the tablet to mark your ballot

At the voting location, you can choose to use the tablet to mark a paper ballot or use a pen to mark a paper ballot.

The tablet serves as a marking device that will print the voter's choices on a piece of paper that is the ballot. All voters – including those with disabilities – can vote privately and independently.

1. Tell the poll worker you want to use the tablet

- The poll worker will give you a ticket.
- Take it to the tablet area.
- When it is your turn, a poll worker will activate the tablet so you can vote.



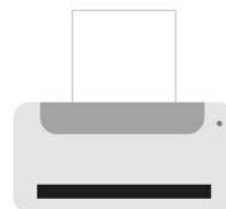
2. Mark your ballot

- Touch the box to the right of your choices. A check mark will appear in the box.
- To change your vote, touch the box again.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, touch the box to the right of the words WRITE-IN. A keyboard will pop up. Type the write-in candidate's name, then touch OK.



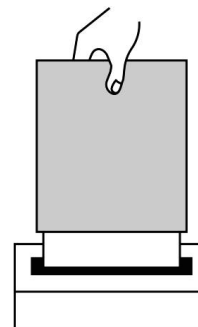
3. Print your ballot

- Touch the screen to print your ballot.
- Your choices are printed on the ballot for you to review.



4. Deposit your ballot in the ballot box

- Take your ballot to the ballot box station.
- Deposit your ballot into the ballot box.





Who is on the ballot for this election?

In the November General Election, all voters receive the same ballot, no matter what political party you are registered with, or if you have no party preference. The address where you are registered to vote determines which contests are on your ballot.

In the March Primary Election, all Californians were able to vote to decide which candidates for federal and state offices moved on to the November General Election. Some candidates for local county offices in March who received enough votes to be elected without having to be in a run-off in November, others are on the ballot in a run-off election.

 Presidential Nominated by party	 California Top-Two Primary Nominated by voters	 Local Nonpartisan candidates
• President and Vice President	• U.S. Representative • State Senator • State Assembly Member	• School District Offices • Special District Offices • City Offices
The candidates nominated by each political party are on the ballot.	The top two candidates – the ones with the most votes in March – are on your ballot.	Candidates for county offices on the ballot in March who did not receive at least 50% plus 1 of the vote are in a run-off in November. Local offices such as school & special districts and city councils are on the ballot.
You can write-in a candidate for President and Vice President.	There is no write-in for these offices.	You can write-in a candidate for these offices.
The party nominating the candidate is listed with their name.	The candidates' party preference (or "None") is listed with their name. Both candidates on the ballot may have the same party preference.	Candidates for nonpartisan offices do not have a party preference listed on the ballot.

For more information you can:



Call the Elections Department: 831-454-2060



Visit our website: www.votescount.us



Visit the California Secretary of State's website: www.sos.ca.gov



Accessible Voting

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail Ballot (RAVBM)

You may request a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot. The RAVBM system allows voters with disabilities to download and mark your ballot privately and independently using your own assistive technology, print your marked ballot, sign your return envelope, and return it to the Elections Office to be counted. See the next page for more information.

At the voting location

In some voting locations, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props are used to improve access to the facility.

Curbside voting

If the voting location is not accessible, you may vote on a paper or an electronic ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. A poll worker will qualify you to vote and will return the voted ballot to the voting location.

To request curbside voting assistance, you can:

- call in advance to coordinate a time and place
- have an assistant make the request inside the voting location

Accessible voting system

Each polling place in the county has a tablet with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- a universal plug for personal assistive device
- large print (24 points)
- a choice of English or Spanish

A ride to your voting location

We can arrange to have an accessible van pick you up and take you to a voting location in Santa Cruz County to vote. Please call 831-454-2060 by Friday, October 30 to make an appointment.

Ballot delivery to your home

We can deliver a ballot to your home and return it to the Elections Department. Please call 831-454-2060 before Election Day so there will be enough time to assist you.

Voting information

Audio versions of the information about local measures and information in the State Voter Guide are available on request. The recordings are available approximately four weeks before the election.

How to request assistance

To request any of these options, or for assistance with accessible voting:



Phone Santa Cruz County Elections: 831-454-2060



Disability Rights California will operate a statewide Voting Hotline 7am to 8pm on Election Day: November 3, 2020. Calls will be answered prior to and after the election. 1-888-569-7955.
TDD: 711

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) in Santa Cruz County

For the November 3, 2020 General Election, Santa Cruz County will mail ballots by October 5 to all active registered voters. Ballots will be mailed daily to new registrants after October 5.

You can also vote with Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail. RAVBM lets you:

- Download, mark, and print your ballot at home
- Use your own assistive technology to read and mark the ballot
- Select the language for your ballot

RAVBM is not "internet voting." You must print and return your marked ballot. RAVBM used to be limited to military/overseas voters and voters with disabilities, but due to COVID-19 any voter may request a RAVBM.



You must request your RAVBM ballot by Oct. 27

**How to vote from home (accessibly!)
with RAVBM:**

1. **Request an RAVBM ballot access link**
Request a RAVBM ballot online at **www.votescount.us** or contact the elections office by phone at 831-454-2060, or by email at **vbm@votescount.us**.
2. **Mark your ballot**
Use the access link to open your ballot. Review and mark the ballot on your own computer, with your own assistive technology if needed.
3. **Review and print your ballot**
Check your ballot and make corrections. Download and print your ballot.
4. **Seal and sign the ballot envelope**
Put your RAVBM ballot in the envelope you received in the mail. Sign the voter's declaration (punched holes tell you where to sign). Seal the envelope. If you don't have the envelope we sent you, use your own envelope and sign the outside, print your name, write your address, and provide a way to contact you. You can use a second envelope if you don't want your information exposed.
5. **Return your ballot – see page 2.**

Para las elecciones generales del 3 de noviembre de 2020, el condado de Santa Cruz enviará por correo las boletas antes del 5 de octubre a todos los votantes registrados activos. Las boletas se enviarán por correo todos los días a los nuevos inscritos después del 5 de octubre.

También puede votar con Voto por correo de acceso remoto. RAVBM le permite:

- Descargue, marque e imprima su boleta en casa
- Utilice su propia tecnología de asistencia para leer y marcar la boleta.
- Seleccione el idioma de su boleta

RAVBM no es "votación por Internet". Debe imprimir y devolver su boleta marcada. RAVBM solía estar limitado a votantes militares / extranjeros y votantes con discapacidades, pero debido a COVID-19 cualquier votante puede solicitar un RAVBM.



Debe solicitar su boleta RAVBM antes del 27 de oct.

**Cómo votar desde casa (¡de forma
accesible!) Con RAVBM:**

1. **Solicite un enlace de acceso a la boleta RAVBM**
Solicite una boleta de votación RAVBM en línea en **www.votescount.us** o comuníquese con la oficina de elecciones por teléfono al 831-454-2060, o por correo electrónico a **vbm@votescount.us**.
2. **Marque su boleta**
Utilice el enlace de acceso para abrir su boleta. Revise y marque la boleta en su propia computadora, con su propia tecnología de asistencia si es necesario.
3. **Revise e imprima su boleta**
Revise su boleta y haga correcciones. Descargue e imprima su boleta.
4. **Selle y firme el sobre de la papeleta**
Coloque su boleta de la RAVBM en el sobre que recibió por correo. Firme la declaración de votante (los agujeros perforados le indican dónde firmar). Selle el sobre. Si no tiene el sobre que le enviamos, use su propio sobre y firme el exterior, escriba su nombre, escriba su dirección y proporcione una forma de contactarlo. Puede utilizar un segundo sobre si no desea que se exponga su información.
5. **Devuelva su boleta – vea a pagina 11.**



Language services / Servicios de idiomas

The Santa Cruz County Multilingual Voter Services program was established to provide services to voters who need language assistance.

The following election materials will be translated into Spanish and will be available at all our voting locations:

- A copy of the ballot
- Voting Instructions
- State Voter Information Guide
- Voter Bill of Rights

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot if those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak Spanish.

Spanish ballot will be mailed to you

Since all voters will be mailed a ballot for the November election, we will also mail you a copy of your ballot in Spanish. It will be in a separate mailing from your official ballot.

Background

California law requires the Secretary of State, in January before the primary election for Governor, to identify which precincts have 3% or more of the voting-age residents who are members of a single language minority and lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance.

El programa de Servicios de Votante Multilingüe del Condado de Santa Cruz se estableció para proporcionar servicios a los votantes que necesitan asistencia con el idioma.

Los siguientes materiales electorales se traducirán al español y estarán disponibles en todos nuestros centros de votación:

- Una copia de la boleta
- Instrucciones de votación
- Guía estatal de información al votante
- Declaración de derechos del votante

Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación emplea trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

Se le enviará la boleta en español

Dado que todos los votantes recibirán una boleta para las elecciones de noviembre, también le enviaremos una copia de su boleta en español. Estará en un envío por correo separado de su boleta oficial.

Fondo

La ley de California requiere que el Secretario de Estado, en enero antes de la elección primaria del Gobernador, identifique qué precintos tienen el 3% o más de los residentes en edad de votar que son miembros de una minoría de un solo idioma y carecen de las habilidades suficientes para votar en inglés sin asistencia.



