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EARLY VOTING BEGINS FOR AUGUST 16 SPECIAL ELECTION

Approximately 40,000 Ballots Mailed to Voters in Sunnyvale

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – Early Voting is underway in the August 16 Special Election for a vacant seat on the Sunnyvale City Council. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office opened an Early Voting Center today and mailed approximately 40,000 ballots to Sunnyvale voters who had requested to vote by mail.

Because this Special Election only involves a contest in the City of Sunnyvale, only voters living in the City of Sunnyvale are eligible to participate.

Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey said, "As a convenience to voters during the Early Voting period, voters from any precinct in the City of Sunnyvale may come to our office to cast a ballot or drop off a voted mail ballot. We are also offering four ballot drop-off sites and even a drive-thru ballot drop-off site, where voters can cast their voted ballots without getting out of their vehicles."

Bushey added, "We have worked hard to expand voting opportunities throughout Santa Clara County. We want voters to use the voting method that best fits their schedule."

As in all elections since November 2015, the Registrar of Voters' Office included a postage-paid return envelope with every vote by mail ballot. In previous elections, voters had to pay the cost of return postage, which frequently exceeded a single first-class stamp.

Notably, Santa Clara is only one of two counties in the state to feature prepaid postage for vote by mail ballots. Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey explained, "The Registrar of Voters' Office is passionate about increasing voter turnout and we hope that we will make it easier to vote by providing prepaid postage for all mail ballots."

Early Voting Center

During specified hours on weekdays and the two Saturdays leading up to Election Day, any voter in the City of Sunnyvale can vote early at the Registrar of Voters' Office, which is located at 1555 Berger Drive in San Jose. Polling place voters who do not receive a mail ballot can cast a ballot printed on demand for them at the Early Voting Center.



Day(s)	Date(s)	Hours
Monday – Friday	July 18 – August 15	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	August 6 & 13	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday	August 16 (Election Day)	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballot Drop-Off Sites

Beginning July 18 and continuing through Election Day on August 16, voters will have the option of dropping off their completed ballots at the following locations:

Open during normal business hours

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1st Floor, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose, CA 95110
 Sunnyvale City Hall – City Finance Office, 650 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale CA 94086

Open 24 hours a day

Registrar of Voters’ Office – Outside drop-box, 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose CA 95112
 Sunnyvale Public Library – Outside drop-box, 655 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site

On Saturdays, August 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., voters will be able to drop off their ballots without even getting out of their vehicles at a Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Site located at the Sunnyvale Public Library at 655 W. Olive Ave. in Sunnyvale.

Deadline to Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote for this Special Election is Monday, August 1, and can be done online at registertovote.ca.gov. Voters who want to check their registration status may do so on the Registrar of Voters’ website at www.sccvote.org, under the “Register to Vote” tab.

A voter should complete a new registration form if he or she has moved, changed a name, or would like to change his or her political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a Santa Clara County resident and not imprisoned or on parole for a felony. Only voters who live in the City of Sunnyvale are eligible to participate in this election.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on August 1; paper registration forms that are postmarked by August 1 will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls and most local government offices.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters’ Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sccvote.org.

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