

# Sample Ballot and Voter Information Guide Muestra de Boleta y Guía de Información para el Votante

# **General Election**

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls are open 7am – 8pm

# Elección General

Martes, 6 de noviembre de 2018

Las mesas electorales abren de 7am a 8pm

# ← Polling place on the back cover

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#### **Santa Cruz County Elections Department**

701 Ocean Street, Room 310, Santa Cruz Open Monday—Friday, 8am to 5pm

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Dear Voter,

The November 6 ballot features contests for Governor, statewide offices, confirmation of two Supreme and Appellate court justices, 4th District County Supervisor, as well as contests for city council, school boards, fire boards, water boards, and more. In addition, there are 11 state propositions and 13 local measures. Only those local measures that impact where you live will appear on your ballot.

We have a big ballot in November 2018 with lots of different contests. We want to remind you that voting is not a test. You do not have to vote on every contest.

In November, all voters will receive the same ballot regardless of your political party or no party registration.

Some contests allow for write-in candidates and others do not. The law does not allow write-ins for the voter-nominated offices of statewide offices like Governor, US Senate, US Representative, and State Assembly.

You will find a lot of information in this guide to help you make your decisions. You can also find information on our website at **www.votescount.com**. In addition, there is another great website, **www.votersedge.com**, where candidates can post information about themselves free of charge.

If you are signed up to be a permanent vote-by-mail voter, we will automatically mail you a ballot on October 9. Be aware that mail can take 3 to 7 days for delivery.

To improve your voter experience, we have the following information:

- Postage is paid on the vote-by-mail ballot envelopes.
- Instead of mailing your ballot, we encourage you to drop it off at one of the ballot drop boxes available 24/7 – locations are listed in this guide and on our website at www.votescount.com.
- If you know someone who missed the October 22 deadline to register to vote, they can still register and vote up to and including Election Day at the County Government Center, Watsonville City Clerk's Office, or UCSC. Check our website at www.votescount.com for more information.

We are here to help and answer your questions. Please call us at 831-454-2060 or email info@votescount.com.

Your vote counts! Thank you for being a voter!
Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department

Estimado votante,

La boleta del 6 de noviembre incluye contiendas para gobernador, oficinas del estado, confirmación de dos jueces del Tribunal Supremo y de apelación, supervisor del Condado del distrito cuatro, así como contiendas para Concejo Municipal, juntas escolares, juntas de bomberos, juntas de agua, y más. Además, hay 11 proposiciones estatales 13 medidas locales. Solo las medidas locales que impacten donde usted vive aparecerán en su boleta electoral.

Tenemos una boleta grande en noviembre de 2018 con muchos concursos diferentes. Queremos recordarles que votar no es una prueba. No tiene que votar en todos los concursos.

En noviembre, todos los votantes recibirán la misma boleta sin importar su partido político o registros sin partido político.

Algunas contiendas permiten candidatos por escrito y otras no. La ley no permite candidatos por escrito para las oficinas nominadas por los votantes de las oficinas estatales como gobernador, Senado de los Estados Unidos, representante de Estados Unidos, y la Asamblea estatal.

Usted encontrara mucha información en esta guía para ayudarle a tomar sus decisiones. También puede encontrar información en nuestro sitio web en www.votescount.com. Además, hay otro gran sitio web www.votersedge.com, donde los candidatos pueden enviar información sobre si mismos de forma sin cargo.

Si esta registrado para ser votante permanente por correo, automáticamente le enviaremos una boleta electoral el 9 de octubre. Tenga en cuenta que el correo puede tomar 3 a 7 días para la entrega.

Para mejorar su experiencia como votante, tenemos la siguiente información:

- Gastos de envió para votar por correo son prepagados.
- En lugar de enviar su boleta por correo, lo animamos a dejar su boleta en uno de los buzones para boletas electorales disponibles las 24 horas, 7 días de la semana – las localidades se enumeran en esta guía y en nuestra página web en www.votescount.com.
- Si usted conoce a alguien que perdió el plazo el 22 de octubre para inscribirse para votar, aún pueden registrarse y votar hasta e incluyendo el día de las elecciones en el centro de gobierno del Condado, oficina de la Secretaria Municipal de Watsonville o UCSC. Visite nuestro sitio web en www.votescount.com para obtener más información.

Estamos aquí para ayudar y responder a sus preguntas. Por favor llámenos al 831-454-2060 o correo electrónico info@votescount.com.

¡Tu voto cuenta! ¡Gracias por ser un votante! Departamento de Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elecciones

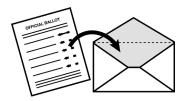
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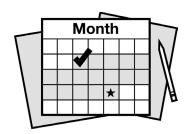
#### Vote by mail

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by Oct. 30.

Return it by mail, deliver it to the Registrar of Voters office, or drop it off at any polling place on Election Day.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked or delivered to a polling place by **November 6.** 

For more details, see page 3.



#### Vote early in person

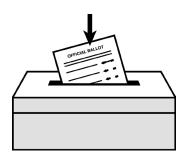
You may vote early at two locations

October 8 to November 6

701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm

Watsonville City Clerk's Office 275 Main St., 4th Floor (6th floor of the parking garage) Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm

Both locations will also be open Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, 9am to 5pm



#### Vote at the polls in person

Polls are open on Election Day: November 6, from 7am to 8pm

The location of your polling place is printed on the back cover of this guide.

Or, you can look up your polling place:

- On the web: www.votescount.com
- Call the County Clerk's office at 831-454-2060

For more details, see page 4 and 5.



# How to vote by mail

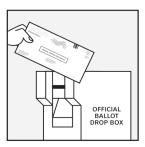
#### You can vote by mail before Election Day

To vote by mail, you have to request a ballot. Then you can mark the ballot and send it back or drop it off at any polling place. You can vote by mail for this election only, or for all future elections.









#### How to get your vote-by-mail ballot

You must request a vote-by-mail ballot by October 30.

You can:



Request a ballot at www.votescount.com



Use the application on the back of this booklet, and mail it or FAX it to 831-454-2445



Call 831-454-2060

After you apply to vote by mail, you will receive your ballot within one week.

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

## How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

Mark your ballot. Then follow the instructions on the official envelope to sign, date, and seal your ballot. You can:



Mail your ballot, so that it is postmarked by Election Day, November 6.



Hand deliver your ballot to the Santa Cruz County Clerk Elections or the Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley or Watsonville City Clerk.