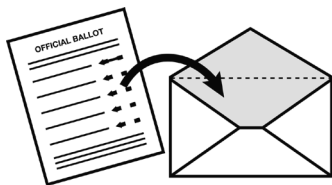
For more information in English, please call 831-454-2060

Para más información en español, por favor llame al 831-454-2060

若需更多中文資訊，請致電 831-454-5137

Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 831-454-5135

3 formas de votar



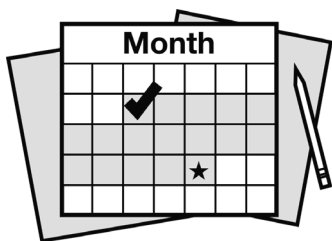
Vote usando la boleta que se le envió por correo

Las elecciones del condado enviarán por correo una boleta a todos los votantes registrados activos el 5 de octubre. Si no recibe su boleta o si la estropea, vea al dorso cómo obtener una boleta de reemplazo. También puede inscribirse para que le envíen su boleta por correo electrónico.

Para devolver su boleta, déjela en cualquier buzón o lugar de votación, entréguela en la oficina de Elecciones del Condado o en las oficinas del secretario de la ciudad antes de las 8 pm del martes 3 de noviembre.

Si la envía por correo, asegúrese de que su boleta tenga el matasellos del 3 de noviembre o antes. Envíela temprano o camine hasta la oficina de correos y obtenga el matasellos en el sobre de la boleta.

Para obtener más detalles, vea la **página 11**.



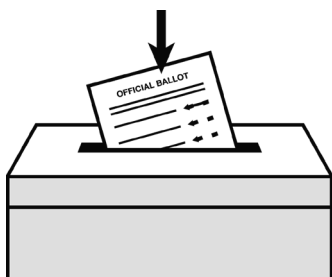
Vote temprano en persona

Puede votar temprano en dos lugares

5 de octubre al 3 de noviembre

Secretario / Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz y
Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad de Watsonville

Para obtener más detalles, vea la **página 12**.



Votar en persona

Para aplanar la curva de votación, tendremos 17 lugares de votación abiertos:

Sábado y domingo, 31 de octubre y 1 de noviembre, de 9am a 5pm

Lunes 2 de noviembre, de 8am a 5pm

Martes 3 de noviembre, de 7am a 8pm

Cualquier votante puede ir a cualquier lugar para: obtener una segunda boleta, entregar su boleta, registrarse y votar el mismo día, usar la tableta para votar en una boleta accesible o en una boleta en español, o cualquier otro servicio electoral.

Se seguirán los protocolos de salud pública: uso de mascarillas, desinfección de manos, distanciamiento físico y servicios de desinfección. Si está enfermo, quédese en casa. Para obtener más detalles, vea la **página 12**.

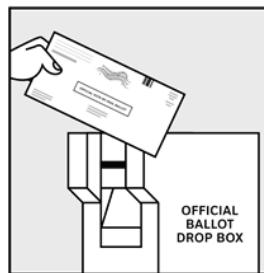


Cómo devolver la boleta que se le envió por correo

Las boletas se enviarán por correo a todos los votantes para promover el voto seguro desde casa.

Debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, todos los votantes registrados activos recibirán una boleta por correo antes del 5 de octubre. Una vez que obtenga su boleta:

1. Márquelo llenando el óvalo a la izquierda de sus opciones. Votar no es una prueba, no tienes que votar en todos los temas.
2. Firme el sobre con su nombre y dirección con su propia letra e imprima su nombre, dirección y una forma de contactarlo, y
3. Déjelo o envíelo por correo.



O



Cómo devolver su boleta de voto por correo



Déjelo en uno de los buzones de entrega 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana (las ubicaciones pueden cambiar debido a daños por incendio) ubicados en:

- Aptos – Public Library, 7695 Soquel Dr.
- Aptos - Polo Grounds near the dog park, 2255 Huntington Dr.
- Aptos – Cabrillo College Parking lot R by the stadium, 3732 Cabrillo College Dr.
- Ben Lomond – Highlands Park, 8500 Highway 9
- Boulder Creek Library – 13390 W. Park Ave.
- Capitola – 420 Capitola Ave. in the City Hall parking lot
- Capitola – Mall near the old Sears, 1855 41st Ave.
- Corralitos – Community Center, 35 Browns Valley Rd.
- Felton – Covered Bridge Park – at Mt. Hermon and Graham Hill Rd.
- Santa Cruz - 701 Ocean St. in front of the County Government Center
- Santa Cruz – 212 Church St. in the public parking lot
- Santa Cruz – UCSC Quarry Plaza
- Scotts Valley – 1 Civic Center Dr. in the City Hall parking lot
- Watsonville – 316 Rodriguez St. in the municipal public parking lot 14
- Watsonville – County Health Center, 1430 Freedom Blvd.



Entregue su boleta a la oficina de Elecciones/Secretario del Condado de Santa Cruz o al Secretario de la Ciudad de Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley o Watsonville. Visite www.votescount.us para conocer otras ubicaciones.



Entregue su boleta en cualquier lugar de votación abierto del 31 de octubre al 3 de noviembre. En esta guía y en línea en www.votescount.us, se proporciona una lista de las ubicaciones del condado de Santa Cruz.



Envíe su boleta de manera que tenga matasellos del 3 de noviembre o antes del día de las elecciones



Como votar en persona

Todos los votantes recibirán por correo una boleta para las elecciones generales presidenciales del 3 de noviembre de 2020.

Sin embargo, habrá lugares de votación en persona disponibles para que los votantes:

- Obtenga una boleta de reemplazo
- Regístrese y vote el mismo día
- Vote una boleta accesible en la tableta
- Vote una boleta en español en la tableta
- Entregar su boleta votada
- Cualquier otro servicio electoral

A partir del 5 de octubre, la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz y la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad de Watsonville estarán abiertas para la votación y otros servicios para los votantes.

De conformidad con la ley estatal y la orden ejecutiva del gobernador, el condado de Santa Cruz debe tener un lugar de votación en persona por cada 10,000 votantes. Cualquier votante puede acudir a cualquier lugar.

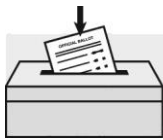
Debido a los incendios en el condado de Santa Cruz, es posible que algunos de estos sitios deban ser reubicados debido a daños causados por el fuego o al ser utilizados como refugio u otro propósito de emergencia.

Cada lugar estará abierto para votar en las siguientes fechas y horas:

- Sábado 31 de octubre de 2020, de 9am a 5pm
- Domingo 1 de noviembre de 2020, de 9am a 5pm
- Lunes 2 de noviembre de 2020, de 8am a 5pm
- Martes 3 de noviembre de 2020, de 7am a 8pm

Los lugares de votación en el condado de Santa Cruz incluyen:

1. Aptos - Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd.
2. Boulder Creek - Boulder Creek Recreation Hall, 13333 Middleton Ave.
3. Capitola - New Brighton Middle School, 250 Washburn Ave.
4. Felton - San Lorenzo Valley High School, 7105 Highway 9
5. Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections, 701 Ocean St., Room 310. Abre el Oct. 5 para votación.
6. Santa Cruz - Simpkins Swim Center, 979 17th Ave.
7. Santa Cruz - Bonny Doon Elementary School, 1492 Pine Flat Rd.
8. Santa Cruz - Kaiser Permanente Arena, 140 Front St.
9. Santa Cruz - Masonic Lodge, 828 N. Branciforte Ave.
10. Scotts Valley - Scott Valley Community Center, 360 Kings Village Rd.
11. Scotts Valley - Scotts Valley High School, 555 Glenwood Dr.
12. Soquel - Soquel Conference Center, 1931 Old San Jose Rd.
13. Watsonville - Watsonville City Community Room, 275 Main St., 4th Floor. Abre el Oct. 5 para votación
14. Watsonville - Pajaro Valley Community Trust, 85 Nielson St.
15. Watsonville - La Selva Beach Clubhouse, 314 Estrella Ave.
16. Watsonville - Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 East Lake Ave.
17. Watsonville - Calabasas Elementary School, 202 Calabasas Rd.
18. Santa Cruz - UCSC Merrill Cultural Center, estará abierto los lunes y martes solamente.
19. Vote Mobile - El condado de Santa Cruz tiene un tráiler de votación móvil que se utilizará en todo el condado. Visite **www.votescount.us** para conocer las fechas y horas.

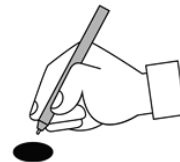


Cómo votar por boleta electoral de papel

Marque su boleta

Rellena la burbuja a la izquierda de su elección.

Use un bolígrafo con tinta azul o negra solamente. No utilice bolígrafo de tinta roja, Sharpies, marcadores o ningún otro tipo de bolígrafo.



No firme su nombre en su boleta, no escriba sus iniciales, no escriba otras palabras o hacer algún otro tipo de marca en la boleta que ha completado.

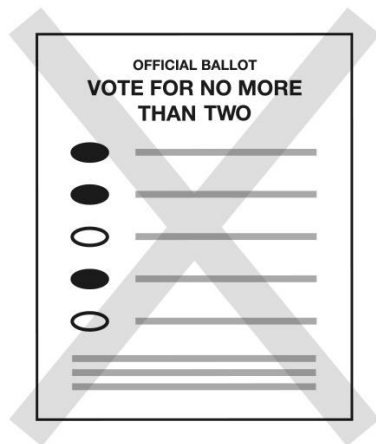
Para votar por un candidato que no esté en la lista, escriba el nombre del candidato en la línea en blanco al final de la lista de candidatos. Luego rellene la burbuja al lado de ese nombre.



