VBMM
Voting by Many Methods

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**How can voters vote?**

**Let me count the ways.**

- 60 day ballots for military and overseas
- Vote starting E-29 in Santa Cruz & Watsonville
- Vote by mail this one time
- Vote by mail permanently
- Vote on the weekend before Election Day (SC or WAT)
- Vote on Election Day at the polls (paper or DRE)
- Vote on Election Day in SC or WAT (paper or DRE)
- Vote provisionally
- Ballot delivery
- Mobile voting vans (some counties)
- Programs for inmates, care facilities, university
- Cross-over ballots in Pres Primary

**LANGUAGES!**
MAKING SURE VOTERS KNOW THEIR OPTIONS

= Plain Language

Official Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet
Presidential General Election
Tuesday ★ November 6, 2012

Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

This is your official voter information pamphlet. It includes a sample of the ballot you will vote in this election. You can mark your choices on the sample ballot, and take it with you to the polls. This makes voting quicker and easier.

This guide also has information on:
- Voting by mail, voting early, and weekend voting
- Candidates and measures on your ballot
- Answers to common voter questions
- Information on Services for Voters with Specific Needs

Check the back cover to find out:
- Where to vote — your polling place may have changed
- How to vote-by-mail

Take this booklet with you to the polls!

Go Green!
Get this booklet online.
Go to http://www.santa-cruz.com/GoGreen.
Or
Check out Voter Guide Now App

BAY COUNTY CLERK ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
5000 OCEAN ST, SUITE 350
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060-0476

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Want to vote by mail?
Fill out the card.
Or apply online:
www.votecount.com
Mail to:

Deadline to receive your application:
5 p.m., October 30

Below is the information above in Spanish:

Su nombre y dirección
Su número de teléfono
Su número de fax
La fecha de su papeleta de elección
Su número de identificación o documento de identidad
La fecha y hora de su apoyo
La fecha de su papeleta de elección

Options — Personalized: Telephone
- Email

Check here to vote by mail for all elections — Marca aquí si quieres votar por correo en todas las elecciones.

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

Your name (as registered) — Firmado por el votante (en español para votantes)

Apply for a ballot in person, by FAX, by mail or online.

Your polling place for the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election is:

Polls open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Your polling place may have changed. For directions, go to: www.votecount.com

[YES]

Información en español a continuación ➔
Q&A FORMAT

Pages printed in county Sample Ballot booklet.

Register and Vote

What is the deadline to register to vote?
Vote Registration cards must be returned at least 12 days before the election. The deadline to register for the November 2023 election is October 23, 2023.

Do I need to register again for each election?
No. If you have a new Voter Registration card only if you have:
- Moved;
- Changed your name; or
-思你 have voted in the last 4 years.

Where can I register to vote?
You can get a Voter Registration card at:
- Online: www.votecounty.com
- In person:处的
- Library;
- City Hall;
- Fire Station;
- County Clerk/Elections Office.

Can I vote early?
Yes. You can vote early starting October 23.
To vote early you can go to:
- Santa Clarita County Elections Department (Tel: 213.685.3035)
- 3311 Duchess St. Room 213
- Tuesday-Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Online: www.votecounty.com
- Where is the voting? You will receive an application from your local office. An application is the back cover of this pamphlet.

Can I vote by mail?
Yes. You can vote by mail for the election only, or for future elections. But you must fill out an application.
There is a vote-by-mail application on the back cover of this pamphlet. You can also fill out a vote-by-mail application online at: www.votecounty.com.
We must receive your application by October 30. You can mail it, fax it, or drop it off at 213.685.3035.

Pages are printed in Spanish as well.
SERVICES FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Services for Voters with Specific Needs

Accessible Polling Places
The mailing label on the back cover of this brochure indicates next to the accessibility sign if the polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities. Mitigation measures such as temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, clocks, and door props, are used to improve access to the facility.

Accessible Voting Equipment
Each polling place in the county is equipped with one touch screen voting unit that allows the voter to select a ballot in English or Spanish. Voters may also display the ballot in a large print font. The unit also allows the voter to access a recorded ballot and has a universal plug in for the voter’s personal assistive device.

Curbside Voting
Any voter may request to vote at an accessible place as near as possible to the polling place, including the voter’s car. The poll worker will confirm the person to vote, and return the voter ballot to the polling place.
To arrange this service, please call the County Clerk/Elections staff at 831-454-2060 to coordinate a time and place where the poll worker will meet the voter. Or, if the curbside voter has an assistant, that person may enter the polling site and request the curbside voting service.