Drop it off at one of the 24/7 drop boxes located at:

- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, in front of the county building.
- 212 Church Street, Santa Cruz, public parking lot
- 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley City Hall parking lot
- 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola City Hall parking lot
- 316 Rodriguez Street, Watsonville public parking lot 14
- UC Santa Cruz Quarry Plaza
- Graham Hill & Mt. Hermon Rd., Felton Covered Bridge Park parking lot
- Cabrillo College, parking lot R
- Check www.votescount.com for other locations



Drop off your ballot on Election Day at any polling place in the State of California.



# How to vote with a paper ballot

At the polling place, you can choose to vote on a paper or touch screen ballot.

#### Mark your ballot

Draw a single line to connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice.

Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.



**Do not sign your name** on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write their name on the blank line at the end of the list of candidates. Then connect the arrow pointing to that name.



A list of qualified write-in candidates is available at the polling place on Election Day. The list is posted on our website at **www.votescount.com** 13 days before the election.

#### Check your ballot carefully

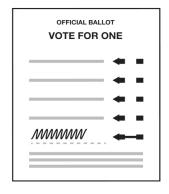
If you make a mistake ask a poll worker for a new ballot or follow the instructions in your ballot packet.



Don't vote for too many.



Vote for the number allowed.

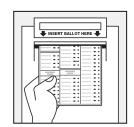


Always connect the arrow, even on a write-in vote.

#### Cast your ballot at the scanner

After you have marked your ballot, take it to the scanner and insert your ballot.

If you made a mistake, such as voting for too many candidates, the scanner will eject your ballot so you can correct it.





#### How to vote with an electronic ballot

#### At the polling place, you can choose to vote on a touch screen or paper ballot.

With touch screen voting, all voters – including those with disabilities – can vote privately and independently.

#### 1. Tell the poll worker you want to use the touch screen

- The poll worker will give you a ticket.
- Take it to the touch screen area.
- When it's your turn, a poll worker will activate the screen so you can vote.

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#### 2. Mark your ballot

- Touch the box next to your choice. A green check mark will appear.
- To change your vote, touch that choice again. The green check mark will disappear.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, touch the box that says WRITE-IN. A keyboard will pop up. Type the write-in candidate's name, then touch OK.

# NONPARTISAN COUNTY Sheriff-Coroner THOMAS ONE Retired Sheriff's Lieutenant JILL TWO Retired Sheriff's Lieutenant CARLOS THREE Chief Deputy Sheriff WRITE-IN

#### 3. Review your votes

- Touch the screen to print and review a paper record of your votes.
- If you want to make changes, you can start again.

Touch Here to Print and Review a Paper Record of Your Ballot

#### 4. Cast your vote

- Touch the screen to cast your ballot.
- Protect your vote. Do not leave the voting system until you see the green "Thank you" screen that says your vote has been recorded.

Vote Recorded. Thank You.



# **Accessible Voting**

#### At the polling place



To check polling place accessibility, look for the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of this pamphlet. If your site is accessible, next to the symbol you will find the word Yes.

In some polling places, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props, are used to improve access to the facility.

#### **Curbside voting**

If your polling place is not accessible, you may vote on a paper or an electronic ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. A poll worker will qualify you to vote and will return the voted ballot to the polling place.

To request curbside voting assistance, you can:

- call in advance to coordinate a time and place
- have an assistant make the request inside the polling place

#### Accessible voting system

Each polling place in the county has a touch screen voting system with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- a universal plug for personal assistive device
- large print (24 points)
- a choice of English or Spanish

#### A ride to your polling place

We can 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.

## Ballot delivery to your home

We can deliver a ballot to your home and return it to the Elections Department. Please call before Election Day so there will be enough time to provide assistance.

## Voting information

Audio versions of the information about local measures and information in the State Voter Guide are available on request. The recordings are available approximately four weeks before the election.

#### How to request assistance

To request any of these options, or for assistance with accessible voting:



Phone Santa Cruz County: 831-454-2060

Disability Rights California will operate a statewide Voting Hotline 7am to 8pm on Election Day: November 6, 2018. Calls will be answered prior to and after the election. 1-888-569-7955.



TDD: 711



# How to vote in a General Election?

In the November General Election, all voters receive the same ballot, no matter what political party you are registered with, or if you have no party preference. The address where you are registered to vote determines which contests are on your ballot.

In the June Primary Election, all Californians were able to vote to decide which candidates for federal, state, and county offices moved on to the November General Election. Most candidates for county offices in June received enough votes to be elected without having to be in a run-off in November.

California Top-Two Primary Nominated by voters	State Judicial candidates	Local Nonpartisan candidates
<ul><li>U.S. Senator</li><li>U.S. Representative</li><li>State Assembly Member</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Justices of the CA Supreme Court</li> <li>Justices of the CA Courts of Appeal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>County Supervisor, 4th District</li> <li>School District Offices</li> <li>Special District Offices</li> <li>City Offices</li> </ul>
The top two candidates—the ones with the most votes in June—are on your ballot in November.	Candidates for these judicial offices do not run against other candidates.  They are on the ballot for confirmation to another 12-year term.	For county supervisor, the two candidates with the most votes in June are on the ballot in November.  Also, on the November ballot are candidates running for school and special districts, as well as city offices.
There is no write-in for these offices.	There is no write-in for these offices.	You can write-in a candidate for these offices.
The candidates' party preference (or "None") is listed with their name.  Both candidates on the ballot may have the same party preference.	Candidates for judicial offices do not have a party preference listed on the ballot.	Candidates for nonpartisan offices do not have a party preference listed on the ballot.

For more information you can:

Call the Elections Department: 831-454-2060

Visit our website: www.votescount.com

Visit the California Secretary of State's website: www.sos.ca.gov/elections

■ Visit Voter's Edge: www.votersedge.org/ca



# Language services / Servicios de idiomas

The Santa Cruz County Multilingual Voter Services program was established to provide services to voters who need language assistance.

The following election materials will be translated into Spanish and will be available at all of our polling places:

- A copy of the ballot
- Voting Instructions
- State Voter Information Guide
- Voter Bill of Rights

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot, as a long as those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak Spanish.

#### Voting by mail?

You can request a copy of your ballot in Spanish be mailed to you.

- Call us at 831-454-2060
- Email us at spanish@votescount.com
- Apply online at www.votescount.com

#### **Background**

California law requires the Secretary of State in January before the primary election for Governor to identify which precincts have 3% or more of the voting-age residents who are members of a single language minority and lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance.

El programa de Servicios de Votante Multilingüe del Condado de Santa Cruz se estableció para proporcionar servicios a los votantes que necesitan asistencia con el idioma.

Los siguientes materiales electorales se traducirán al español y estarán disponibles en todos nuestros centros de votación:

- Una copia de la boleta
- Instrucciones de votación
- Guía estatal de información al votante
- Declaración de derechos del votante

Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación emplea trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

#### ¿Votando por correo?

Puede solicitar que le enviemos una copia de su boleta en español.