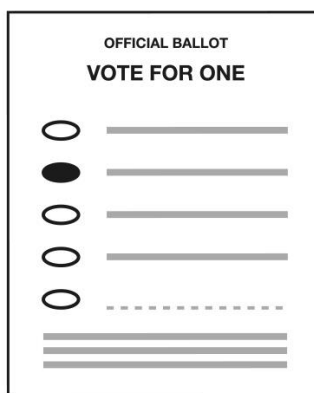
Una lista de candidatos calificados por escrito estará disponible en los lugares de votación. La lista se publica en nuestro sitio web en www.votescount.us 13 días antes de la elección.

Revise su boleta cuidadosamente

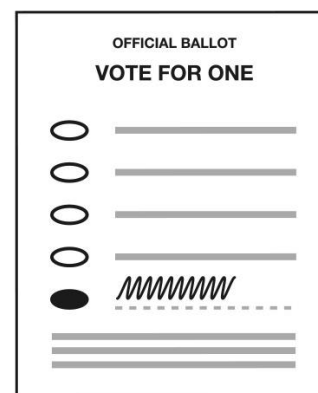
Si comete un error y está votando desde casa, llámenos al 831-454-2060 o envíenos un correo electrónico a 2ndballot@votescount.us y le enviaremos una nueva boleta por correo. Si está votando en persona, pídale a un trabajador electoral una nueva boleta.



No vote por demasiados.



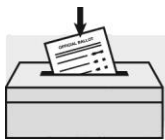
Vote por el número permitido.



Siempre rellene la burbuja incluso en un "voto escrito".

Devuelva su boleta votada

Deposite su boleta en la urna. Su boleta será escaneada y contada en la Oficina de Elecciones ubicada en 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, en Santa Cruz.



Cómo votar por boleta electrónica

En el lugar de votación usted puede elegir usar la tableta para marcar una boleta de papel o usar un bolígrafo para marcar una boleta de papel.

La tableta sirve como un dispositivo de marcado que imprimirá las elecciones del votante en un papel que es la boleta. Todos los votantes, incluyendo aquellos con discapacidades, pueden votar de forma privada e independiente.

1. Dígame al trabajador electoral que quiere usar una tableta para votar

- El trabajador electoral le entregará un boleto.
- Llévelo al área de la tableta.
- Cuando sea su turno, el trabajador electoral activará la tableta para que usted pueda votar.



2. Marcar su boleta

- Toque la casilla junto a la derecha de sus elecciones. Aparecerá una marca de verificación en el cuadro.
- Para cambiar su voto, toque el cuadro nuevamente.
- Para votar por un candidato que no esté en la lista, toque el cuadro a la derecha de la palabra WRITE-IN. Aparecerá un teclado. Escriba el nombre del candidato por quien desea votar, y luego toque OK.



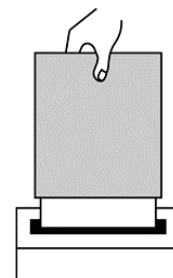
3. Imprima su boleta

- Toque la pantalla para imprimir su boleta.
- Sus elecciones están impresas en la boleta junto para que las revise.



4. Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral

- Lleve su boleta a la estación de urnas electorales.
- Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral.

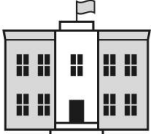




¿Quién está en la boleta para esta elección?

En la elección general de noviembre, todos los votantes reciben la misma boleta, no importa con cual partido político está registrado, o si usted no tiene ninguna preferencia por un partido. La dirección en la que está registrado para votar determina qué concursos aparecen en su boleta.

En las elecciones primarias de marzo todos los californianos pudieron votar para decidir qué candidatos para las oficinas federales y estatales pasarían a la elección general de noviembre. Algunos candidatos para cargos locales del condado en marzo que recibieron suficientes votos para ser elegidos sin tener que estar en una segunda vuelta en noviembre, otros están en la boleta electoral en una segunda vuelta.

 Presidencial Nominado por el partido	 Primaria de los Dos Principales de California Nominado por los electores	 Cargos Locales No Partidista
Presidente y vice presidente	- Miembro del Congreso de EE. UU. - Senador Estatal - Miembro de la Asamblea del Estado	- Oficinas del distrito escolar - Oficinas de distritos especiales - Oficinas de las ciudades
Los candidatos propuestos por cada partido político están en la boleta.	Los primeros dos candidatos - los que tienen la mayor cantidad de votos en marzo – están en su boleta.	Los candidatos para cargos del condado en la boleta electoral de marzo que no recibieron al menos el 50% más 1 de los votos están en una segunda vuelta en noviembre. Las oficinas locales como escuelas y distritos especiales y ayuntamientos están en la boleta.
Puede escribir un candidato a presidente y vice presidente.	No se puede agregar otro candidato para estas oficinas.	Usted puede agregar otro candidato para estas oficinas.
El partido que esta nominando al candidato aparece junto al nombre del candidato.	La preferencia de partido de los candidatos (o "Ninguna") aparece en la lista con su nombre. Ambos candidatos en la boleta pueden tener la misma preferencia de partido.	Los candidatos para cargos no partidarios no tienen una preferencia de partido que aparece en la boleta.

Para más información usted puede:



Llame al departamento de elecciones: 831-454-2060



Visite nuestro sitio web: www.votescount.us



Visite el California Secretary of State's sitio web:
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/primary-elections-california/



Como votar por voto accesible

Boleta de voto por correo de acceso remoto (RAVBM)

Puede solicitar una boleta de voto por correo de acceso remoto. El sistema RAVBM permite a los votantes con discapacidades descargar y marcar su boleta de forma privada e independiente utilizando su propia tecnología de asistencia, imprimir su boleta marcada, firmar su sobre de devolución y devolverlo a la Oficina de Elecciones para que sea contado. Vea pagina 8 para mas información.

En el lugar de votación

En algunas mesas electorales, umbrales temporales, rampas, señales, conos, y sostenes para las puertas, se utilizan para mejorar el acceso a las instalaciones.

Votar en la acera

Si su lugar de votación no es accesible, usted puede votar por boleta de papel o electrónica desde un lugar cercano y accesible, incluyendo de un vehículo. Un trabajador electoral lo calificara para votar y entregara su boleta completa al lugar de votación.

Para solicitar asistencia para votar en la acera, usted puede:

- llamar por adelantado para coordinar la hora y el lugar.
- pedir a un asistente que haga la solicitud dentro del lugar de votación.

Equipo accesible para votar

Cada centro de lugar de votación en este condado tiene una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar con:

- una opción de audio que lee la boleta para usted
- un enchufe universal para dispositivos de asistencia personal
- letra grande (24 puntos)
- la opción de inglés o español

Transporte a su lugar de votación

Podemos hacer arreglos para enviar una camioneta con accesibilidad para recogerle a usted y llevarle al centro de lugar de votación para votar. Por favor llame al 831-454-2060 antes del viernes 30 de octubre para programar una cita.

Entrega de boleta a su domicilio

Podemos entregar la boleta a su domicilio y regresarla al departamento de elecciones. Por favor llame al 831-454-2060 antes del día de la elección para asegurar que haya suficiente tiempo para proveerle asistencia.

Información para votar

Versiones de audio de la información sobre las medidas locales y la información impresa en la guía de estado para el votante están disponibles bajo petición. Las grabaciones están disponibles aproximadamente cuatro semanas antes de la elección.

Como solicitar asistencia

Para solicitar cualquiera de estas opciones o para obtener ayuda con la votación accesible:



Teléfono Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz: 831-454-2060

Disability Rights California operará una línea del día de las elecciones en todo el estado
7am a 8pm el día de elecciones: 3 de noviembre del 2020.
1-888-569-7955



TDD: 711

What's on the ballot for this election?

Statewide Presidential General Election – November 3, 2020

You will receive two voter information guides for this election.



Santa Cruz County (this guide)

Mailed to all registered voters in the County. Candidate statements for federal, state, and local offices and information on local measures are on the following pages in this guide.

Offices - depending on where you live in Santa Cruz County

President and Vice President
United States Representative
State Senate
State Assembly
Superior Court Judge
County Supervisor, 1st District
City councils
School & Special Districts

Local Measures - depending on where you live in Santa Cruz County

- A. Scotts Valley Unified School District bond
- N. Loma Prieta Joint Union School District parcel tax
- O. Aromas-San Juan School District bond



California State Guide

Mailed to each household in the State.

Information on the one state proposition is in the guide from the State, along with the Voter Bill of Rights, information about How to Vote for President, Voter Registration, Same Day Voter Registration, Provisional Voting, Military and Overseas Voters, and much more.

State Proposition

- 14. Stem cell/medical research bond
- 15. Change biz tax assessment for schools
- 16. Diversity consideration for jobs/school/contracts
- 17. Restore voting rights for inmates after jail
- 18. If age 18 by general, you can vote in primary
- 19. Transfer property tax base: 55, disabled, fire victim
- 20. Restricts parole for non-violent offenders
- 21. Local Gov authority to enact rent control
- 22. Makes app-based drivers indep. contractors
- 23. State regulation of kidney dialysis clinics
- 24. Expands consumer privacy laws
- 25. Referendum on replacing bail with flight risk

Practice Ballot (Sample Ballot)

The centerfold of this guide contains a 2-page practice ballot for you to tear out. Use this ballot to get ready to vote. You can practice marking your choices and bring it with you to vote on the real ballot at the polling place or the one mailed to you if you signed up to vote by mail.

