

# County of Santa Clara

## Registrar of Voters

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## TUESDAY IS DEADLINE TO REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The deadline to request a Vote by Mail ballot for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> (postmarks are not accepted).

Vote by Mail applications are available on the back cover of the Sample Ballot and online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). Voters can also sign up to Vote by Mail permanently and automatically receive their ballots by mail before every election.

Voting by mail is popular with voters because it is a convenient and easy way to participate in the democratic process. As of Friday, the Registrar's Office has issued over 427,000 Vote by Mail ballots, which is approximately 62% of the 689,168 voters registered for the February election.

### Completing Vote by Mail Ballots

Santa Clara County uses paper optical scan ballots to conduct voting by mail. Voters complete their ballots by completing the arrow next to a selection with a single, unbroken line. Voters can only use blue or black ink on their ballots and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should also be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks, including their name or initials, on their ballot.

Voters are encouraged to read all instructions before marking the ballot and check their selections once they have finished. If a voter makes a mistake or needs a replacement, they are available from the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Dr, Building 2, San Jose. Voters should not use white-out or correction tape on their ballots. Vote by Mail voters can also obtain a ballot at their nearest polling place on Election Day, but they may be required to complete a Provisional Voter Affidavit.

### Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

If voters do not sign the Vote By Mail return envelope, their votes will not be counted. Signatures are used to verify the voter's identity and protect against voting fraud.

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Board of Supervisors: Donald F. Gage, Blanca Alvarado, Pete McHugh, Ken Yeager, Liz Kniss  
County Executive: Peter Kutras, Jr.



All completed Vote by Mail ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 5<sup>th</sup> (postmarks are not accepted). As of Friday, approximately 97,000 ballots have been returned, or 23% of all ballots issued. Voters are encouraged to complete and return their ballots as soon as possible to meet the deadline.

Vote by Mail ballots can be returned by mail, in person at the Registrar of Voters' Office, or at any Santa Clara County polling place on Election Day. For voters' convenience, ballots may be dropped in the white 24-hour drop box located near the flag pole outside the Registrar's Office.

### **Early and Weekend Voting**

After the January 29<sup>th</sup> deadline, ballots can only be obtained at the polls on Election Day or at the Registrar of Voters' Office during Early and Weekend. Early Voting is available Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend Voting will also be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters can find their assigned polling place locations on the back cover of the Sample Ballot, online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org), or by calling toll-free (866) 430-VOTE [8683]. Voters can also cast their ballots at the Registrar's Office on Election Day.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

Toll Free: (866) 430-VOTE [8683]	Spanish: (408) 282-3095
English: (408) 299-VOTE [8683]	Vietnamese: (408) 282-3097
TTY: (408) 288-9820	Chinese: (408) 282-3086
Online: <a href="http://www.sccvote.org">www.sccvote.org</a>	Tagalog: (408) 535-3916

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