- Llámenos al 831-454-2060
- Envíenos un correo electrónico a spanish@votescount.com
- Solicite en línea en www.votescount.com

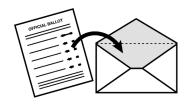
#### **Fondo**

La ley de California requiere que el Secretario de Estado en enero antes de la elección primaria del Gobernador identifique qué precintos tienen el 3% o más de los residentes en edad de votar que son miembros de una minoría de un solo idioma y carecen de las habilidades suficientes para votar en inglés sin asistencia.



For more information in English, please call 831-454-2060 Para más información en español, por favor llame al 831-454-2060 若需更多中文資訊,請致電 831-454-5137 Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 831-454-5135

# 3 maneras de votar



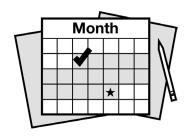
#### Votar por correo

Solicite una boleta de voto por correo no más tardar del **30 de octubre.** 

Devuelva la boleta por correo, entréguela a la oficina del Registro Electoral, o entréguela a cualquier lugar de votación el día de la elección.

La boleta de voto por correo debe tener el sello postal o entregarse a un lugar de votación no más tardar del 6 de noviembre.

Para más detalles, vea la página 10



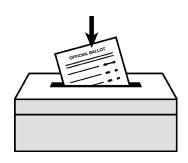
#### Vote temprano en persona

Puede votar temprano en dos localidades 8 de octubre – 6 de noviembre

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections 701 Ocean St., Room 310 lunes- viernes, 8am a 5pm

Watsonville City Clerk's Office 275 Main St., 40 piso (60 piso desde el estacionamiento) lunes— viernes, 8am a 5pm

Las dos localidades también estarán abiertas sábado y domingo, noviembre 3 y 4, 9am a 5pm



#### Vote en persona en el lugar de votación

Las mesas electorales están abiertas el día de la elección:

#### 6 de noviembre, de 7am a 8pm

La dirección de su lugar de votación está localizada en la contraportada de este guía.

O, puede buscar su lugar de votación:

- en la web: www.votescount.com
- llamar a la oficina del registro de electores al 831-454-2060

Para más detalles, vea las páginas 11 y 12.



# Cómo votar por correo

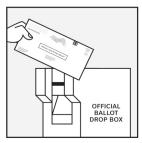
#### Usted puede votar por correo antes del día de la elección

Para votar por correo, tiene que solicitar una boleta. Después de completar su boleta la puede enviar por correo o entregarla a cualquier lugar de votación. Usted puede votar por correo para esta elección solamente, o para todas las elecciones futuras.









#### Cómo obtener su boleta de voto por correo

Usted debe solicitar una boleta de voto por correo antes del 30 de octubre.

Usted puede:



Solicitar una boleta en www.votescount.com



Utilice la aplicación en la parte posterior de esta guía, y envíela por correo o mándela por fax al 831-454-2445



Llame al 831-454-2060

Después de solicitar su boleta para votar por correo, usted recibirá su boleta dentro de una semana.

Votantes que residen en el extranjero, el personal militar y sus dependientes pueden obtener una boleta para votar por correo al preguntarle a su oficial del mando, o vaya a: www.votescount.com

## Cómo devolver su boleta de voto por correo

Marque su boleta. Después de completar su boleta, siga las instrucciones en el sobre oficial para firmar y sellar su boleta. Usted puede:



Enviar su boleta por correo, para que tenga el sello postal con la fecha no más tardar del día de la elección el 6 de noviembre.



Entregar su boleta personalmente al Santa Cruz County Elections Department o a la oficina del secretario municipal de la Ciudad de Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley o Watsonville.



Depositar en una de las cajas de buzón 24/7 ubicadas en:

- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, frente al edificio del condado.
- 212 Church Street, Santa Cruz, estacionamiento público
- 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley City Hall estacionamiento
- 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola City Hall estacionamiento
- 316 Rodriguez Street, Watsonville estacionamiento público 14
- UC Santa Cruz Quarry Plaza
- Graham Hill & Mt. Hermon Rd., Felton Covered Bridge Park estacionamiento
- Cabrillo College estacionamiento R
- Visite www.votescount.com para otros lugares

Entregue su boleta el día de la elección a cualquier lugar de votación en el estado de California.



# Cómo votar por boleta electoral de papel

En el lugar de votación, usted puede elegir votar usando una boleta de papel o la unidad de pantalla táctil para votar.

#### Marque su boleta

Use una sola línea que conecte la cabeza y la cola de la flecha que señale su selección.



Use un bolígrafo con tinta azul o negra. No utilice bolígrafo de tinta roja, Sharpies, marcadores o ningún otro tipo de bolígrafo.

**No firme su nombre en su boleta**, no escriba sus iniciales, no escriba otras palabras o hacer algún otro tipo de marca en la boleta que ha completado.

Para votar por un candidato que no esté en la lista, escriba el nombre del candidato en la línea localizada al final de la lista de candidatos. Luego, conecte las dos partes de esa flecha.

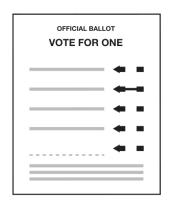


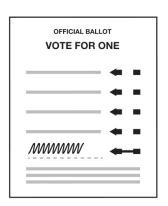
Una lista de candidatos que no están en la lista, pero que están calificados, estará disponible en el lugar de votación el día de la elección. La lista está disponible en nuestra página de internet en **www.votescount.com** 13 días antes del día de la elección.

#### Revise su boleta cuidadosamente

Si comete un error, pídale una boleta nueva a un trabajador electoral o siga las instrucciones en el paquete de su boleta.







No vote por demasiados.

Vote por el número permitido.

Siempre conecte la flecha, incluso en un "voto escrito".

## Ingrese su boleta por el lector optico

Después de votar, lleve su boleta al lector óptico e ingrese su boleta.

Si cometió un error, como haber votado por demasiados candidatos, el lector óptico le devolverá su boleta para que la pueda corregir.





# Cómo votar por boleta electrónica

En el lugar de votación, usted puede elegir usar una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar o una boleta de papel.

Con la unidad de pantalla táctil para votar, todos los votantes — incluyendo los que tengan discapacidades — pueden votar en forma privada e independientemente.

# 1. Dígale al trabajador electoral que quiere usar una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar

- El trabajador electoral le entregará un boleto.
- Llévelo a la zona de la unidad de pantalla tactil.
- Cuando sea su turno, el trabajador electoral activará la pantalla para que usted pueda votar.