Boleta de practica (muestra de boleta)

La página central de esta guía contiene una boleta de práctica de 2 páginas que puede separar. Utilice esta boleta para estar listo para votar. Usted puede practicar marcando sus opciones y llevarla con usted para votar en la boleta real en el lugar de votación o votar con la que le enviaron por correo si usted está registrado para votar por correo.



Party Endorsements

Parties have the option of submitting candidate endorsements for voter-nominated offices only for printing in this guide. Not all parties participate, and parties may endorse a candidate from another party.

The American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom parties did not submit endorsements of candidates to be printed in this guide.

The candidate's party preference on the ballot does not necessarily mean that they have that political party's support.

Los partidos tienen la opción de presentar endosos de los candidatos para las oficinas de nominados por los votantes para la impresión en esta guía. No todos los partidos participan y los partidos pueden apoyar a un candidato de otro partido.

Los partidos de Americano Independiente, Verde, Libertado, y Paz y Libertad no sometieron endosos de los candidatos para ser imprimidos en esta guía.

La preferencia de partido del candidato en la boleta no necesariamente significa que tengan el apoyo de ese partido político.

Office <i>Oficina</i>	Democratic <i>Demócrata</i>	Republican <i>Republicano</i>
18th Congress <i>18° Congreso</i>	Anna G. Eshoo	None ninguno
20th Congress <i>20° Congreso</i>	Jimmy Panetta	Jeff Gorman
17th Senate <i>17° Senado</i>	John Laird	Vicki Nohrden
29th Assembly <i>29° Asamblea</i>	Mark Stone	Shomir Banerjee
30th Assembly <i>30° Asamblea</i>	Robert Rivas	Gregory Swett

Make a plan to vote Nov 3!

Ballots will be mailed to all voters in early October.



Haga un plan para votar el 3 de nov!

Las boletas se enviarán por correo a todos los votantes a principios de octubre.



SAMPLE BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT / MUESTRA DE BOLETA

Measures Submitted to the Voters	
State	School
18 AMENDS CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT 17-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS IF THEY WILL TURN 18 BY THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND BE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. Fiscal Impact: Increased statewide county costs likely between several hundreds of thousands of dollars and \$1 million every two years. Increased one-time costs to the state of hundreds of thousands of dollars. ☐ Yes ☐ No	22 EXEMPTS APP-BASED TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN DRIVERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Classifies app-based drivers as "independent contractor drivers," instead of "employees," and provides independent-contractor drivers other compensation, unless certain criteria are met. Fiscal Impact: Minor increase in state income taxes paid by rideshare and delivery company drivers and investors. ☐ Yes ☐ No
19 CHANGES CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RULES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Allows homeowners who are over 55, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer primary residence's tax base to replacement residence. Changes taxation of family-property transfers. Establishes fire protection services fund. Fiscal Impact: Local governments could gain tens of millions of dollars of property tax revenue per year, probably growing over time to a few hundred million dollars per year. Schools could receive similar property tax gains. ☐ Yes ☐ No	23 ESTABLISHES STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. REQUIRES ON-SITE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant on site during dialysis treatment. Prohibits clinics from reducing services without state approval. Prohibits clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source. Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local government costs likely in the low tens of millions of dollars annually. ☐ Yes ☐ No
20 RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE NON-VIOLENT. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY	24 AMENDS CONSUMER PRIVACY LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Permits consumers to: prevent businesses from sharing personal information, correct inaccurate personal information, and limit businesses' use of "sensitive personal information," including precise geolocation, race, ethnicity, and health information.
A To improve the quality of local schools: make necessary health, safety, and ventilation improvements; repair or replace leaky roofs and deteriorating plumbing, sewer, wiring and electrical systems; shall Scotts Valley Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$49,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, generating approximately \$2.7 million annually while bonds are outstanding with levies of approximately 3.2 cents per \$100 assessed value, with annual audits, citizens' oversight, no money for salaries and all money for local projects? ☐ Bonds Yes ☐ Bonds No	

MUESTRA DE BOLETA

SAMPLE BALLOT / MUESTRA DE BOLETA

SAMPLE BALLOT

Presidential General Election

County of Santa Cruz, Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Ballot Type 85



Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice. Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Optional Write-in:

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name in the blank space and fill in the oval.



Party-Nominated Offices

The party label accompanying the name of a candidate for party-nominated office on the general election ballot means that the candidate is the official nominee of the party shown.

Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

Party-Nominated Offices		15 INCREASES FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Taxes such properties based on current market value, instead of purchase price. Fiscal Impact: Increased property taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million providing \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion in new funding to local governments and schools.
Federal		☐ Yes ☐ No
President and Vice President		16 ALLOWS DIVERSITY AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CONTRACTING DECISIONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Permits government decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in order to
☐ HOWIE HAWKINS For President ANGELA NICOLE WALKER For Vice President	Green	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ JO JORGENSEN For President JEREMY "SPIKE" COHEN For Vice President	Libertarian	
☐ JOSEPH R. BIDEN For President KAMALA D. HARRIS For Vice President	Democratic	
☐ DONALD J. TRUMP For President MICHAEL R. PENCE For Vice President	Republican	
☐ GLORIA LA RIVA For President SUNIL FREEMAN For Vice President	Peace and Freedom	
☐ ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE GUERRA For President KANYE OMARI WEST For Vice President	American Independent	
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VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT / MUESTRA DE BOLETA

Voter-Nominated Offices		Nonpartisan Offices	
United States Representative		Judicial	
20th Congressional District Vote for One		Judge of the Superior Court Vote for One	
☐ JEFF GORMAN Party Preference: Republican Small Business Owner	☐ ANNRAE ANGEL Attorney at Law	☐ Yes ☐ No	
☐ JIMMY PANETTA Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative	☐ NANCY DE LA PENA Assistant County Counsel	☐ No	
State		☐	
State Senator		☐	
17th District Vote for One		Measures Submitted to the Voters State	
☐ VICKI NOHRDEN Party Preference: Republican Businesswoman	14 AUTHORIZES BONDS CONTINUING STEM CELL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$5.5 billion state bonds for: stem cell and other medical research, including training; research facility construction; administrative costs. Dedicates \$1.5 billion to brain-related diseases. Appropriates General Fund moneys for repayment. Expands related programs. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds estimated at about \$260 million per year over the next roughly 30 years.		
☐ JOHN LAIRD Party Preference: Democratic Natural Resources Secretary	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Member of the State Assembly		☐ Yes ☐ No	
29th District Vote for One		☐ Yes ☐ No	
☐ SHOMIR BANERJEE Party Preference: Republican Physician/Engineer	☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ MARK STONE Party Preference: Democratic Assemblymember	☐ Yes ☐ No		

SAMPLE BALLOT -

TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Limits access to parole program established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term of their primary offense by eliminating eligibility for certain offenses. Fiscal Impact: Increase in state and local correctional, court, and law enforcement costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation. ☐ Yes ☐ No	Establishes California Privacy Protection Agency. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual state costs of at least \$10 million, but unlikely exceeding low tens of millions of dollars, to enforce expanded consumer privacy laws. Some costs would be offset by penalties for violating these laws. ☐ Yes ☐ No
21 EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows local governments to establish rent control on residential properties over 15 years old. Local limits on rate increases may differ from statewide limit. Fiscal Impact: Overall, a potential reduction in state and local revenues in the high tens of millions of dollars per year over time. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or more. ☐ Yes ☐ No	25 REFERENDUM ON LAW THAT REPLACED MONEY BAIL WITH SYSTEM BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND FLIGHT RISK. A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, law replacing money bail with system based on public safety and flight risk. Fiscal Impact: Increased costs possibly in mid hundreds of millions of dollars annually for a new process for release from jail prior to trial. Decreased county jail costs, possibly in high tens of millions of dollars annually. ☐ Yes ☐ No

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT / MUESTRA DE BOLETA

MUESTRA DE BOLETA -



About the candidates

Who is running for office?

Refer to the Sample Ballot in this guide for a complete list of candidates. Some have paid for a candidate statement in this guide or on the web at www.votescount.com, but not all. You can also find candidate information and campaign disclosure statements online:

-  Local candidates: www.votescount.com
-  All candidates: votersedge.org/ca
-  Statewide candidates: www.sos.ca.gov

Expenditure Limitations: State Legislative Candidates

Voters passed Proposition 34 in November 2000. This law says we must tell voters the names of candidates who agree to campaign spending limits. This law only applies to candidates for State Legislative offices like State Senate and State Assembly.

Candidates who agree are allowed to pay for and publish a candidate's statement of qualifications. Those statements are printed in this guide.

The following State Legislative candidates have accepted the voluntary campaign spending limits:

17th Senate 17° Senado	Vicki Nohrden, REP John Laird, DEM
29th Assembly 29° Asamblea	Mark Stone, DEM Shomir Banerjee, REP
30th Assembly 30° Asamblea	Gregory Swett, REP Robert Rivas, DEM

¿Quién está corriendo para un cargo?

Consulte la muestra de boleta en esta guía para obtener una lista completa de los candidatos. Algunos han pagado por una declaración del candidato en esta guía o en la web a www.votescount.com, pero no todos. También puede encontrar información de los candidatos y declaraciones de campaña en nuestra página web:

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-  Todos los Candidatos: votersedge.org/ca
-  Candidatos estatales: www.sos.ca.gov

Límites de desembolsos: Candidatos para la legislatura estatal

Los votantes aprobaron la Proposición 34 en noviembre de 2000. Esta ley establece que tenemos que decir a los votantes los nombres de los candidatos que están de acuerdo con los límites de gastos de campaña. Esta ley sólo se aplica a los candidatos para cargos legislativos del Estado como el Senado Estatal y la Asamblea Estatal.

