VBMM VOTING BY MANY METHODS

FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS
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HOW CAN VOTERS VOTE? LET ME COUNT THE WAYS.

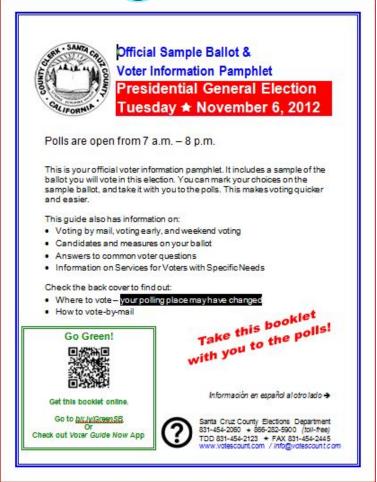
- o 60 day ballots for military and overseas
- Vote starting E-29 in Santa Cruz & Watsonville
- Vote by mail this one time
- Vote by mail permanently
- Vote on the weekend before Election Day (SC or WAT)
- Vote on Election Day at the polls (paper or DRE)
- Vote on Election Day in SC or WAT (paper or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



Making Sure Voters Know Their Options



= Plain Language





Q&A FORMAT

Pages printed in county Sample Ballot booklet.

Register and Vote



What is the deadline to register to vote?

Voter Registration cards must be returned at least 15 days before the election. The deadline to register for the November 2012 election is Sciober 22, 2012.

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 <u>www.votescount.com</u>
- Post office,
- Library,
 City Hall
- City Hall,
 Fire Station, and
- County Clerk/Elections Office.

Can I vote early?

Yes. You can vote early starting October 9.

To vote early you can go to:

- Sente Cruz County Elections Department (Tel: 831-454-2060) 701-Osean-St., Room 210 Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Watsonville City Clerk's Office (Tel: 831-758-3040)
 275 Main St., 4th Floor (5th floor of the parking garage)
 Monday Thursday (closed Friday): 8 a.m. 5 p.m.

For Weekend Voting on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 you may go to either address listed above, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The early voting poll workers will give you a ballot. You can vote there, or take your ballothome and return it later. If you went a relative or someone you like within bolds up your ballot, you must fill out and stign an application for a vote-by-mail ballot. An application is on the back cover of this Pamphiet.

Can I vote by mail?

Yes! You can vote by mail for this election only, or for all future elections. But you must fill out an application.

There is a vote-by-mail application on the back cover of this Pamphiet. You can also fill out a voteby-mail application online at: www.votascount.com

We must receive your application by **October 30**.

You can mail it, take it, or fax it to us at: 831-454-2445.

Pages are printed in Spanish as well.

Overseas voters, military personnel and their dependents can get a vote-by-mail ballot by asking your commending officer, or go to: www.vatescaunt.com

Where do I vote on Election Day?

Go to the polling place that is listed on the back cover of this Pamphlet. Take this Pamphlet with you to the polls. It will make checking in and voting quicker and easier.

olls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Important! Your polling place may have changed since the last election. You can get directions online at www.vntsconvint.com

Can I vote on a paper ballot at the polls?

Yes. Paper ballots are available at every polling place.

Voting on Paper is easy:

- Using a ballpoint blue or black link pan, draw a SINGLE line connecting the head and tall of the arrow that points to your choices.
- Read both sides of the ballot to ensure that you have cast your vote for all contests in which you want to vote.
- When you have completed voting, place your ballot in the secrecy folder so your votes
 connot be seen.
- Take your ballot to the scenner and feed the ballot into the scenner to cast your vote. If you
 made an error in marking your ballot, the scenner will return the ballot to you for correction.
- 5. Return the secrecy folder to a poll worker.

If you have questions or need assistance, ask a poll worker.

Can I vote on the touch screen at the polls?

Yes. Any voter may use the touch screen to vote.