#### 2. Marque su boleta

- Toque el casillero correspondiente al candidato que prefiera.
   Aparecerá una marca verde de verificación.
- Para cambiar su voto, vuelva a tocar esa opción. La marca verde de verificación desaparecerá.
- Para votar por un candidato que no esté en la lista, toque el casillero que dice WRITE-IN. Aparecerá un teclado. Escriba el nombre del candidato por quien desea votar, y luego toque OK.

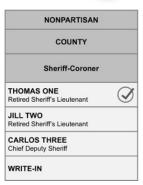
#### 3. Revise sus votos

- Toque la pantalla para imprimir y repasar un comprobante en papel de sus votos.
- Si desea hacer cambios, puede empezar de nuevo.

#### 4. Emita su voto

- Toque la pantalla para emitir su voto.
- ¡Proteja su voto! No se vaya hasta que vea la pantalla verde de agradecimiento que indica que su voto ha sido registrado.





Toque aquí para imprimir y repasar un comprobante en papel de su boleta.

Su voto se ha registrado. Gracias.



# Cómo votar por voto accesible

#### En el lugar de votación



Para verificar la accesibilidad del lugar de votación, busque el símbolo de la silla de ruedas en la contraportada de este guía. Si su sito es accesible, su símbolo tendrá la palabra sí.

En algunos lugares de votación, umbrales temporales, rampas, señales, conos, y sostenes para las puertas, se utilizan para mejorar el acceso a las instalaciones.

#### Votar en la acera

Si su lugar de votación no es accesible, usted puede votar por boleta de papel o electrónica desde un lugar cercano y accesible, incluyendo de un vehículo. Un trabajador electoral lo calificara para votar y entregara su boleta completa al lugar de votación.

Para solicitar asistencia para votar en la acera, usted puede:

- llamar por adelantado para coordinar la hora y el lugar.
- pedir a un asistente que haga la solicitud dentro del lugar de votación.

#### Equipo accesible para votar

Cada centro de lugar de votación en este condado tiene una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar con:

- una opción de audio que lee la boleta para usted
- un enchufe universal para dispositivos de asistencia personal
- letra grande (24 puntos)
- la opción de inglés o español

#### Transporte a su lugar de votación

Podemos hacer arreglos para enviar una camioneta con accesibilidad para recogerle a usted y llevarle al centro de lugar de votación para votar. Por favor llame antes del día de la elección para hacer una cita.

## Entrega de boleta a su domicilio

Podemos entregar la boleta a su domicilio y regresarla al departamento de elecciones. Por favor llame antes del día de la elección para asegurar que haya suficiente tiempo para proveerle asistencia.

## Información para votar

Versiones de audio de la información sobre las medidas locales y la información impresa en la guía de estado para el votante están disponibles bajo petición. Las grabaciones están disponibles aproximadamente cuatro semanas antes de la elección.

#### Como solicitar asistencia

Para solicitar una de estas opciones de asistencia de voto accesible:



Teléfono: 831-454-2060

Disability Rights California operará una línea el día de las elecciones en todo el estado 7am a 8pm el día de elecciones: 6 de noviembre del 2018 1-888-569-7955



TDD: 711



# Cómo votar en una elección general?

En la elección general de noviembre, todos los votantes reciben la misma boleta, no importa con cual partido político está registrado, o si usted no tiene ninguna preferencia por un partido. La dirección en la que está registrado para votar determina qué concursos aparecen en su boleta.

En las elecciones primarias de junio todos los californianos pudieron votar para decidir qué candidatos para las oficinas federales, estatales y condados pasarían a la elección general de noviembre. La mayoría de los candidatos de las oficinas locales del condado en Junio recibieron los votos necesarios para ser elegidos, sin tener que estar en unas selecciones de vuelta en noviembre.

Primaria de los Dos Principales de California Nominado por los electores	Candidatos judiciales estatales	Cargos Locales No Partidista
<ul> <li>Senador de EE. UU.</li> <li>Miembro del Congreso de EE. UU.</li> <li>Miembro de la Asamblea del Estado</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Jueces del tribunal supremo de California</li> <li>Jueces de los tribunales de apelación de California</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4° supervisor del condado</li> <li>Oficinas del distrito escolar</li> <li>Oficinas de distritos especiales</li> <li>Oficinas de las ciudades</li> </ul>
Los primeros dos candidatos - los que tienen la mayor cantidad de votos en junio — están en su boleta.	Los candidatos para estas oficinas judiciales no se enfrentan a otros candidatos. Están en la boleta para la confirmación de otro plazo de 12 años.	Para el supervisor del condado, los dos candidatos con más votos en junio están en la boleta en noviembre.  Además, en la boleta electoral de noviembre hay candidatos para las escuelas y los distritos especiales, así como para las oficinas de la ciudad.
No hay candidato por escrito en esta contienda.	No hay candidato por escrito en esta contienda.	Usted puede agregar un candidato por escrito en esta contienda.
La preferencia de partido de los candidatos (o "Ninguna") aparece en la lista con su nombre. Ambos candidatos en la boleta pueden tener la misma preferencia de partido.	Los candidatos para cargos judiciales no tienen preferencia de partido incluida en la boleta.	Los candidatos para cargos no partidarios no tienen una preferencia de partido que aparece en la boleta.

Para más información usted puede:

Llame al departamento de elecciones: 831-454-2060

Visite nuestro sitio web: www.votescount.com

Visite el California Secretary of State's sitio web: www.sos.ca.gov/elections

Visite Voter's Edge: www.votersedge.org/ca
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# What's on the ballot for this election?

## Statewide General Election - November 6, 2018

You will receive two voter information guides for this election.



#### Santa Cruz County (this guide)

Mailed to all registered voters in the county. Candidate statements for US Representative, State Assembly, county and city offices and information on local measures are on the following pages in this guide.

# Offices - depending on where you live in Santa Cruz County

United States Representative State Assembly County Supervisor, 4th District City Offices School and Special Districts

# Local Measures - depending on where you live in Santa Cruz County

- A. Scotts Valley Unified School District parcel tax
- B. Soquel Union Elementary School District parcel tax
- G. County sales tax
- H. County housing bond
- I. City of Capitola Cannabis business tax
- J. City of Capitola transient occupancy tax
- K. City of Capitola treasurer elected to appointed
- L. City of Capitola Greenway initiative
- M. City of Santa Cruz rent control initiative
- N. City of Scotts Valley transient occupancy tax
- O. City of Watsonville transient occupancy tax
- P. La Selva Recreation District parcel tax
- W. West Valley-Mission Community College District bond

# **Practice Ballot (Sample Ballot)**

The centerfold of this guide contains a 2-page practice ballot for you to tear out. Use this ballot to get ready to vote. You can practice marking your choices and bring it with you to vote on the real ballot at the polling place or the one mailed to you if you signed up to vote by mail.