Los candidatos que estén de acuerdo pueden pagar y publicar una declaración de calificaciones de candidato. Esas declaraciones están imprimidas en esta guía.

Los siguientes candidatos para la Legislatura Estatal han aceptado los límites de desembolsos voluntariamente:



Download the *My Santa Cruz County* app to access election information on your smartphone.



Paid candidate statements: Congress, 20th District

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Jimmy Panetta

Party Preference: Democratic

United States Representative jimmypanetta.com jimmypanettaforcongress@gmail.com 831-238-7742 Age: 50

As your United States Representative, I'm fighting to give people the opportunity for a better life. Having grown up on the Central Coast, with a deep sense of public service, I've dedicated my career to giving back to our community and country.

As an Afghanistan War veteran, former deputy district attorney, and, now, your U.S. Representative, I know what it takes to serve and stand up for our nation and Central Coast values.

As the grandson of immigrants, I'm fighting for immigration reform to protect and provide an earned pathway to citizenship for farmworkers, their families, and Dreamers.

I'm defending our precious environment by protecting our pristine coastline and public lands from oil drilling, promoting agricultural and ecological sustainability, and creating sound policies to combat the climate crisis.

I'm securing federal funding for resources necessary to protect our lives and livelihoods during this pandemic and rebuild our economy.

I'm pushing for accessible healthcare for all and increased federal grants and tax credits for more affordable and equitable housing.

I'm fighting for equality in our justice system and to protect women's rights.

I'm upholding the constitutional responsibilities of Congress in our democratic system of checks and balances.

I'm promoting local jobs by supporting our diverse economy of agriculture, tourism, education, research, and small businesses.

I'll continue to fight for the people of the Central Coast by bringing energy, new ideas, and the will to work together to Congress. I would be honored by your vote. For more information, visit www.jimmypanetta.com

Jimmy Panetta

Preferencia de partido: Demócrata

Representante de Estados Unidos jimmypanetta.com jimmypanettaforcongress@gmail.com 831-238-7742 Edad: 50

Como su Representante de los Estados Unidos, estoy luchando para darle a la gente la oportunidad de tener una vida mejor. Al haber crecido en Central Coast, con un profundo sentido de servicio público, he dedicado mi carrera a devolver a nuestra comunidad y al país.

Como veterano de la Guerra de Afganistán, antiguo asistente del fiscal del distrito y, ahora, su Representante de EE. UU., sé lo que se necesita para servir y defender los valores de nuestra nación y Central Coast.

Como nieto de inmigrantes, estoy luchando por la reforma migratoria para proteger y proporcionar una vía meritaria hacia la ciudadanía para los agricultores, sus familias y los Soñadores.

Estoy defendiendo nuestro preciado medio ambiente al proteger nuestra inmaculada línea costera y nuestros terrenos públicos de las perforaciones petroleras, trabajando en pos de la sostenibilidad agrícola y ecológica y creando políticas sólidas para combatir la crisis climática.

Estoy obteniendo financiamiento federal para recursos que son necesarios para proteger nuestro sustento durante esta pandemia y reconstruir nuestra economía.

Estoy abogando por cuidados de la salud accesibles para todos y mayores subsidios federales y créditos fiscales para más viviendas asequibles y equitativas.

Estoy luchando por la igualdad en nuestro sistema judicial y para proteger los derechos de las mujeres.

Estoy defendiendo las responsabilidades constitucionales del Congreso en nuestro sistema democrático de controles y balances.

Estoy fomentando los empleos locales mediante el apoyo de nuestra economía diversa de agricultura, turismo, educación, investigación y pequeñas empresas.

Continuaré luchando por la gente de Central Coast al aportar energía, nuevas ideas y la voluntad de trabajar juntos al Congreso. Me honraría contar con su voto. Para más información, visite www.jimmypanetta.com



Paid candidate statements: State Senate, 17th District

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Vicki Nohrden

Party Preference: Republican

Businesswoman www.vicki4senate.com vicki@vicki4senate.com 831-200-5922 Age: 63

I'm Vicki Nohrden. I'm running for State Senate because our state control is out of control.

In less than three months, Gavin Newsom issued more than 40 executive orders that changed hundreds of laws without oversight or accountability, shutting down businesses and closing our schools.

Sacramento thinks it can force a one-size-fits-all approach on our counties but in the process it fails small businesses, independent contractors, families, and educators, all of whom pay the price.

I stand for educational freedom and excellence. I believe parents and teachers not bureaucrats hundreds of miles away, should decide our children's futures.

I've spent my public service advocating as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), for families in the justice system, and for taxpayers as a member of the Civil Grand Jury, investigating claims of government corruption and mismanagement.

I'm not a career politician with hundreds of thousands of dollars from special interests outside the four counties in our district. I support term limits. I oppose Prop 15, one of the biggest tax increases in California history attacking the 1978 Prop 13.

Learn more about me and the issues I want to champion at www.vicki4senate.com.

As our region climbs back from COVID-19, we need fresh vision and leadership, not more tax-and-spend career politicians conducting politics-as-usual in Sacramento.

This November vote for new leadership that cares about you and your family, not Sacramento and their special interests. I would be honored to have your vote.

Vicki Nohrden

Preferencia de Partido: Republicana

Mujer de Negocios www.vicki4senate.com vicki@vicki4senate.com 831-200-5922 Edad: 63

Me llamo Vicki Nohrden. Me postulo para el Senado Estatal porque el control de nuestro estado está fuera de control.

En menos de tres meses, Gavin Newsom emitió más de 40 órdenes ejecutivas que cambiaron cientos de leyes sin supervisión ni rendición de cuentas, cerrando comercios y cerrando nuestras escuelas.

Sacramento piensa que puede forzar un enfoque universal para nuestros condados pero en el proceso les falla a las pequeñas empresas, los contratistas independientes, las familias y los educadores, que en su conjunto pagan el precio.

Estoy a favor de la libertad y la excelencia educativa. Creo que son los padres y maestros, no los burócratas que están a millas de distancia, son quienes deben decidir el futuro de nuestros niños.

He dedicado mi servicio público a abogar como Defensor Especial Nombrado por el Tribunal (CASA) por familias en el sistema judicial y por contribuyentes como miembro del Gran Jurado Civil, investigando denuncias de corrupción y administración indebida del gobierno.

No soy un político de carrera con cientos de miles de dólares de intereses especiales fuera de los cuatro condados de nuestro distrito. Apoyo los límites a los términos. Me opongo a la Propuesta 15, uno de los aumentos impositivos más grandes de la historia de California que ataca la Propuesta 13 de 1978.

Busque más información sobre mí y las cuestiones que quiero defender en www.vicki4senate.com.

A medida que nuestra región se recupera del COVID-19, necesitamos visión y liderazgo innovadores, no otro político de carrera que se limite a gravar impuestos y gastar llevando a cabo la política como es habitual en Sacramento.

Este noviembre vote por un nuevo liderazgo que se ocupe de usted y su familia, no de Sacramento y sus intereses especiales.

Estaría honrada de contar con su voto.



Paid candidate statements: State Senate, 17th District

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John Laird

Party Preference: Democratic

California Secretary for Natural Resources

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This past March, I received strong support from voters when I ran on a platform that called for dramatic steps to tackle climate change, the affordable housing crisis, the goal of universal healthcare coverage and the need for a more sustainable public education system.

Our world has changed in unprecedented ways since then. We are now deeply challenged by a pandemic, the bottom dropped out of our economy, and high-profile incidents of racial injustice have shaken our nation. All of these inter-related issues demand leadership and strong action.

For eight years, I served as Secretary for Natural Resources, working hard on California's climate change efforts, safeguarding agricultural land, leading the state's ocean protection program, and pushing back on federal attempts for more offshore oil drilling.

As a Mayor, City Councilmember, Transportation Commissioner, Nonprofit Director and Community College Trustee, I developed experience to tackle the key issues we now face. As an Assemblymember, I authored 82 bills signed into law, on civil rights, environmental protection, first-time homebuyers, community college health services, and more. As Assembly Budget Chair, I navigated difficult fiscal times as I fought for healthcare, education and our environment.

I have earned endorsements from teacher, firefighter, nurse and building trades organizations, as well as the League of Conservation Voters, Equality California, Governor Newsom, former Governor Brown, State Schools Superintendent Thurmond and local mayors, county supervisors and school trustees throughout Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. I will use my experience, drive and commitment to serve the 17th Senate District. I respectfully ask for your vote.

John Laird

Preferencia de partido: Demócrata

Secretario de Recursos Naturales de California

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El pasado mes de marzo, recibí un fuerte apoyo de los votantes cuando me postulé en una plataforma que reclamaba medidas drásticas para poner fin al cambio climático, la crisis de viviendas asequibles, el objetivo de cobertura universal de cuidados de la salud y la necesidad de un sistema de educación pública más sostenible.

Nuestro mundo ha cambiado de formas sin precedentes desde entonces. Ahora tenemos el reto profundo de una pandemia, la caída de nuestra economía que parece no tocar fondo e incidentes de injusticia racial de gran notoriedad que han sacudido a nuestra nación. Todas estas cuestiones interrelacionadas exigen liderazgo y medidas firmes.