Voting on the Touch Screen is easy:

- You will be given a ticket with a code for you to present to the poll worker staffing the touch screen unit.
- The touch screen unit allows voters with a disability to vote independently and privately; however, it is available to any voter who wishes to vote on the unit.
- Once your ballot is displayed on the screen, touch the box that contains the name of your chosen candidate or if voting on a measure touch yes or no. Confirm that a green check mark appears.
- 4. Change your vote by touching the same selection.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, touch the write-in space. When the on-screen keyboard appears, type in the candidate's name, then touch OK.
- When prompted to Torsich Here to Print and Review a Paper Record of Your Ballot, your ballot choices will print on the printer attached to the toughpaper. You should review the print out to make sure it matches the choices you made. You will not get a print-out of your voted choices.
- After you have made your selections, you can either void your ballot and start over or cast your ballot.
- 8. Do not leave the touch screen unit until you see the green thank you screen.

SERVICES FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Services for Voters with Specific Needs



Accessible Polling Places

The mailing label on the back cover of this booklet indicates next to the accessibility sign if the polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities. Mitigation measures such as temporary thresholds, ramps, signape, comes, and door props, are used to improve access to the facilities.

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 24 point font. The unit also allows the voter to access a recorded ballot and is equipped with a universal plug in for the voter's personal assistance 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 qualify the person to vote, and return the voted ballot to the polling place.

To arrange this service, please call the County Clerk/Elections staff at 831-454-2080 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

Come to either the County Clerk/Elections Department, located on the second floor in the County Government Center, at 701 Ocean Street, Room 210 in Santa Cruz, or Watsonville City Clerk's Office, located at 275 Main Street, 4th Floor (6th 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 831-454-2080 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 831-454-2080, 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. Casactic Recordings of the information printed in the State Voter Guide are evallable for visually impaired voters or others upon request. The County provides a similar recording of the text, analyses, arguments and rebuttals for the local measures. The cassettes are made evallable approximately four weeks before the election.

Servicios para Votantes con Necesidades Específicas



Urnas accesibles

La efiqueta del domicilio en la cublenta al dorso de este folleto indice al lado del letrero de accesibilidad si el lugar de las umas es accesibile a los votantes con discapacidades. Se han empleado medidas de mitigación para mejorar el acceso e la instalación como umbrales temporales, rempas, señalización, conos y sostenes para puertas. También puede considerar las siguientes opciones.

Equipo Accesible Para Votar

Cada lugar con las umas en el condado esta equipada con una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar que permite que el votante seleccione la balota en Ingles o español. Votantes también podrán desplegar la balota en grande con un punto fuente de 24. Cada unidad también permite que el votante pueda accesar una balota grabada que esta equipada con un enchufe universal para la asistencia personal del votante.

Votar en la acera

Todo votante puede solicitar votaren un lugar accesible lo más cerca posible al lugar de las umas, el coche del votante entre otros. El trabajador de casilla permitirá que la persona vota y regresará la baloita con el voto a las umas. Para hacer los preparativos para este servicio es importante que el votante llama el personal del County Clerk/Elections al 831-454-2060 para fijar la hora y lugar donde el trabajador de casilla se reunirá con el votante. O si el votante que votante en la secre tiene un ayudante, esta persona podrá entrer a las umas y solicitarse la experiçõe ao la acercalidad de la constitución de l

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 la fecha l'imite para recibir una balota para votar por comeo para esta elección o todas las elecciones futuras.

Vote en persona comenzando el 9 de octubre

Venge al County Clerki/Elections Department (Secretaria del Condado/Departamento de Elecciones), ubicado en el segundo plas en el Centro de Gobierno del Condado, en 101 Ocean Street, Cuarto 210 en Santa Cruz, o en la Vistonville City Clerk's Office (Secretaria Municipal de Vistonville), ubicade en el 4 plas (6º jas del garaje de estacionamiento) en 275 Main Street en Watsonville y vote en persona en esas oficinas u obtenga una balota y lidivasale a su casa.