#### California State Guide

Mailed to each household in the State. Candidate statements for statewide races and information on state propositions are in the guide from the State.

#### Offices

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General Insurance Commissioner Board of Equalization, District 2 United States Senate Superintendent of Public Instruction

#### **State Propositions**

- 1. Veterans and affordable housing bond
- 2. Housing funds for persons with mental illness
- 3. Water supply and quality bond
- 4. Children's hospital bond
- 5. Property tax transfer replacement property
- 6. Eliminates road repair/transportation funding
- 7. Permanent daylight savings
- 8. Regulates kidney dialysis clinics
- 9. Removed by court (Divides CA into 3 states)
- 10. Local government ability to enact rent control
- 11. On-call ambulance employees
- 12. Standards for farm animal confinement

#### Boleta de practica (muestra de boleta)

La página central de esta guía contiene una boleta de práctica de 2 páginas que puede separar. Utilice esta boleta para estar listo para votar. Usted puede practicar marcando sus opciones y llevarla con usted para votar en la boleta real en el lugar de votación o votar por la que le enviaron por correo si usted está registrado para votar por correo.



# **Party Endorsements**

Parties have the option of submitting candidate endorsements for voter-nominated offices only for printing in this guide. Not all parties participate and parties may endorse a candidate from another party.

The Green, Libertarian, and Republican parties did not submit endorsements of candidates to be printed in this quide.

The candidate's party preference on the ballot does not necessarily mean that they have that political party's support.

Los partidos tienen la opción de presentar endorsos de los candidatos para la oficinas de nominados por los votantes para la impresión en esta guía. No todos los partidos participan y los partidos pueden apoyar a un candidato de otro partido.

Los partidos de Verde, Libertad, y Republicano no sometieron endorsos de los candidatos para ser imprimidos en esta guía.

La preferencia de partido del candidato en la boleta no necesariamente significa que tengan el apoyo de ese partido político.

Office Oficina	American Independent Americano Independiente	Democratic Demócrata	Republican Republicano
Governor Gobernador	John H. Cox	Gavin Newsom	John H. Cox
Lieutenant Governor Vicegobernador	none - ninguno	none - ninguno	none - ninguno
Secretary of State Secretaria de Estado	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
Controller Contralor	Konstantinos Roditis	Betty T. Yee	Konstantinos Roditis
Treasurer Tesorero	Greg Conlon	Fiona Ma	Greg Conlon
Attorney General Procurador General	Steven C. Bailey	Xavier Beccera	Steven C. Bailey
Insurance Commissioner Comisionado de Seguros	Steve Poizner	Ricardo Lara	none – ninguno
US Senate Senado E.U.	none - ninguno	Kevin de Leon	none – ninguno
Brd of Equalization, Dist. 2 2° BOE	Mark Burns	Malia Cohen	Mark Burns
18th Congress 18° Congreso	none - ninguno	Anna G. Eshoo	Christine Russell
20th Congress 20° Congreso	Ronald Paul Kabat	Jimmy Panetta	none – ninguno
29th Assembly 29° Asamblea	Vicki L. Nohrden	Mark Stone	Vicki L. Nohrden
30th Assembly 30° Asamblea	Neil G. Kitchens	Robert Rivas	Neil G. Kitchens



#### About the candidates

#### Who is running for office?

Refer to the Sample Ballot in the centerfold of this guide for a complete list of candidates. Some have paid for a candidate statement in this guide or on the web at www.votescount.com, but not all. You can also find candidate information and campaign disclosure statements online:

Local candidates: www.votescount.com

All candidates: votersedge.org/ca

Statewide candidates: www.sos.ca.gov

# **Expenditure Limitations: State Legislative Candidates**

Voters passed Proposition 34 in November 2000. This law says we must tell voters the names of candidates who agree to campaign spending limits. This law only applies to candidates for State Legislative offices like State Senate and State Assembly.

Candidates who agree are allowed to pay for and publish a candidate's statement of qualifications. Those statements are printed in this guide.

The following State Legislative candidates have accepted the voluntary campaign spending limits:

#### ¿Quien está corriendo para un cargo?

Consulte la muestra de boleta en esta guía para obtener una lista completa de los candidatos. Algunos han pagado por una declaración del candidato en esta guía o en la web a www.votescount.com, pero no todos. También puede encontrar información de los candidatos y declaraciones de campaña en nuestra página web:

☐ Candidatos locales: www.votescount.com

■ Todos los Candidatos: votersedge.org/ca

Candidatos estatales: www.sos.ca.gov

# Límites de desembolsos: Candidatos para la legislatura estatal

Los votantes aprobaron la Proposición 34 en noviembre de 2000. Esta ley establece que tenemos que decir a los votantes los nombres de los candidatos que están de acuerdo con los límites de gastos de campaña. Esta ley sólo se aplica a los candidatos para cargos legislativos del Estado como el Senado Estatal y la Asamblea Estatal.

Los candidatos que estén de acuerdo pueden pagar y publicar una declaración de calificaciones de candidato. Esas declaraciones están imprimidas en esta guía.

Los siguientes candidatos para la Legislatura Estatal han aceptado los límites de desembolsos voluntariamente:

29th Assembly	Vicki L. Nohrden, REP
29° Asamblea	Mark Stone, DEM
30th Assembly	Neil G. Kitchens, REP
30° Asamblea	Robert Rivas, DEM



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Voter's Edge California is a comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California. www.votersedge.org/ca



# Paid candidate statements: Congress, 18th District

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#### Anna G. Eshoo

Party Preference: Democratic

Member of Congress 650-328-3700 anna@annaeshoo4congress.com

annaeshoo4congress.com

When a majority of Americans believe the next generation will have fewer opportunities than they have, we've got work to do. My goal is to restore confidence in our children's future. The problem is too familiar: kids who grow up here find jobs, but they can't afford homes close to them. We say we value education, but don't take the steps necessary to make schools safer or higher education affordable. Congress can't fix it all, but I'm doing my part to make progress. I organized the community and the FAA to reduce airplane noise, worked with FEMA to repair storm damaged roads and preserved the national monument status of treasured coastal lands. Quality of life matters.