Durante ocho años, presté servicios como Secretario de Recursos Naturales, trabajando con ahínco en esfuerzos por el cambio climático de California, salvaguardando tierras agrícolas, liderando el programa estatal de protección del océano y haciendo retroceder intentos federales de proseguir con las perforaciones petroleras de alta mar.

Como Alcalde, Miembro del Concejo Municipal, Comisionado de Transporte, Director de Organizaciones Sin Fines de Lucro y Síndico de Colegio Comunitario, desarrollé experiencia para poner fin a los problemas clave que enfrentamos. Como Miembro de la Asamblea, fui autor de 82 proyectos de ley promulgados como leyes, sobre derechos civiles, protección ambiental, compradores de primera casa, servicios de salud de colegios comunitarios y mucho más. Como Presidente de Presupuesto de la Asamblea, atravesé tiempos fiscales difíciles mientras luchaba por los cuidados de la salud, la educación y nuestro medio ambiente.

He obtenido el aval de organizaciones de maestros, bomberos, enfermeros y trabajadores de oficios de la construcción, así como la Liga de Votantes por la Conservación, Igualdad California, el Gobernador Newsom, el ex Gobernador Brown, el Superintendente de Escuelas Estatales Thurmond y alcaldes locales, supervisores de condado y síndicos escolares a lo largo de todos los Condados de Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara y Santa Cruz. Usaré mi experiencia, impulso y compromiso para servir al Distrito 17 del Senado. Respetuosamente le pido su voto.



Paid candidate statements: State Assembly, 29th District

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Mark Stone

Party Preference: Democratic

Assemblymember friendsofmarkstone.org info@friendsofmarkstone.org 831-234-5885 Age: 63

For over twenty years, I have fought to improve the quality of life in California as a School Board Member, County Supervisor, Coastal Commissioner and your Assemblymember. In 2012, you sent me to Sacramento to advocate for the rights of people in the 29th Assembly District and across our state.

During my service in the Assembly, my priorities have been clear: protecting the most vulnerable Californians and protecting our environment. I am engaged in comprehensive reforms to help foster youth grow up in supportive homes; leading the movement to create a state Earned Income Tax Credit to lift the state's poorest working families out of poverty; and improving access to justice in the court system. I have written many laws to improve public safety, especially by helping people released from prison successfully integrate into their communities, and decrease their chances of reoffending.

As a dedicated environmentalist, I steadfastly support critical environmental protections, advocating for landmark climate-change laws, and laws to provide clean drinking water, increase water recycling, improve groundwater management and decrease plastic pollution. I provide a leading voice in the effort to protect our oceans as we adapt to a changing climate.

It is an honor to have the support of so many elected officials, respected business leaders, education, and health care professionals and the environmental community. I hope that I have earned your vote.

Learn more at www.FriendsOfMarkStone.org

Mark Stone

Preferencia de partido: Demócrata

Miembro de la Asamblea friendsofmarkstone.org info@friendsofmarkstone.org 831-234-5885 Edad: 63

Durante casi veinte años, he luchado como Miembro de la Junta Escolar, Supervisor del Condado, Comisionado Costero y Miembro de la Asamblea para mejorar la calidad de vida en California. En 2012, usted me envió a Sacramento para abogar por los derechos de la gente en el Distrito de Asamblea 29 y en todo nuestro estado.

Durante mi servicio en la Asamblea, mis prioridades han sido claras: proteger a los ciudadanos de California más vulnerables y proteger nuestro medio ambiente. Estoy comprometido con reformas integrales que ayuden a los jóvenes en cuidado sustituto a crecer en hogares receptivos; liderar el movimiento para crear un Crédito Tributario al Ingreso Obtenido estatal para sacar de la pobreza a las familias trabajadoras que menos tienen en el estado; y mejorar el acceso a la justicia en el sistema judicial. He redactado muchas leyes para mejorar la seguridad pública, especialmente ayudando a las personas liberadas de prisión para que se integren exitosamente en sus comunidades, y para reducir las probabilidades de reincidencias.

Como ambientalista dedicado, apoyo firmemente protecciones medioambientales fundamentales, abogo por leyes relevantes sobre el cambio climático, y leyes para proporcionar agua potable, aumentar el reciclaje de agua, mejorar el manejo del agua subterránea y disminuir la contaminación por plástico. Ofrezco una voz líder en el esfuerzo para proteger nuestros océanos a medida que nos adaptamos a un clima cambiante.

Es un honor contar con el respaldo de muchos funcionarios electos, líderes respetados en el ámbito de los negocios, la educación y la atención de la salud y de la comunidad de ambientalistas. Espero haberme ganado su voto.

Busque más información en www.FriendsOfMarkStone.org



Paid candidate statements: Superior Court Judge

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Nancy de la Peña

Assistant County Counsel

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Age: 62

I will bring experience, integrity and diversity to the Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

During my 34 years as both a Santa Cruz County Public Defender and an Assistant Santa Cruz County Counsel, I handled thousands of cases, including adult and juvenile criminal matters, child protective cases and gun violence restraining orders. These years of trial experience has taught me that listening and treating people with respect is vital in our system of justice. My commitment to honoring these values not only helps ensure I will be a fair and effective judge but has also led to endorsements from many people and groups who, as a lawyer, sat on the other side of the table from me in court.

I will work hard, listen carefully, generate new ideas and serve our entire community. I have earned the respect, support and endorsement of numerous Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judges, California Assemblymember Mark Stone, Santa Cruz County Sheriff Jim Hart, members of both the Santa Cruz County Public Defender and the Santa Cruz County District Attorney, the Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff's Association, and the Santa Cruz County Women's Democratic Club.

Santa Cruz is my community. My wife, Janet, and I raised our two daughters in Santa Cruz, where I coached local girls' soccer teams for ten years. I served on the Board of Directors of Familia Center, the Santa Cruz County Women Lawyers, and the Santa Cruz County Bar Association.

I would be honored to receive your vote.

Nancy de la Peña

Asistente de Abogado del Condado

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Edad: 62

Aportaré experiencia, integridad y diversidad al Tribunal Superior del Condado de Santa Cruz.

Durante mis 34 años como Defensora Pública del Condado de Santa Cruz y como Asistente de Abogado del Condado de Santa Cruz, manejé miles de casos, incluyendo asuntos penales juveniles y de adultos, casos de protección infantil y órdenes de restricción de violencia armada. Esos años de experiencia judicial me han enseñado que escuchar y tratar a las personas con respeto es vital en nuestro sistema judicial. Mi compromiso de respetar estos valores no solo contribuye a garantizar que seré justa y efectiva como jueza sino que además ha dado lugar al aval de numerosas personas y grupos que, como abogada, veía sentados del otro lado de la mesa en el tribunal.

Trabajaré con ahínco, escucharé con atención, generaré nuevas ideas y serviré a toda nuestra comunidad. Me he ganado el respeto, apoyo y aval de numerosos Jueces del Tribunal Superior del Condado de Santa Cruz, el Asambleísta de California Mark Stone, el Alguacil del Condado de Santa Cruz Jim Hart, los miembros tanto de la Defensoría Pública del Condado de Santa Cruz como de la Fiscalía del Condado de Santa Cruz, la Asociación de Ayudantes de Alguacil del Condado de Santa Cruz y el Club Democrático de Mujeres del Condado de Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz es mi comunidad. Mi esposa, Janet, y yo criamos a nuestras dos hijas en Santa Cruz, donde fui instructora de equipos locales de fútbol de niñas durante diez años. Serví en la Junta de Directores del Centro Familiar, las Abogadas del Condado de Santa Cruz y el Colegio de Abogados del Condado de Santa Cruz.

Sería un honor recibir su voto.



Local ballot measure: A – Scotts Valley School bond

A

Scotts Valley Unified School District Bond

Ballot question

To improve the quality of local schools; make necessary health, safety, and ventilation improvements; repair or replace leaky roofs and deteriorating plumbing, sewer, wiring and electrical systems; shall Scotts Valley Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$49,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, generating approximately \$2.7 million annually while bonds are outstanding with levies of approximately 3.2 cents per \$100 assessed value, with annual audits, citizens' oversight, no money for salaries and all money for local projects?

Pregunta de Boleta

Para mejorar la calidad de las escuelas locales; hacer mejoras necesarias de salud, seguridad y ventilación; reparar o reemplazar techos con goteras y plomería, desagües, cableados y sistemas eléctricos deteriorados; ¿debe adoptarse la iniciativa de ley del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Scotts Valley autorizando \$49,000,000 en bonos a tasas de interés legales, generando aproximadamente \$2.7 millones anuales mientras los bonos estén pendientes con gravámenes de aproximadamente 3.2 centavos por cada \$100 de valor fiscal, con auditorías anuales, supervisión de ciudadanos, ningún dinero para salarios y todo el dinero para proyectos locales?

What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote is a vote to authorize the District to sell and issue up to \$49 million in general obligation bonds to be repaid by the levy of ad valorem taxes on real property in the District boundaries.	A "No" vote is a vote against the issuance of the proposed bonds by the District.

