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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNE 6TH ELECTION

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers to staff polling places in the June 6th Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Over 3,000 volunteer Election Officers have already signed up to perform this critical public service. With just over two weeks left before Election Day, the Registrar's Office still needs approximately 400 more volunteers.

Election Officers earn a stipend of \$85 or more for volunteering. It is also a great way for voters to serve their communities and contribute to the democratic process.

Socorro McCord is a long-time volunteer who serves at the polls in East San Jose. McCord says, "I was motivated to become an Election Officer because it is a way to help empower my community."

Election Officers are responsible for setting up the polling place, processing voters and providing assistance as requested. In addition to serving a full day at the polls (usually 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.), they must also attend a training class.

A lot is expected of Election Officers, but for most the experience is worth it.

McCord says, "One thing that is an exciting thing for me is that I do a lot of volunteer work on the East Side assisting with voter registration. Then, on Election Day, I see these people that we registered actually turn up at the polls to vote. For me, this is a precious gift."

Anyone who is registered to vote in the state of California can become an Election Officer. To sign up, visit www.sccvote.org or call (408) 299-POLL [7655].

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