Permanent Vote by Mail Voting or One-Time Voting by Mail
Use the application on the back cover and apply by the deadline for a vote-by-mail ballot for this one election or all future elections.

Vote in Person Starting October 9
Vote in person by either the County Clerk/Elections Department, located in the second floor of the County Government Center, or at 721 Ocean Street, Room 210 in Santa Cruz, or at Watsonville City Clerk’s Office, located at 205 Main Street, 4th Floor (4th floor of parking garage) in Watsonville, and vote in person at the office or obtain a ballot and take it home.

Ballot Delivery
Call us at 831-454-2060 and accommodations will be made, including delivering a ballot to your home and returning it to the Elections Department. Please call prior to Election Day so there will be sufficient time to provide assistance.

A Ride to Your Polling Site
Call us at 831-454-2060, and we will arrange to have an accessible van pick you up and take you to the polls to vote. Please call prior to Election Day to make an appointment.

Other Services
TDD: 831-454-2123 Cassettes Readings of the information printed in the State Voter Guide are available for visually impaired voters or others upon request. The County provides a similar recording of the text, analysis, arguments and remarks for the local measures. The cassette is made available approximately four weeks before the election.

Services para Volantes con Necesidades Específicas

Uso de sillas: La silla de ruedas del domicilio en la cubierta al dorso de esta bolsa indica al lado del tambo de accesibilidad si el lugar de las sillas es accesible a los volantes con discapacidades. También hay medidas de mitigación para mejorar el acceso a la instalación como rampas temporales, rampas, alfombras, cuchillos y sillas para discapacitados. También pueden considerar las siguientes opciones.

Acceso a la mesa: Todo volante puede solicitar estar en un lugar accesible lo más cerca posible al lugar de las sillas, el lado de su silla y estar asegurado con el resto de los volantes. Para hacer los preparativos para este servicio es importante que el volante llame al personal del County Clerk/Elections al 831-454-2060 para hacer la nota y lugar donde el tablero de la silla se reunirá con el volante. Si el volante que votará en la mesa tiene un ayudante, este ayudante puede ir al lugar de las sillas y solicitar el servicio a la mesa.

Condición permanente de votar por correo o votar por correo una sola vez
Use la solicitud en la cubierta del dorso y presente la solicitud antes de fecha límite para recibir una balota para votar por correo para esta elección o todas las elecciones futuras.

Votar en persona comenzando el 5 de octubre
Venga al County Clerk/Elections Department (Secretaría del Condado/Dirección de Elecciones), ubicado en el segundo piso del Centro de Servicios del Condado, en 721 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, o en la Watsonville City Clerk’s Office (Secretaría Municipal de Watsonville), ubicada en el 4º piso del edificio de la ciudad, 205 Main Street en Watsonville y vote en persona en estas oficinas ubicando una balota y llenándola a su vez.

Entrega de balotas
Llaman a 831-454-2060 e hagan preparativos para esta entrega del domicilio de la balota y regrese a la Dirección de Elecciones. Por favor hagan preparativos para el día de las elecciones para tener suficiente de biblioteca de ayuda.

Transporte a su lugar de votación
Llaman a 831-454-2060 y haremos los arreglos para enviar un camión con sillas para recoger a usted, y llevarlo al lugar designado para votar. Por favor, llame antes del día de las elecciones para hacer este arreglo.

Otros Servicios
TDD: 831-454-2123. Cassetes grabados con la información impresa en el Guía están disponibles para los volantes con impedimentos de vista y para todos aquéllos que la soliciten. El Condado también provee una grabación del texto de las análisis, argumentos y reflexiones de las medidas locales. Los cassetes están disponibles aproximadamente cuatro semanas antes de la elección.
VOTE-BY-MAIL APPLICATION
BACKCOVER OF VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Want to vote by mail? ¿Desea votar por correo?
Fill out this card. Llene esta postal.
Call 831-454-2060 Llama 831-454-2060
Or apply at: O solicite en línea en:
www.votescount.com www.votescount.com

Deadline to receive your application: Fecha límite para recibir su
5 p.m., May 27, 2014 solicitud:
5 p.m. del 27 de mayo de 2014

1. Your current mailing address, if different from the address above – Su dirección postal, si es distinta a la dirección indicada arriba:
   number and street – calle y número
city – ciudad state – estado zip code – cp

2. Your home address (not a P.O. Box) where you are registered to vote – La dirección donde vive (no puede ser apartado postal):
   number and street – calle y número
city – ciudad 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 below – 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 a continuación: Soy votante inscrito en el Condado de Santa Cruz. No he solicitado ninguna otra balota 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)
Date – Fecha
**How can VBM ballots be returned?**

Many options.