Entrega de balotas

Liámenos al 831454-2060 y se harán preparativos, entre éstos entrega al domicillo de la balota y regresaria al Departamento de Elecciones. Por favor llame antes del día de Elecciones para tener tiempo suficiente de proveer esta ayuda.

Transporte a su lugar de votación

Liámenos al \$31.454.2050 y haremos los arregios para enviar una camioneta con accesibilidad para recogería a ustad, y llevaria al centro electoral para votar. Por favor, llama antes del día de las elecciones para hacer su cita.

Otros Servicios

TDD: 831454-2123. Casettas grabados con la información impresa en la Guía estatal están disponibles para los votantes con impadimentos de vista o para todos aquellos que lo solicitan. El Condado también provoe una grabación del texto de los análisis, argumentos y refutaciones de las medidas locales. Los casetes están disponibles aproximadamente cuatro semanas antes de la elección.

VOTE-BY-MAIL APPLICATION

BACKCOVER OF VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

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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

Election	VBM too late	VBM received by E+3	Percent that would have been counted
Nov. 2008	276	190	68.8%
Nov. 2010	371	260	70.0%
Nov. 2012	232	99	42.6%

VBM CHALLENGE STATS

		Reg	%	Cast	% Ret.							
Election	Total VBM issued		VBM	VBM	VBM	No sig match	No match wrong person	No Sig	Too Late	Other	Total	% of good VBM
Nov-12	80,814	158,641	50.94%	64,372	79.65%	59	16	70	232	10	387	0.60%
Jun-12	64,708	146,936	44.04%	34,855	53.87%	33	18	34	142	3	230	0.66%
Nov-10	68,585	148,500	46.19%	50,401	73.49%	75	1	52	371	4	503	1.00%
Jun-10	59,778	146,821	40.71%	31,037	51.92%	19	0	29	374	6	428	1.38%
May-09	56,423	147,099	38.36%	29,357	52.03%	5	16	39	238	6	304	1.04%
Nov-08	68,763	148,361	46.35%	60,502	87.99%	14	4	53	276	5	352	0.58%
Jun-08	50,904	139,827	36.40%	29,519	57.99%	11	3	18	305	2	339	1.15%
Feb-08	52,198	136,144	38.34%	38,433	73.63%	15	4	31	294	9	353	0.92%

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.
- Sign your ballot return envelope.
- Do not let someone else sign your envelope for you.

Call 831-454-2060 or send an e-mail to <code>balkot@votescount.com</code> 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 2ndballot@votescount.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 voted your ballot, remove the top stub from your ballot by tearing 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.

Signature of Votor Only / Firms del Votante Salamente

- 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.

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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 official 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

 701 Ocean St., Room 210, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday -Friday. Ph: 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: 831-440-5600.

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 8 p.m. Below are the polling places for the November 5, 2013 election.

Loma Prieta/CT English School 23800 Summit Rd. Los Gatos

Oak Tree Villa 100 Lockewood Ln. Scotts Vallev

Scotts Valley Community Ctr. 360 Kings Village Rd, Scotts Valley Scotts Valley Fire Station #3 251Glenwood, Scotts Valley

Skyland Community Church 25100 Skyland Rd, Los Gatos

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.