Nothing matters more than children's safety. That's why I voted to ban assault weapons, oppose bump stocks and support comprehensive background checks. Mental health screening is part of the solution, but arming teachers with guns is not. Affordable higher education creates more opportunity. I support no-interest government loans for college students and believe those carrying student loan debt should be able to refinance at no interest. Government shouldn't profit from developing the nation's talent. Immigrants make our nation stronger. Let's establish paths to citizenship for "Dreamers" and reform our immigration system now. I'm committed to protecting Social Security, Medicare and affordable healthcare. Proud that Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama signed 40 of my bills into law. All this requires hard work, but our country is worth it

#### Anna G. Eshoo

Preferencia Partidaria: Demócrata

Miembro del Congreso 650-328-3700 anna@annaeshoo4congress.com anna

annaeshoo4congress.com

Cuando la mayoría de los Estadounidenses piensan que la próxima generación tendrá menos oportunidades, tenemos trabajo que hacer. Mi objetivo es restaurar la confianza en el futuro de nuestros hijos. El problema es demasiado familiar: los niños que crecen aquí encuentran trabajo, pero no pueden pagar viviendas que les queden cerca. Decimos que valoramos la educación, pero no tomamos los pasos necesarios para que las escuelas sean más seguras ni para que la educación superior sea asequible. El Congreso no puede solucionar todo, pero estoy haciendo mi parte para que podamos progresar. Organicé la comunidad y la FAA para reducir el ruido de los aviones, trabajé con la FEMA para reparar las carreteras que habían sido dañadas por la tormenta y protegí el estatus de monumento nacional de las valiosas tierras costeras. La calidad de vida es importante.

No hay nada más importante que la seguridad de los niños. Es por eso que voté para prohibir las armas de asalto, oponerme a los aceleradores de disparos y apoyar las averiguaciones de antecedentes exhaustivas. Los exámenes de salud mental son parte de la solución, darles armas a los docentes no. Una educación superior asequible crea más oportunidades. Apoyo los préstamos gubernamentales sin interés para los estudiantes universitarios y creo que aquellos que tienen deudas de préstamos estudiantiles deben poder refinanciarlas sin interés. El gobierno no debería ganar dinero con la formación de talentos nacionales. Los inmigrantes fortalecen nuestro país. Hay que establecer caminos a la ciudadanía para "Dreamers" y reformar nuestro sistema de inmigración ahora. Estoy comprometida con la protección de la Seguridad Social, Medicare y una atención médica asequible. Orgullecida que los Presidentes Clinton, Bush y Obama hayan firmado 40 de mis proyectos de leyes y los hayan convertido en leyes. Todo esto exige mucho trabajo, pero nuestro país lo vale.



# Paid candidate statements: State Assembly, 29th District

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#### Vicki L. Nohrden

Party Preference: Republican

Businesswoman/Court Apportioned Special Advocate for Children www.vickinohrden2018.com

We all have seen how poor legislative decisions have negatively impacted our families, businesses, and communities. It's time to say enough is enough! I'm Vicki Nohrden, and I want to serve you in our State Assembly to help make change for the better. It's time to stop the endless cycle of higher taxes, increased rules and regulations, and less opportunity for working families.

Former general fund budget items for schools, infrastructure, highways, parks, and maintenance are now funded with special taxes, assessments, bonds, and fees, while the general fund now is burdened with social services, environmental regulations, and entitlements. For the last two decades the current administration has held the overwhelming majority of the state legislature, and they've had the governor's office for 8 years. Thanks to high tech, agriculture, tourism and other industries in the private sector, we've enjoyed a strong economy. Yet this same majority political power block has squandered this economic power and we now have the highest levels of poverty and homelessness in the nation; ranked either the lowest or in the bottom 5 in virtually all education ratings, along with the lowest standard of living and now the highest taxes.

This is not about politics or ideology. It's about mismanagement of resources. The economic driver that we are blessed to have is being squandered with poor judgment, poor management, and poor performance. Is poor performance worth reelecting year after year? Let's try something new. I'm Vicki Nohrden, I'd be honored to earn your vote.

www.vickinohrden2018.com



# Paid candidate statements: State Assembly, 29th District

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#### Mark Stone

Party Preference: Democratic Assemblymember

#### www.FriendsOfMarkStone.org

Age: 61

For nearly twenty years, I have fought to improve the quality of life in California as a School Board Member, County Supervisor, Coastal Commissioner and your Assemblymember. In 2012, you sent me to Sacramento to advocate for the rights of people in the 29th Assembly District and across our state.

During my service in the Assembly, my priorities have been clear: protecting the most vulnerable Californians and protecting our environment. I am engaged in comprehensive reforms to help foster youth grow up in supportive homes; leading the movement to create a state Earned Income Tax Credit to lift the state's poorest working families out of poverty; and improving access to justice in the court system. I have written many laws to improve public safety, especially by helping people released from prison successfully integrate into their communities, and decrease their chances of reoffending. As a dedicated environmentalist, I steadfastly support critical environmental protections, advocating for landmark climate-change laws, and laws to provide clean drinking water, increase water recycling, improve groundwater management and decrease plastic pollution. I provide a leading voice in the effort to protect our oceans as we adapt to a changing climate.

It is an honor to have the support of so many elected officials, respected business leaders, education, and health care professionals and the environmental community. I hope that I have earned your vote. Learn more at www.FriendsOfMarkStone.org.

#### Mark Stone

Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Miembro de la Asamblea

#### www.FriendsOfMarkStone.org

Edad: 61

Por casi veinte años, he luchado para mejorar la calidad de vida en California como Miembro de la Junta Escolar, Supervisor del Condado, Comisionado Costero y Asambleísta. En 2012, usted me envió a Sacramento para abogar por los derechos de la gente en el Distrito de Asamblea 29 y en todo nuestro estado.

Durante mi servicio en la Asamblea, mis prioridades han sido claras: proteger a los ciudadanos de California más vulnerables y proteger nuestro medio ambiente. Estoy comprometido con reformas integrales que ayuden a los jóvenes en cuidado sustituto a crecer en hogares receptivos; liderar el movimiento para crear un Crédito Tributario al Ingreso Obtenido estatal para sacar de la pobreza a las familias trabajadoras que menos tienen en el estado; y mejorar el acceso a la justicia en el sistema judicial. He redactado muchas leyes para mejorar la seguridad pública, especialmente ayudando a las personas liberadas de prisión para que se integren exitosamente en sus comunidades, y reducir las posibilidades de reincidir. Como ambientalista dedicado, apoyo firmemente protecciones medioambientales fundamentales, abogo por leyes relevantes sobre el cambio climático, y leyes para proporcionar agua potable, aumentar el reciclaje de agua, mejorar el manejo del agua subterránea y disminuir la contaminación por plástico. Ofrezco una voz líder en el esfuerzo para proteger nuestros océanos a medida que nos adaptamos a un clima cambiante.

Es un honor contar con el respaldo de muchos funcionarios electos, líderes respetados en el ámbito de los negocios, la educación y la atención de la salud, y de la comunidad de ambientalistas. Espero haberme ganado su voto. Conozca más en www.FriendsOfMarkStone.org.