- Return by mail in time for 8 p.m. E-Day receipt – postage rates vary
- Some use overnight services – doesn’t always work
- Return to any polling place in the county who issued the ballot
- Drop boxes – no stamp required
- Satellite locations for voting or dropping off ballots
- FAX for military and overseas
3-Day Reprieve

- SB 29 (Correa) – allows election officials to count VBM ballots cast by election day and received no later than the 3rd day after the election.
  - CACEO supports
  - If no postmark, voter must sign and date by EDay
- Stats from Santa Cruz County

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<th>Election</th>
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<th>VBM received by E+3</th>
<th>Percent that would have been counted</th>
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<td>276</td>
<td>190</td>
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<td>Nov. 2010</td>
<td>371</td>
<td>260</td>
<td>70.0%</td>
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<td>Nov. 2012</td>
<td>232</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>42.6%</td>
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## VBM Challenge Stats

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<th>Election</th>
<th>Total VBM issued</th>
<th>Reg VBM</th>
<th>% VBM</th>
<th>Cast VBM</th>
<th>% Ret. VBM</th>
<th>No sig match</th>
<th>No match wrong person</th>
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<th>Too Late</th>
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<th>% of good VBM</th>
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<td>80,814</td>
<td>158,641</td>
<td>50.94%</td>
<td>64,372</td>
<td>79.65%</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>232</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>387</td>
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<td>Jun-12</td>
<td>64,708</td>
<td>146,936</td>
<td>44.04%</td>
<td>34,855</td>
<td>53.87%</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>142</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>230</td>
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<td>68,565</td>
<td>148,500</td>
<td>46.19%</td>
<td>50,401</td>
<td>73.49%</td>
<td>75</td>
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<td>52</td>
<td>371</td>
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<td>503</td>
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<td>59,778</td>
<td>146,821</td>
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<td>31,037</td>
<td>51.92%</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>374</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>428</td>
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<td>147,099</td>
<td>38.36%</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>238</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>304</td>
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<td>68,763</td>
<td>148,361</td>
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<td>29,519</td>
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<td>11</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>305</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>339</td>
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<td>Feb-08</td>
<td>52,198</td>
<td>136,144</td>
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<td>38,433</td>
<td>73.63%</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>294</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>353</td>
<td>0.92%</td>
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**Legend:**
- RED = Presidential Primary
- BLUE = Presidential General
- GREEN = Gubernatorial Primary
- YELLOW = Gubernatorial General
- ORANGE = Special Statewide
- WHITE = Direct Primary
INSERT SENT WITH VBM BALLOTS

Vote-By-Mail Instructions

How do I mark my ballot?

- Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.
- Make one single line to connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice.
- To vote on the Ballot Question, connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice of YES or NO.

How can I make sure my ballot will count?

Ballots have to be clean of any stray marks or information that could identify you.

Do NOT sign your name on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot. Also, if you make a mistake and use an eraser to correct it, your original mark may cause your ballot to be counted incorrectly.

To make sure you ballot will count, do the following:
1. Mail it by Wednesday before the election or hand deliver it to the polls or drop location.
2. Sign your ballot return envelope.
3. Do not let someone else sign your envelope for you.

Call 831-454-2060 or send an e-mail to bailittescaund.com the week following Election Day to find out if your ballot was counted or not, and if not, why not.

If I make a mistake marking my ballot, how do I fix it?

The best option is to get a new ballot. You may call the Elections Department at 831-454-2060 or send an e-mail to 2nsva@voteescound.com.

We will then send you a new ballot. If there is no time to mail a second ballot to you, please call us at 831-454-2060, and we will review your options.

What do I do after I vote my ballot?

- After you have voided your ballot, remove the top stub from your ballot by leaving at the perforated line.
- Place the ballot in the return envelope provided. This envelope has identification information unique to you that we use in processing your returned ballot.
- Write the address where you live in Santa Cruz County on the envelope in the space provided. Do not write your P.O. Box or work address.
- SIGN your name on the envelope to the right of the X. If you do not sign your envelope, we can not count your ballot. Do not let someone else sign your name for you.

Signature of Voter Only / Firma del Votante Solamente

X

Print Your Name (Imprima su nombre) Date (Fecha)

Can I hand deliver my ballot to you?