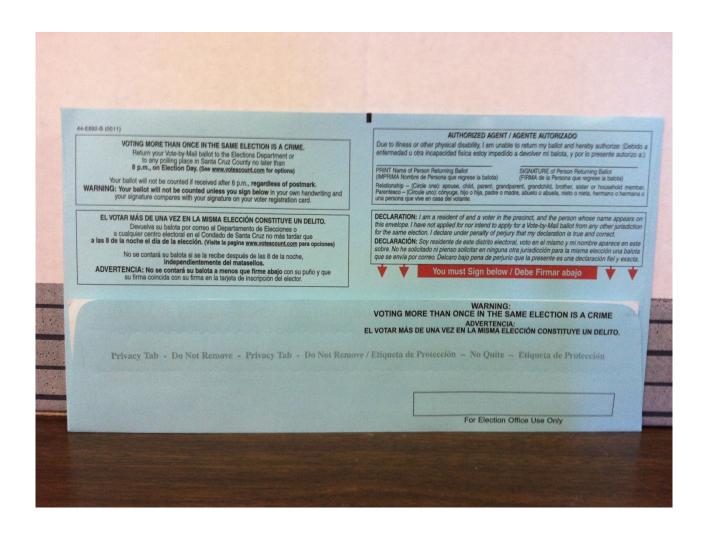
Also, to allow sufficient time for the elections official to receive your ballot in the mail, don't mail it after the Wednesday before Election Day. During the final week before the election, it is a better option to drop it off at one of the locations above.



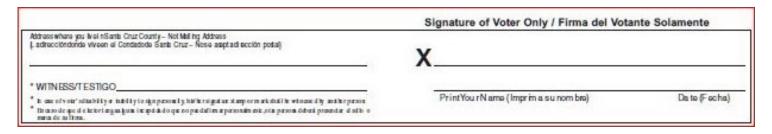
Can I vote at my polling place instead?

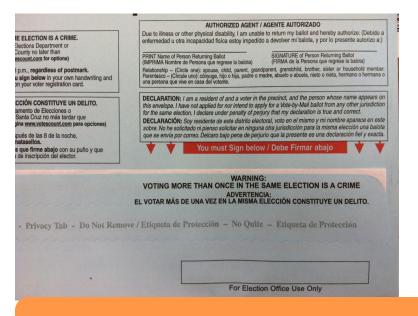
You may turn in your vote-by-mail ballot at your assigned polling place, and you may then vote a ballot at the polls. If you do not turn in your vote-by-mail ballot, you will need to vote provisionally. Your ballot will count once the elections official confirms you did not mail a ballot in as well.

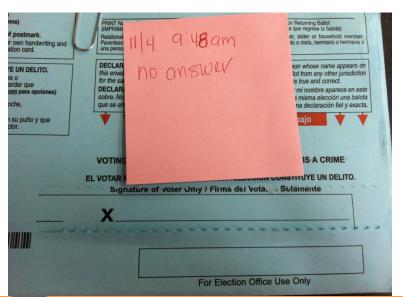
INSIDE ENVELOPE



SIGNATURE AREA







Privacy tab covers sig.

Where's the sig?

PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES

Touch Screen
Provisional Voter #:
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Official Use Only Sort to Precinct:

Voting more than once in any election is a felony. Es un delito de felonía votar más de una vez en cualquier elección.

Voted Ballot Enclosed. La Balota ya votada esta en el interior.

To be opened by canvassing board only after elections official determines that ballot should be counted.

Que abrirá la directiva del escrutinio una vez que los funcionarios de elecciones decidan que las balotas deberán contarse.

Provisional Ballot Envelope

● The Elections Officer completes this side ●

1.	What is the precinct number where you are working?		
2.	What political party is the voter registered with?	(if this is a Primary I	Election]
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	You cannot find the voter's name in the Alpha Index or Supplemental List of Registered Voten out if the voter is at the correct polling place. Follow directions given on how to proceed with the		to find
	New voter registration card attached.		
	Voter has "VBM" (Vote-By-Mail) next to his/her name in the Index and is unable to surrender to	he Vote-By-Mail Ballo	ot.
	Voter has ID next to his/her name in the alpha index and is unable to provide identification.		
	Other. Please explain in detail:		
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The Elections Official completes the box below during the official canvass.

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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.)

/ 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 poling 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 Sian Below.

Signature of Voter		Date
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Make sure you receive the pink receipt from the election

officer after you have voted.

●El votante deberá llenar este lado

Declaración del Votante

El votante deberá completar y firmar esta declaración para que sea valida la votación.