For and against Measure A

FOR	AGAINST
David T. Hodgin Small business owner/Senior citizen advocate Sue Roth Board President, Santa Cruz County Office of Education Jim Reed City Councilmember Heidi Denger SVMS and SVHS Parent Roger Snyder Board President, Scotts Valley Unified School District	Eric Erickson Sr. Manufacturing Director/SVHS Parent



Local ballot measure: A – Scotts Valley School bond

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Argument for Measure A	Rebuttal to argument for Measure A
We understand these are difficult times. The pandemic has impacted our families, students, teachers, staff, and local businesses. When our students and staff return to our schools we must be prepared to meet deferred maintenance needs, and new challenges. The District considered waiting two years until the next election to ask for your support, but there are essential projects that cannot wait. At this critical time, we must improve the health and safety of our school campuses. With the community's trust and support, the District successfully completed our new middle school but now must address the long-deferred needs of our 20-year-old high school and much older two elementary schools. These campuses need significant infrastructure updates – ventilation, security, roofs, restroom improvements, plumbing, and electrical. These COVID-19-related and other safety improvements will directly impact the education and well-being of our students and staff. Our classrooms also need upgrades to increase the quality of science and technology education our students need. This Measure addresses only the essentials our schools need, prioritized from the facilities master plan. The District will be extremely prudent and intentional with necessary facility improvements. You can read the detailed list of priorities for yourself in the full resolution. By law, spending will be reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee and audited annually to ensure compliance with this measure's provisions. Funds can be spent only on facilities, not on salaries. These are your schools. Quality schools improve student achievement, increase property values, prepare children for a productive future, and increase community safety. Our great teachers and staff must have safe and functional facilities to provide our students with a quality education. David T. Hodgin Small business owner/Senior citizen advocate Sue Roth Board President, Santa Cruz County Office of Education Jim Reed City Councilmember Heidi Denger SVMS and SVHS Parent Roger Snyder Board President, Scotts Valley Unified School District	Forty-nine million dollars...92 million over the length of the bond. Let that sink in. The list of improvements in Measure A do not match the mountainous sum that is unjustifiably requested. Forty-nine million dollars could build an entirely new school. Instead, the Scotts Valley taxpayer gets a multitude of small projects that include repaired roof leaks, and vaguely labeled "21st Century improvements to classrooms and restrooms". This measure acts as a blank check and includes projects that should be completed on a rolling basis. Now is not the right time for a blank check. Eric Erickson Sr. Manufacturing Director/SVHS Parent



Local ballot measure: A – Scotts Valley School bond

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Argument against Measure A	Rebuttal to argument against Measure A
Once again, the taxpayers are being asked to pay for another school bond for Scotts Valley Schools. We already have 2 bonds on our current tax bills for the district. One from 2013 and another from 2014. Has all that money been spent? And yet we continue to pay. According to the proponent's "Statement" the best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately 92 million dollars. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2055-56. WOW! --At a time when we really cannot say what school will look like in the future, why go into even MORE debt to refurbish facilities that may not be used? Perhaps a wiser idea would be to wait until next year when we have a better idea of what lies ahead. Eric Erickson	Scotts Valley students and staff need Measure A now to address critical health needs and crumbling infrastructure. Here is why we cannot wait: 1. Students will return to school soon. We must address critical safety issues now in light of new health requirements. The District cannot wait for these aged-out infrastructure systems to fail one after the other. 2. Power, Internet, and classroom technologies need significant upgrades to support teaching to K-12 Next Generation Science Standards. 3. The District's general fund cannot handle these extraordinary expenses without severely cutting educational programs and staff. Sacramento's broken funding formula leaves SVUSD as the 7th lowest-funded Unified School District in California. 4. Bond elections occur only in a regular election cycle; our aging and obsolete ventilation, security, and electrical systems cannot wait another two years. Measure A makes financial sense – tax rates will be lower in the coming years as both the refinanced 2013 bonds that funded SVHS and the parcel tax expire in 2024. The 2055-56 term identifies the <u>longest</u> permitted financing. We are not obligated to this schedule. Most of the 2014 bonds that funded SVMS have a 15-year maturity. SVUSD has a reputation for fiscal prudence. Our infrastructure is outdated, there are no other funding sources, and these projects will only get more costly over time. Our students and staff deserve safe facilities, suitable for the hazards of our times and the educational programs they need. Measure A will fund these facility needs for the next generation. Hannah Walsh Teacher and SVEA President Jane McElrone Accountant and SVHS Parent Club President Michael Shulman Governing Boardmember, Scotts Valley Unified School District



Local ballot measure: A – Scotts Valley School bond

Impartial Analysis of Measure A

Jason M. Heath, County Counsel

By: Ruby Márquez, Chief Assistant County Counsel

Under the California Constitution, school districts may issue bonds if approved by at least 55 percent of voters within the boundaries of that district. These bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. The principal and interest on the bonds are repaid by an annual property tax levied on all real property within the jurisdiction of the school district. This is known as an “*ad valorem* tax” and is calculated based on the current assessed value of each property.

The Board of Trustees of the Scotts Valley Unified School District (“the District”) has placed Measure ____ on the ballot, which proposes the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$49 million. The District anticipates that these bonds would generate approximately \$2.7 million annually.

The District’s best estimate of the average annual tax rate to be levied is approximately \$30.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value per year. The best estimate of the highest tax rate is \$32.00 per \$100,000 of assessed property value per year. If the measure passes, this tax would be collected through fiscal year 2055-56 to repay the bonds.

In accordance with the law, the funds from the sale of these bonds shall only be used for specific purposes related to school site facilities, buildings, and classrooms. The law does not allow these bond funds to be used for teacher and administrator salaries or other operational expenses.

The District has submitted a “Bond Project List” contained within the full body of the measure. With these funds, the District plans to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, and/or rebuild the District’s facilities. The types of projects funded may include, but are not limited to:

- Adapting classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities to address current needs, including pandemic-related requirements;
- Improving student access to computers and modern technology, including providing necessary infrastructure, hardware, software, computers, devices, etc.;
- Replacing outdated electrical wiring systems;
- Improving accessibility to facilities to meet federal and state regulations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
- Upgrading school safety and security systems, such as fire alarms and cameras.

As required by law, the District must follow certain accountability provisions, including the establishment of an independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, the annual completion of Performance and Financial Audits, and an annual report detailing the amount of proceeds collected by the sale of the bonds and the expenditures made.

A “yes” vote on Measure A is a vote to authorize the District to sell and issue up to \$49 million in general obligation bonds to be repaid by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes on real property in the District boundaries.

A “no” vote on Measure A is a vote against the issuance of the proposed bonds by the District.

Tax Rate Statement Measure A

Tanya Krause, Superintendent

Scotts Valley Unified School District

An election will be held in the Scotts Valley Unified School District (the “District”) on November 3, 2020, to authorize the sale of up to \$49.0 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District’s assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.0305 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$30.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value). The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2055-56.



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2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.032 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$32.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value). It is estimated that such rate would be levied starting in fiscal year 2021-22.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$92.0 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Full text of Measure A

INTRODUCTION

The following is the abbreviated form of the bond measure:

To improve the quality of local schools; make necessary health, safety, and ventilation improvements; repair or replace leaky roofs and deteriorating plumbing, sewer, wiring and electrical systems; shall Scotts Valley Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$49,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, generating approximately \$2.7 million annually while bonds are outstanding with levies of approximately 3.2 cents per \$100 assessed value, with annual audits, citizens' oversight, no money for salaries and all money for local projects?"

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Scotts Valley Unified School District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$49.0 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

Evaluation of Needs. The School Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the Board of Trustees will establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

Performance Audits. The School Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.



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Financial Audits. The School Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Santa Cruz County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of Trustees of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), those being for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other normal ongoing school operating expenses.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List shown below is a part of the ballot measure and must be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond measure.

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, acquire and rebuild the District's facilities as described in the following list. Whenever specific items are included in the following list, they are presented to provide an example and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of the types of authorized projects.

- Adapt the interior and/or exterior of existing outdated classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities to address current needs, including pandemic-related requirements.
- Replace inadequate wiring and electrical systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes, increase capacity, and relieve currently overloaded electrical systems.
- Repair or replace outdated or inefficient heating, ventilation and air-conditioning
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Make improvements to school safety and security, including fire alarms, sprinkler systems, school communication systems, security cameras, surveillance systems, exterior lighting and fencing
- Modernize/renovate outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities to meet 21st century educational standards, including providing updated furnishings and other equipment to facilitate a modern learning environment
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology, including providing all necessary infrastructure, hardware, software, computers, devices and other modern instructional equipment
- Repair or replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Make health and safety improvements, such as replacing aging building materials, including removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction including asbestos, and seismic reinforcements
- Make energy-efficiency improvements to reduce utility costs, including installing solar panels
- Upgrade/improve P.E. fields, playgrounds, play structures and similar facilities for school and community use
- Upgrade, expand, construct, repair and/or equip school facilities, including, labs, multipurpose rooms, and other school facilities.



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- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades, including playground equipment replacement
- Ensure and upgrade handicapped accessibility to District facilities, including to meet all federal and state-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to schools, and as mandated by the Division of the State Architect (DSA), including upgrades to site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of certain existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, and other necessary improvements.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, or make lease payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance or refinance the listed school facilities projects.
- Upgrade, repair and/or expand school site parking, roadways, grounds and other infrastructure such as utility systems, including installing exterior lighting, repairing pathways, walkways, ADA access ramps and related landscaping

The bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above.

Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election; project construction oversight, management and administration during the duration of such projects, including by District personnel, and bond issuance costs.