Yes. You must return your ballot to the county elections office no later than 8 p.m. Election Day. You may personally drop it off at one of the locations below or you can have a relative or someone who lives with you drop it off.

- Santa Cruz County Elections – 1 Civic Center Dr., Room 210, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Friday. Phone: 831-454-2060.
- Scotts Valley – 1 Civic Center Dr., 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday. Closed Friday, October 25. Phone: 831-440-3000.

Are there any other options for dropping off my ballot?

Yes. We have a drop box in front of the county building where voters with ballots can drop them off 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No postage is required:
- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. There is a white mail box receptacle in front of the County Building.

Can I drop my ballot off at a polling place?

Yes. Any Santa Cruz County voter who has a mail ballot may drop off their voted ballot at any polling place in Santa Cruz County. You may personally drop it off at a polling place or you can have a relative or someone who lives with you drop it off.

The polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Below are the polling places for the November 5, 2013 election.

Loma Prieta/CT English School 23800 Summit Rd, Los Gatos
Scotts Valley Fire Station #3 251 Glenwood, Scotts Valley
Oak Tree Villa 100 Lookewood Ln, Scotts Valley
25100 Skyland Rd, Los Gatos
Scotts Valley Community Ctr. 360 Kings Village Rd, Scotts Valley
Vista Del Lago 444 Whispering Pines Dr, Scotts Valley

Can I return my ballot by mail?

Yes. You can mail it in the envelope provided. Postage is 46 cents unless your envelope is postage paid. Make sure you use the correct postage.

Also, to allow sufficient time for the elections official to receive your ballot in the mail, don’t mail it after the Wednesday before Election Day. During the final week before the election, it is a better option to drop it off at one of the locations above.

Can I vote at my polling place instead?

You may turn in your vote-by-mail ballot at your assigned polling place, and you may then vote a ballot at the polls. If you do not turn in your vote-by-mail ballot, you will need to vote provisionally. Your ballot will count once the elections official confirms you did not mail a ballot in as well.
Inside Envelope
**SIGNATURE AREA**

Privacy tab covers sig.

Where’s the sig?
## Provisional Envelopes

**Provisional Ballot Envelope**

**The Elections Officer completes this side**

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<th>2. What political party is the voter registered with?</th>
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**The Voter completes this side**

**Voter’s Declaration**

Voter must complete & sign this declaration or your vote may not count.

- **Print Name** (First - Middle Initial - Last)
- **Address where I live**
- **Address Where You Live** (Number - Street - Apt. No.)
- **City**
- **Zip**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have not previously voted in this election, either by vote-by-mail ballot or at any other polling place. If a previous ballot has been cast, I am voting provisionally because there is a concern that my ballot will not be received by the elections official in time to count my vote. The information contained in this Voter’s Declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. **You Must Sign Below**.

**Signature of Voter**

**Date**

**Driver’s License or last 4-digits of Social Security #**

**Did you recently move? If so, what was your old address?**

**Previous Address**

**City**

**State**

**When did you move?**

**Month**

**Year**

**How can we contact you** if we have questions?

**Phone Number or E-mail**

Make sure you receive the vote receipt from the election office after you have voted.

**Declaración del Volante**

El volante deberá completar y firmar esta declaración para que sea válida la votación.

- **Nombre** (Nombre - Inicial - Apellido)
- **¿Dónde vives usted?**

**Domicilio** (Número - Calle - Num. Apartamentos)

- **Calle**
- **Código Postal**

Yo declaro bajo pena de prisión, que no he votado anteriormente en esta elección, ni por voto por correo, ni en ninguna de las otras elecciones. Si previamente he emitido un voto, estoy votando de manera provisoria porque hay inexactitudes que sean al funcionario electoral se le recibiría a tiempo para computar mi voto. La información en esta Declaración del Volante a mi saber y entender es verídica y correcta. **Debo Firmar Abajo**.