# Paid candidate statements: Cabrillo College - TA 6

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#### J. Dan Rothwell

Retired College Teacher

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In recent years, the state legislature has created regulations that divert from the original Master Plan for community colleges in California; steadily removing "community" from community colleges, restricting access to courses especially in art and music, and reverting to an old junior college model. The value of lifelong learning has also been devalued. College boards must mount a serious campaign to reverse these trends. Affordability of a college education is also a critical issue that merits constant attention.

My credentials for this position include: 47 years as a Communication Studies college professor; 30 years as chair of the Communication Studies department at Cabrillo College; 22 years on the Faculty Senate; 10 years on the College Planning Council; 10 years on the Cabrillo College Federation of Teachers Council. I am an award-winning teacher and textbook author. My service on the Santa Cruz Metro Transit Board provides insight into the importance of accessible transportation for Cabrillo College students. I am open-minded, which I define as letting the best reasoning and evidence guide my decisions. Although recently retired, I remain passionately committed to our phenomenal community college. Please vote for an educator for the Cabrillo College Board of Education.

#### **Louis Tuosto**

Commissioner/Business Owner

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I have been an instructor at Cabrillo College and served on the Cabrillo College Citizens Oversight Committee. My family and I have been residents of Santa Cruz County for 39 years. Our family have all attended Cabrillo College. I have earned A.S., A.A., B.A., and M.A. degrees.

A partial list of elected boards and appointed committees I have served: Soquel Union Elementary School Trustee, SUESD Citizens' Oversight Committee, Soquel High School Parents Advisory Committee, National Advisory Board for AARP, City of Capitola Finance Committee, Bethany University Trustee, Bethany University Finance, Committee Capitola/Soquel Chamber of Commerce Board, Latino Chamber Board, Santa Cruz County Senior Commission, Santa Cruz County Area Agency on Aging, Santa Cruz County Workforce Investment Board, Sustainable Santa Cruz County Advisory Board, Soquel Creek Water District Rate Advisory Committee, PAMF President's Advisory Board, PAMF Philanthropy Board, PAMF Community Advisory Board, Community TV of Santa Cruz County Board, Relational Resources Counseling of Aptos Board, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County Governance Committee.

I am committed to developing college and community outreaches. I will do this with community leaders to host joint board meetings with city and school boards through established partnerships. I have developed relationships with city leaders, school administrators and business owners within the community to fulfill these goals. I believe that these valuable relationships will prove to be important to help accomplish the Cabrillo College Governing Boards, 'Goal Completion Plan.' I have given oversite to Opal Cliffs Preschool and the Performing Arts Center. As a College Instructor, former High School Teacher, University Trustee, and K-8 Trustee, I believe I can serve Cabrillo College with experience and dedication. I would deem it a privilege to serve on the Cabrillo College Board of Trustees. My motto is...experience counts. I love Cabrillo College and would be honored by your vote on November 6.

#### **Louis Tuosto**

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He sido instructor en la Universidad Cabrillo y he servido en el Comité de Supervisión Ciudadana de la Universidad Cabrillo. Mi familia y yo hemos sido residentes del Condado de Santa Cruz durante más de 39 años. Toda nuestra familia ha asistido a la Universidad Cabrillo. He obtenido títulos de Asociado en Ciencias, Asociado en Arte, Licenciatura en Arte, y Maestría en Arte.

Esta es una lista parcial de las juntas en las que fui electo y los comités en los que fui designado: Síndico de la Escuela Primaria Soquel Union, Comité de Supervisión Ciudadana del SUESD, Comité Asesor de Padres de la Escuela Secundaria Soquel, Junta Asesora Nacional de la AARP, Comité Financiero de la Ciudad de Capitola, Síndico de la Universidad Bethany, Comité Financiero de la Universidad Bethany, Junta de la Cámara de Comercio de Capitola/Soquel, Junta de la Cámara Latina, Comisión de Adultos Mayores del Condado de Santa Cruz, Agencia de la Tercera Edad del Área del Condado de Santa Cruz, Junta de Inversión de los Trabajadores del Condado de Santa Cruz, Junta Asesora para la Sustentabilidad del Condado de Santa Cruz, Comité Asesor de Tarifas del Distrito Hídrico del Arroyo Soquel, Junta Asesora del Presidente de la PAMF, Junta de Filantropía de la PAMF, Junta Asesora Comunitaria de la PAMF, Junta de la TV Comunitaria del Condado de Santa Cruz, Junta de Asesoramiento sobre Recursos Relacionales de Aptos, y Comité de Gobernanza del Banco de Comida Second Harvest del Condado de Santa Cruz.

Estoy comprometido con desarrollar programas de extensión universitarios y comunitarios. Con la ayuda de los líderes de la comunidad haremos reuniones con la ciudad y las juntas escolares a través de asociaciones establecidas. He forjado relaciones con los líderes de la ciudad, los administradores escolares y los propietarios de negocios de la comunidad para lograr estos objetivos. Creo que estas relaciones valiosas serán importantes para cumplir con el 'Plan de Cumplimiento de Objetivos' de las Juntas de Gobierno del Colegio Cabrillo. He realizado tareas de supervisión en el Preescolar Opal Cliffs y el Centro de Artes Escénicas. Como Instructor Universitario, Ex maestro de Escuela Secundaria, Síndico Universitario, y Síndico de K-8, creo que puedo aportar mi experiencia y dedicación a la Universidad Cabrillo. Sería un privilegio servir en la Junta de Síndicos de la Universidad Cabrillo. Mi lema es...la experiencia vale. Amo a la Universidad Cabrillo y sería un honor contar con su voto el 6 de noviembre.



# **California Supreme and Appellate Court Justices**

#### Voting for judge of the California Supreme Court or Appellate Court

Justices of the Supreme Court and the Appellate Court are subject to confirmation by the voters under the California Constitution. You may vote "Yes" or "No" on whether to retain each justice on your ballot.

The offices are nonpartisan. To be eligible to serve in either position, a person must have practiced law for at least 10 years.

#### How to become a Supreme or Appellate Court Justice

Before a person can become an appellate or supreme court justice, the Governor must submit the person's name to the California State Bar's Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, which is comprised of public members and lawyers. The Commission conducts a thorough review of the candidate's background and qualifications and forwards an evaluation to the Governor.

The Governor then reviews the commission's evaluation and officially nominates the candidate. The judicial nominees are then reviewed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments, and public hearings are held. The Commission on Judicial Appointments must then confirm or reject the nomination. Only if confirmed does the nominee become a justice.

Following confirmation, the justice is sworn into office and is subject to voter approval at the next election where the Office of Governor is on the ballot. Justices are subject to confirmation of the voters every 12 years. However, if part of the term was served before the position became vacant, the justice serves the uncompleted part, either four or eight years. At the end of that term, the justice again must be confirmed by the voters at a general election to begin a new term.