Unforeseen conditions may arise during the course of planning, design and construction resulting in the scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above being altered by the District. In the event that the District determines that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for the District or otherwise in the District's best interests to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction, including relocation, expansion and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property rights of ways or other real property interests required to provide access to school or other District facilities. Further, authorized projects include reimbursements for project costs previously paid and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes, and including payment and prepayment of lease payments relating to projects and/or equipment previously financed. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

For any project listed above with respect to construction at an existing District site, the District is authorized to identify an alternate site and/or acquire land for such purpose and construct the approved project at such site if the District has determined that the existing site does not satisfy any requirements of the Division of State Architect or other State laws, codes and regulations applicable to public school sites.

Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with local funds generated by the bond measure and does not guarantee that the projects will be completed in any particular order. The District will also pursue funds from the State of California to complete certain of the identified facilities projects.

The order in which school facilities projects are listed above does not suggest an order of priority. Project priorities will be determined by the School Board.



Ballot safety and security

Postmark + 17 (new law)

Ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day or are time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day and received by the county elections official by November 20, the 17th day after the election, shall be considered received on time.

The signature on the ballot envelope is compared to the signature on file by humans

The tab covering your signature will be removed by staff when your ballot arrives. It will then be sent through a ballot processing unit that will capture the signature. An elections clerk will then look at every signature on every ballot and compare it to your signatures we have on file for you from your voter registration card or past vote-by-mail ballots.

If you forgot to sign your envelope, we will mail you a Signature Statement so you can provide your signature.

If your signature does not compare, a second elections official will inspect your signature. If they do not believe it compares, the County Clerk or the Assistant County Clerk will determine if your ballot should be challenged due to a signature that does not compare.

If your ballot is challenged, you will be contacted using the information on the ballot envelope. If you cannot be reached by telephone or email, we will mail you a letter with a Signature Statement so you can cure your signature.

The Signature Statement, which will also be posted online at www.votescount.us may be returned to the county elections official by mail, FAX, email, hand-delivered, or dropped off at a voting location or drop box if we have contacted you before Election Day. The Signature Statement must be received by the elections official by November 29.

No electioneering

No one can solicit the vote of a vote-by-mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time he or she knows the vote-by-mail voter is voting.

Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Don't let a stranger return your ballot

There have been concerns raised about ballot collection from third parties. California changed the ballot return law in 2016 to allow any person to return a ballot for a voter. The person returning the ballot must print their name, sign their name, and provide their relationship to the voter on the outside of the envelope. The law used to require the third party to be a relative, household member or the caretaker of the voter.

If a voter cannot return their ballot without assistance, they are encouraged to enlist the help of someone they know and trust. If they do not have anyone available, they can call our office at 831-454-2060 and we will send an elections official to pick up the ballot.



What about voter fraud?

In a Washington Post analysis of data collected by three vote-by-mail states with help from the nonprofit Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) found that officials identified just 372 possible cases of double voting or voting on behalf of deceased people out of about 14.6 million votes cast by mail in the 2016 and 2018 general elections, or 0.0025%.

The Heritage Foundation maintains a database of all recent instances of recorded voter fraud and found just 204 reported cases involving the fraudulent use of vote-by-mail ballots over the past 20 years — only 143 resulted in convictions. That means that over the last two decades, about 0.00006% of total vote-by-mail votes cast were fraudulent.

In Santa Cruz County, since 1993 there has been 1 case of voter fraud where a property owner voted and returned a ballot for a tenant. The landlord was caught during the county's standard signature checking procedures.

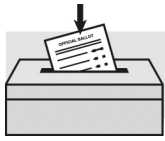
Most cases are people guilty of "over-helping." Spouses signing for the other. Parents signing for their children.

Bottom line. It is your ballot. Sign the envelope in your own handwriting!

If you see something, say something!

If you suspect voter fraud, please contact the Secretary of State. They have a complaint form posted online at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint/>. You may also call the Secretary of State at: English: (916) 657-2166 or (800) 345-VOTE (8683). Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682).

You may also contact the Santa Cruz County Clerk at 831-454-2060 or info@votescount.us. The County Clerk is not authorized to do investigations, so the office will refer the case to the appropriate local agency.



Remote Kids Vote!

Students in grades K – 12 will have the opportunity to vote on many of the same issues and candidates as the adults. Ballots will be available online and at all voting locations in Santa Cruz County.



Kids will vote on real ballot issues with specially designed ballots for students. Ballots will be counted and results posted by Friday after the election on the Santa Cruz County Clerk's website at www.votescount.com

A special thanks goes to the 7th and 8th grade students and their teacher, Justin Trinh-Halperin, of Tierra Pacifica Charter School in the Live Oak community for making Remote Kids Vote 2020 possible!





Voting location safety checklist

- ✓ Wear a face covering while at the voting location.
- ✓ Keep 2 arms' length distance from other people.
- ✓ Wash hands before and after entering the voting location.
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer after touching doors or voting equipment.
- ✓ Bring a ballpoint pen to avoid touching high-contact surfaces.

Want more information about how to stay safe while voting?

Review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html

The only thing permanent in life is change.

We've seen lots of changes this year due to COVID-19 and the CZU fires.

If we need to make any changes to our published list of our voting locations or ballot drop boxes, please go to one of these trusted sources:



www.votescount.us



Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections



@votescount

County Clerk Elections Department
701 Ocean Street Room 310
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4027

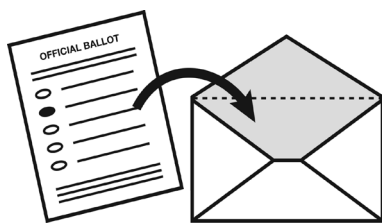
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Ballot type:

Mail to:

3 ways to vote



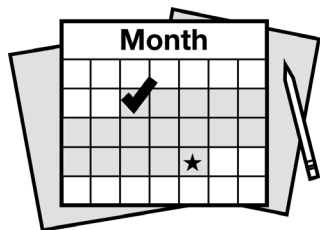
Vote using the ballot mailed to you

County elections will mail a ballot to all active registered voters on October 5. If you do not get your ballot or if you spoil your ballot, see reverse on how to obtain a replacement ballot. You may also sign up to have your ballot emailed to you.

To return your ballot, drop it off at any drop box or voting location, deliver it to the County Elections office or city clerk's offices by 8pm, Tuesday, November 3.

If you mail it, make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before **November 3**. Mail it early or walk it into the post office and get your ballot envelope postmarked.

For more details, see **page 2**.



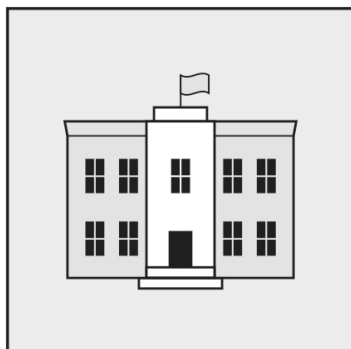
Vote early in person

You may vote early at two locations

October 5 to November 3

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections and Watsonville City Clerk's Office

For more details, see **page 3**.



Vote in person

To flatten the voting curve, we will have 17 voting locations open:

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 9am to 5pm

Monday, November 2, 8am to 5pm

Tuesday, November 3, 7am to 8pm

Any voter can go to any location to: obtain a second ballot, drop off your ballot, register and vote on the same day, use the tablet to vote an accessible ballot or Spanish ballot, or any other voter service.

Public health protocols will be followed: mask wearing, hand sanitizing, physical distancing & disinfecting services. If you are sick, please stay home. For more details, see **page 3**.

If you did not get your ballot in the mail, you may request one:

- Online at **www.votescount.us**
- By phone at 831-454-2060
- Fill out the application below and mail or bring it to 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz CA or FAX to 831-454-2445

Si no recibió su boleta por correo, puede solicitar una:

- en línea a **www.votescount.us**
- por teléfono a 831-454-2060
- Complete la solicitud a continuación y envíela por correo o tráigala a 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz CA o FAX al 831-454-2445.

☐ I never received my ballot - *Nunca recibí mi boleta*

☐ I spoiled my ballot - *Estropeé mi papeleta*

☐ I request a Remote Accessible Vote by Mail ballot. You must provide an email below. We will email you a ballot, you will vote it and print it, then return it in the envelope we provide or use your own envelope. - *Solicito una boleta de voto por correo accesible a distancia. Debe proporcionar un correo electrónico a continuación. Le enviaremos una boleta por correo electrónico, la votará e imprimirá, luego la devolverá en el sobre que proporcionamos o usaremos su propio sobre.*

First name – Primer nombre

Middle – Segundo nombre

Last Name – Apellido

Number and street – *calle y número*

City – *cuidad*

State – *Estado*

Zip code – *cp*

Optional – *Opcional*: Tel. #:

Email

☐ Check here to vote by mail for all elections – *Marque aquí si desea votar por correo en todas las elecciones.*

Read and sign – I am registered to vote in Santa Cruz County. I have not applied for any other vote-by-mail ballot for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under California state law that the information above is true and correct.

Lea y firme: - Soy votante inscrito en el Condado de Santa Cruz. No he solicitado ninguna otra boleta de votar por correo para esta elección. Certifico bajo pena de perjurio según las leyes del Estado de California que la información anterior es verdadera y correcta.

Voter's signature (as registered)

Firma del votante (tal como la registró para votar)

X

Date – Fecha



You must request a ballot by October 25, so we have time to mail it to you. *Debe solicitar una boleta antes del 25 de octubre, por lo que tenemos tiempo para enviársela por correo.*

RAVBM requests are also due by October 25. *Las solicitudes de RAVBM deben hacerse al antes del 25 de octubre.*