

BALLOT RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters

Important

You must print your ballot summary and return it to the Registrar of Voters for your ballot to be counted. Your ballot selections are not transmitted electronically through the Internet. Please review the following instructions carefully to ensure your ballot can be counted.

Who Can Use This Ballot?

Under California law, Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Systems are designated for use by registered voters with disabilities as well as military and overseas voters. If you are not included in these categories of voters, you must use a paper Vote by Mail ballot issued by the Registrar of Voters or vote at a polling place or voting center. If you have questions about your eligibility, please call 1-866-430-8683 toll free.

Deadline to Return Your Ballot

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day AND must be received no later than three days after Election Day. Ballots that are returned in-person must be received by 8 pm on Election Day. Ballots cannot be returned by e-mail or fax.

Ballot Return Options

After completing and printing your ballot, you have several options for returning your ballot to the Registrar of Voters, as described below.

Use the Ballot Return Envelope Provided by the Registrar of Voters

If you received a Vote by Mail ballot from the Registrar of Voters, you can use the enclosed blue envelope to return your ballot. First, place your printed ballot in the envelope and seal it. Next, sign your name on the return envelope next to the red X, between the two punched holes on the face of the envelope. This return envelope is pre-printed with the return address of the Registrar of Voters and does not require any postage to be applied if mailed within the United States.

Receive a Replacement Ballot Return Envelope

If you need a replacement ballot return envelope to be sent to you, please call the Registrar of Voters toll free at 1-866-430-8683. You can also pick one up at the Registrar of Voters' Office, at an early voting center, and at any polling place on Election Day. A full listing of locations is available at www.sccvote.org.

Use Your Own Envelope

You may also return your ballot in your own envelope but you must also include the Oath of Voter included at the end of these instructions. Print the Oath of Voter page and sign anywhere on the page, then enclose it with your ballot in the sealed envelope. Affix sufficient postage, and address the envelope to Registrar of Voters, PO Box 49003, San Jose, CA 95161.

If You Are Unable to Sign

If you are unable to sign the return envelope or Oath of Voter, personally make an "X" or other distinguishing mark and have someone else print your name and sign as a witness near your mark. If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration card, your ballot cannot be counted.

Return Your Ballot by Mail

If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than three days after the election. No postage is required if you use the return envelope provided by the Registrar of Voters.

Return Your Ballot In-Person

You can also return your ballot in-person to the Registrar of Voters' Office, an early voting center, a ballot drop-off location, or any polling place. A full listing of locations is available on www.sccvote.org. You can also authorize another person to return your ballot. That person must print and sign his or her name on the return envelope.

How to Contact Us

Call the Registrar of Voters toll-free at 1-866-430-8683. Visit the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA 95112.

OATH OF VOTER

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that he or she: (1) resides within the precinct in which he or she is voting; (2) is the person whose name appears on this oath; and (3) has neither applied, nor intends to apply, for a vote by mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for the same election.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For your ballot to be counted, it MUST be returned by 8 p.m. on election day OR postmarked on or before election day and received no later than three days after election day.

IMPORTANT: Failure to SIGN the declaration will invalidate your ballot.

Warning: Voting more than once in the same election is a crime.

If you are unable to sign your name on the return envelope: Personally make an "X" or distinguishing mark by the red "X" on the return envelope. Have someone print your name and sign as a witness.