CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

How expanding same day registration can remove barriers to voting
SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

November 6, 2018 General Election
Santa Cruz County: 159,599 registered voters
Three locations:
1. County Elections: early voting center starting at E-29
2. Watsonville City Clerk’s Office: early voting center starting at E-29
3. UCSC: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, & Election Day Tuesday
HANDOUT WITH FAQs

FOCE TOOLKIT

http://futureofcaelections.org/cvr-toolkit/
- Flyer
- Brochure
- Op-Ed Talking Points
- Press Release
- Voter Receipt
- Graphics using Canva
- Most in Spanish too!

Missed the voter registration deadline?
You can still register and vote on the same day!

Go to one of the following locations:

- Santa Cruz County Elections Office, 701 Ocean St., Room 310
  Open 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday
  9am to 5pm on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4
  7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 6

- Watsonville City Clerk’s Office (moves to the Community Room from Nov. 3 - 6), 275 Main St.
  Open 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday
  9am to 5pm on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4
  7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 6

- UCSC Bay Tree Conference Center Quarry Plaza
  Open 9am to 5pm on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4
  8am to 5pm on Monday, November 5
  7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 6

It’s three simple steps you can complete in one visit:
1. You register to vote
2. You vote
3. You seal your ballot in a special envelope and sign the envelope

Your vote will be counted after elections officials verify your voter registration and confirm you have not already voted in this election. You can check if your ballot was counted and, if not, why not.
After the election, visit www.votescount.com or call 831-454-2060 to check the status of your ballot.

This is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR), sometimes called Same Day Registration

Read on for all the details.
Missed the voter registration deadline?

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER AND VOTE ON THE SAME DAY!

Go to your county Elections Office or designated location - up to and including Election Day.

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To find a list of locations to register and vote:
www.votescount.com
GOLDEN SLIP

Notice was handed out to voters at the polling place who showed up to vote, but were not registered to vote anywhere in Santa Cruz County.

Not Registered to Vote in Santa Cruz County?

Want to vote today? You can go to one of the offices listed below, register and vote*.

Conditional Voter Registration Centers – Open 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 6
- Santa Cruz County Elections Department – 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz
- Watsonville Community Room – 275 Main St., 4th floor, Watsonville
- UCSC Bay Tree Conference Center – Quarry Plaza

* Once the Elections Department has processed your registration, verified your eligibility, and validated your information, you will become a registered voter in Santa Cruz County, and your provisional ballot will be counted. (Elections Code §2170 - 2173)
THE NUMBERS

- 2,015 CVRs were counted in Santa Cruz County
- 57,275 CVRs were counted statewide
- 3.5% of the total counted in the state
- 0.08% of the registered voters in the state
THE CVR CENTERS: SANTA CRUZ (983 VOTERS)
WATSONVILLE (251 VOTERS)
UCSC - SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY
UCSC TUESDAY! (844 VOTERS)
In 2018, only five non-VCA counties provided conditional voter registration on Election Day beyond their permanent offices:

- El Dorado: one satellite location
- Merced: two satellite locations
- San Bernardino: five satellite locations
- Santa Barbara: two satellite locations
- Santa Cruz: two satellite locations

As of January 2019, 17 states plus the District of Columbia offer same day voter registration.
PROS TO EXPANDING TO SAME DAY VR TO POLLING PLACES

**Voters ballots will count.** In November 2018, 795 voters cast a provisional ballot at a polling place who were not registered to vote. The law did not allow me to count their vote.

**Turnout will increase.** In November 2018, 121,700 (76.31%) of our 159,475 registered voters voted. If the 795 voters were allowed to vote, turnout would have been 76.81%!!

**Equal treatment of voters:** Allowing voters to register and vote at any polling place is similar to vote center counties where any voter can vote anywhere. Also, it is easier for voters to go to a neighborhood polling place than the main county elections office or satellite location.
CONS TO EXPANSION

Polling places are not connected to our voter registration database, so they cannot look up voters to obtain information.

Poll workers are one-day volunteers who are not as familiar with California Election laws as election officials who work at the elections offices and satellite offices.

Some feel same day voter registration will allow unlawful votes to be cast.
IN 2020, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WILL

Expand the number of Same Day voter centers from 3 to 10.

Locations must be:

- Accessible
- Near public transportation and provide ample parking
- Convenient based on where voters live
- Able to provide good internet connectivity
- Secure
THANK YOU!

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