**Firma de Volante**

**Fecha**

**Fecha de nacimiento:**

**Lugar de Nacimiento**

**Num. de Licencia de conducir/últimos 4 dígitos de seguro social**

**¿Dónde se mudó recientemente? ¿Si es así cuál fue su dirección anterior?**

- **Domicilio anterior**
- **Calle**
- **Estado**

- **Fecha cuando se mudó:**

- **Mes**

- **Año**

- **¿Cómo podíamos comunicarnos con usted si tuviere preguntas?**

- **Núm. de Teléfono o Correo Electrónico**

**Cerciórese de obtener el recibo rojo del oficial de las elecciones designado que haya votado.**
# Provisional Stats

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<th>% of Provs. Counted</th>
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<td>1,325</td>
<td>1,898</td>
<td>8,833</td>
<td>78.51%</td>
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<td>374</td>
<td>193</td>
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<td>838</td>
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Voting options for Voters in Residential Facilities

- Residential care facilities
- Convalescent homes
- Retirement communities
- Assisted living facilities
- UCSC
- Main County Jail
- “Jail Farm” and Roundtree Lane facility
- Blaine Street Women’s Detention Facility
- Juvenile Detention Center
**Materials**

- Packets for residential facilities
  - Letter
  - Voter Reg Cards
  - VBM apps

- U Vote – UCSC

- Packets for jail facilities
  - Voter information
  - Voter Reg Cards
  - Special VBM application
  - DVD
  - ACLU Handout
I live in the dorms, where should I register to vote?

You need to decide if you want to register to vote using your home address or if you want to register to vote using your university address. If you register to vote using your campus address, you will be able to vote here in Santa Cruz County. If you register at an address that is not in Santa Cruz County, you will need to vote in that county or request a ballot be mailed to you from that county. We can help you contact the county where you live.

Where do I vote if I register to vote using my UCSC address?

There will be polling places located on campus where you can vote on Election Day during the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You will receive a county Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet in the mail about 3 weeks before the election explaining all your options.

I want to register to vote using my address outside of Santa Cruz County?

If you are not going to be home for the election, about a month before the election, you must ask to have a ballot mailed to you at your university address. Many counties allow voters to request a ballot online from their websites.

How do I return my vote-by-mail ballot?

If you cannot vote in person at your assigned polling place, you can ask your county elections official where you are registered to vote to mail you a ballot. You must mail your ballot back to the county elections office where you registered in time for them to receive it by 8 p.m. Election Day. We suggest you put it in the mail with the right amount of postage a week prior to the Tuesday election. The ballot return envelope mailed to you with the ballot will be pre-printed with the name of the county where the ballot must be returned by 8 p.m. Election Day.

Can I return my vote-by-mail ballot to the polling place on campus?

ONLY voters who are registered to vote in Santa Cruz County can return their vote-by-mail ballots to a polling site on campus or in the county.

When is the next election?

The next election will be the June 3, 2014 Statewide Primary Election. At that election we will nominate the top two candidates to run for offices like Governor, Attorney General, Congress and State Assembly. There will also be local contests on the ballot. UCSC’s last quarter ends on June 12.

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Know Your Voting Rights

Guide for Voters who are on Parole, Probation, or other Community Supervision
https://www.aclunc.org/vote

What Are My Voting Rights if I Have a Misdemeanor?
A misdemeanor conviction does not affect your right to vote at all. You can vote in all elections.

What Are My Voting Rights if I Have a Felony?
If you have a felony conviction, you CAN vote if:
- you are on probation, even if you are in jail as a condition of your probation, or
- you have completed your probation, or
- you are awaiting a judge’s decision on a probation violation, or
- you have completed mandatory supervision, or
- you have completed post-release community supervision, or
- you have completed your parole.

You are not allowed to vote when you have a felony conviction and you are still in state prison or serving a sentence in jail under Realignment, are awaiting transfer to a state prison, or when you are on parole, on post-release community supervision, or on mandatory supervision. Once you have completed your prison sentence and parole or other community supervision, you can register to vote.

Can I Vote While I Am On Probation?
Yes! You can vote at all times while you are on probation, regardless of whether your conviction is a felony or misdemeanor.

Can I Vote While I Am On Parole?
No. You can vote only once you have completed your parole.

Can I Vote While I Am On Mandatory Supervision?
No. You can vote only once you have completed your mandatory supervision.

Can I Vote While I Am On Post-Release Community Supervision?
No. You can vote only once you have completed your post-release community supervision.

Can I Vote if I Have Been to Prison in the Past?
Yes! The only time you are NOT eligible to vote in California is if you are in state prison, on parole, on post-release community supervision, or on mandatory supervision.


Can I Vote While I Am in Jail?
Maybe: You CAN vote if you are in jail:
- awaiting trial for any crime, or
- for a misdemeanor conviction, or
- on a violation of probation, or
- on felony probation.
The ONLY time you lose the right to vote is when you are:
- in state prison for a felony conviction, or
- in jail awaiting transfer to a state prison for a felony conviction, or
- on parole for a felony conviction, or
- on mandatory supervision, or
- on post-release community supervision, or
- serving a sentence in the county jail under Realignment, or
- in jail for parole violation.