Imprima el nombre (Nombre - Inicial - Apellido)

¿ donde vive usted?

Domicilio (Número - Calle - Núm. Apartamento)

Ciudad Código Postal

Vo declaro bajo pena de perjunio, que no he votado anteriormente en esta elección, ni por una babta para votar por correspondencia ni en ninguna de las umas electorales. Si previamente emite una balota, estoy votando de manera provisoria porque hay incetifidumbre que tal vez el funcionario electoral no la recibirá a tiempo para computar mi voto. La información en esta Declaración del Votante a mi heal saber y entender es vorandadera vocameda. Debarta Firmar Ababio.

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elecciones después que haya votado.

Núm de Teléfono o Correo Electrónico

Provisional Stats

Election Date	Provisional Ballots Fully Counted	Provisional Ballots Partial Counted	Provisional Ballots Not Counted	Total Provisional Ballots	% of Provs. Counted
Nov-12	5,610	1,325	1,898	8,833	78.51%
Jun-12	1429	374	193	1,996	90.33%
Nov-10	3,680	838	1,041	5,559	81.27%
Jun-10	1,128	234	145	1,507	90.38%
May-09	782	0	54	836	93.54%
Nov-08	3,712	774	1,299	5,785	77.55%
Jun-08	705	164	76	945	91.96%
Feb-08	3,079	601	935	4,615	79.74%

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
- o U Vote UCSC
- Packets for jail facilities
 - Voter information
 - Voter Reg Cards
 - Special VBM application
 - DVD
 - ACLU Handout

U VOTE

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 of 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 Rights - ACLU

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.

Remember: On Probation? Off Parole? Off Any Other Community Supervision? You have the right to vote.

Can I Vote While I Am in Jail?

Maybe. You CAN vote if you are in iail:

- awaiting trial for any crime, or
- · for a misdemeanor conviction, or
- on a probation violation, 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 a parole violation.

How Do I Regain My Ability to Vote?

In California, you do NOT need to do anything to "restore" your right to vote 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

CHRIS JONES

Party Preference: REP 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 Pamphiet. 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 831-454-2060, 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 831-454-2060, 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

CANDIDATES

CENTRE OF COUNTY CONTROL COMMITTEE

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NONPARTISAN OFFICE
CANDIDATES

ALL BALLOT MEASURES

Option 2

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOT

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Option 3

NONPARTISAN BALLOT

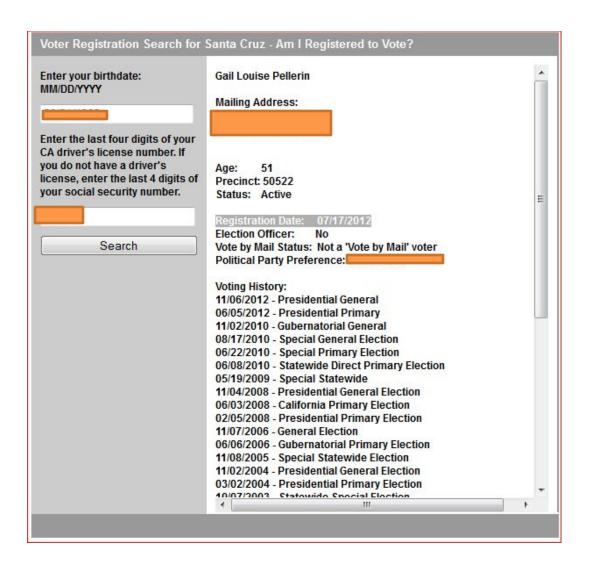
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PLEASE NOTE:

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

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- Satellite voting partners (We Watsonville)
- Grateful for any grants FVAP
- Legislative changes:
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 - Hinder drop box staffing
 - Other all mail elections, vote centers, election day registration
- Automation VBM ballot sorter, sig check
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THANK YOU!

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