How Do I Regain My Ability to Vote?
In California, you do NOT need to do anything to “restate” your right to vote if it is automatically restored once you have completed your parole and are no longer in state prison. However, you MUST register or re-register to vote in an upcoming election.
TOP 2 OPTIONS IN JUNE 2014
PRINT IN SPANISH TOO

“Top 2” Primary in California

What is a Top 2 Primary?
A Top 2 Primary lets you vote for any candidate (for most races), even if you are not in the same political party. The top 2 candidates – the ones who get the most votes in the primary – will be on the General Election ballot in November.

Is Top 2 different than the last primary election?
No. It became law in 2010 when we passed Prop 14. The June 2012 election was held under the Top 2 law. Before Top 2, each party could have one candidate on the General Election ballot for all party races.
Now with Top 2, only two candidates get on the General Election ballot for most races – the ones who got the most votes in the primary – no matter what party they are from.

What does party preference mean?
Party preference refers to the political party you – or the candidate – is registered with. It’s listed under each candidate’s name on the ballot. The word “None” appears for candidates who are not registered with a party. For example:

JOHN SMITH
Party Preference: DEM
JANE DOE
Party Preference: REP
CHRIS JONES
Party Preference: None

Do all offices follow the Top 2 rules?
No. Top 2 applies to these voter-nominated offices:

• U.S. Senator
• U.S. Congressperson
• State Senator
• State Assembly Member
• Statewide constitutional offices (such as Governor, which will be on the 2014 ballot).

Can the Top 2 candidates be from the same party?
Yes. The Top 2 candidates might be from the same party, different parties, or no party.

If only 1 or 2 candidates run for an office, will they still run in the primaries?
Yes.

What ballot will I receive in June?
All voters registered with a political party or not, will get the same ballot that will have:

• All candidates from all parties for voter-nominated and nonpartisan offices, and
• Any local measures - State Propositions are on the November ballot.

Can I still write in a candidate on my ballot?
Yes. You can write in a candidate for voter-nominated offices at the primary election, but not for the general election. For other contests, you are allowed to write in a candidate at both the primary and general elections.

Can I find out what party I am registered with?
Yes. There are 3 easy ways to find out which party – if any – you registered with:

• Look on the back cover of your Sample Ballot and Voter’s Information Pamphlet. Your party is printed next to your name and address. If you did not register with a party, it says NPP.
• Call our office at 831-454-2960, or
• Visit our website at: www.votescount.com

Can I change my political party?
Yes. Fill out a new Voter Registration card and return it at least 15 days before the election. The deadline to register for the June 2014 election is May 19, 2014.

Do I need to register again for each election?
No. Fill out a new Voter Registration card only if you have:

• Moved,
• Changed your name, or
• Think you haven’t voted in the last 4 years.

Where can I register to vote?
You can get a Voter Registration card at:

• Online at www.votescount.com
• Post office,
• DMV
• Library,
• City Hall,
• Fire Station, and
• County Clerk/Elections Office.

What if I have questions about Top 2?

• Call the Elections Office at 831-454-2960, or
• Visit our website at: www.votescount.com
As A Nonpartisan Voter You Have Three Options

Choose 1 of 3 options for your ballot

Option 1
- REPUBLICAN PARTY BALLOT
  - VOTE REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES (EXCEPT FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE)
  - VOTE NONPARTISAN OFFICE CANDIDATES
  - VOTE ALL BALLOT MEASURES

Option 2
- DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOT
  - VOTE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES (EXCEPT FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE)
  - VOTE NONPARTISAN OFFICE CANDIDATES
  - VOTE ALL BALLOT MEASURES

Option 3
- NONPARTISAN BALLOT
  - VOTE NONPARTISAN OFFICE CANDIDATES
  - VOTE ALL BALLOT MEASURES

PLEASE NOTE:
The American Independent Party is not an option for this election because there are no candidates running in this party. American Independent Party voters will receive a Nonpartisan ballot.
NEW VOTER LOOKUP SCREEN
OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF BUFFET BALLOTING

- No one size fits all for counties
- Partner with groups/organizations (LWV, ACLU, University, etc.)
- Satellite voting partners (We❤️ Watsonville)
- Grateful for any grants – FVAP
- Legislative changes:
  - Help – Postmark bill, VBM by phone, sig sources
  - Hinder – drop box staffing
  - Other – all mail elections, vote centers, election day registration
- Automation – VBM ballot sorter, sig check
- Great, energetic staff!!
THANK YOU!

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