California's state appellate justices receive appointments for a specific term and never receive a life-long appointment. Only judges nominated by the President of the United States to Federal Courts are appointed for life and are never voted upon by the citizens of any state.

## Who's on your ballot

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

- Carol A. Corrigan was appointed to the California Supreme Court in December 2005.
- Leondra R. Kruger was appointed to the California Supreme Court in November 2014.

Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, 6th District

• Mary J. Greenwood was appointed in December 2017.

Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, 6th District

- Allison Marston Danner appointed in July 2018.
- Nathan D. Mihara was appointed in February 1993.

For more information about the Supreme Court Justices, please visit <a href="http://www.courts.ca.gov/3014.htm">http://www.courts.ca.gov/3014.htm</a>.

For more information about the Appellate Court Justices, please visit http://www.courts.ca.gov/3000.htm.

You may also call our office at 831-454-2060 for more information.





# Santa Cruz County Sales Tax

#### **Ballot question**

Unincorporated Area Retail Transaction and Use Tax. To continue funding 9-1-1 emergency response, paramedic, sheriff, fire, emergency preparedness, local street repairs, mental health services, homelessness programs, parks, economic development and other general county services, shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase by ordinance the sales tax on retail transactions in the unincorporated area of the County by one-half cent for twelve years, providing approximately \$5,750,000 annually, subject to annual audits and independent citizens oversight?

#### Pregunta de Boleta

Impuesto de transacción de venta minorista y uso de área no incorporada. Para continuar financiando los servicios de emergencia de 9-1-1, paramédicos, alquacil, bomberos, preparación en caso de emergencias, reparaciones de cables locales, servicios de salud mental, programas para indigentes, parques, desarrollo económico y otros servicios generales del condado, ¿debería el Condado de Santa Cruz estar autorizado a aumentar por ordenanza el impuesto sobre ventas sobre transacciones minoristas en el área no incorporada del Condado por medio centavo durante doce años, lo que generaría aproximadamente \$5,750,000 anuales, sujeto a auditorías anuales y supervisión ciudadana independiente?

#### What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the increase in the sales tax.	A "No" vote is a vote against the increase in the sales tax.

## For and against Measure G

FOR	AGAINST
Jim Hart Sheriff-Coroner	No argument against Measure G was filed.
Carol Williamson* President NAMI-Santa Cruz	
Mariah Roberts* Director, Chanticleer Park Neighbors	
Nancy Gerdt Felton Library Volunteer	
Michael Watkins Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools	
*Signing on behalf of the organization.	



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#### **Argument for Measure G**

Santa Cruz County residents value the protection for themselves and others through effective police, fire, emergency and social services; a clean environment and parks programs serving youth, adults and seniors; and quality, fiscally responsible government services.

By reducing employee retirement and pension costs, growing fiscal reserves and spending wisely, County government boosted its bond ratings, augmented existing services and started down the road to recovery from 2017 winter storm damage.

However, additional mental health and homeless outreach and intervention services are needed, and unmet needs for seniors and public safety have to be addressed. New local funds for parks could leverage millions more in grants and private donations. Measure G will help Santa Cruz County address our critical unmet needs while providing for effective community investments.

Measure G would tax sales in the unincorporated area only, and levels will still be at or below other local cities. Because all residents would benefit from the funding, all residents are being asked to vote on the measure.

Priorities for Measure G funds include new year-round North and South County homeless shelters, a public safety and behavioral health outreach team to address individuals suffering from mental health and substance use disorders and the completion of LEO's Haven the County's first all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities.

Funding for the new Felton Nature Park; completion of Mid-County's Farm Park; upgrades at Aptos Village Park; funds for South County parks; repairs at Simpkins Family Swim Center and the expansion of youth and senior recreational opportunities are planned.

Without these funds, our ability to rise together to meet these challenges would be limited. Improving public safety, social services and critical infrastructure is consistent with the values and aspirations of the community. We urge you to vote Yes on Measure G. For more information visit www.Yes-on-G.com

#### Jim Hart

Sheriff-Coroner

#### Carol Williamson\*

President NAMI-Santa Cruz

#### Mariah Roberts\*

Director, Chanticleer Park Neighbors

#### **Nancy Gerdt**

Felton Library Volunteer

#### Michael Watkins

Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

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No argument against Measure G was filed.



#### Impartial Analysis of Measure G

Jason Heath, Chief Assistant County Counsel, County of Santa Cruz

If this measure is approved by a majority of those voting on it, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz will be authorized to adopt an ordinance enacting a temporary increase to the retail transactions and use tax ("sales tax") on retail transactions in the unincorporated area of the County. The sales tax increase would be imposed for a period of twelve years at the rate of one-half of one percent on retail transactions in the unincorporated area only. The current sales tax rate in the County of Santa Cruz is eight and one-half percent. Accordingly, if this measure is approved, the sales tax rate would increase to nine percent for twelve years. If approved, this measure is expected to take effect in or around April of 2019.

The revenue generated by this measure would be deposited in the County's general fund and used by the County to pay for general County operations and services including emergency response, sheriff, fire, parks, street maintenance, mental health services, affordable housing, homelessness programs, youth and senior programs and economic development.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz.

A "yes" vote on Measure G is a vote to approve the increase in the sales tax.

A "no" vote on Measure G is a vote against the increase in the sales tax.

#### Fiscal Impact Statement of Measure G

Edith Driscoll, County Auditor-Controller

Sales Tax Rate Increase of One-Half Percent in unincorporated area for 12 years

The sales tax rate in the County of Santa Cruz is currently 8.50%, or 8.50 cents on every dollar. Of this amount, the County currently receives 1%, or one cent on every dollar for County Operations. These funds are used to pay for a variety of general County services such as Sheriffs, Parks, Homelessness Programs and Mental Health Services.

If approved by the voters, this measure would increase the total sales tax rate in the unincorporated area to 9.00% for 12 years and the County would receive an additional one-half percent (1/2%) for general County services.

The current 1% sales tax rate generated \$11,514,343 for County Operations in the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. The proposed one-half percent (1/2%) increase in the local sales tax rate would annually generate an additional \$5,757,171 to support general County services. This is an approximation of the amount that can be expected annually during the twelve-year period the tax would be in effect. Actual sales tax collections will vary from year to year depending upon economic conditions.

Distribution of the current 8.50% sales tax rate:

6.00% -Goes to State General Fund and Other State Funds

1.00% -Goes to County Operations

0.25% -Goes to County Transportation Funds

0.50% -Goes to Santa Cruz Metro Transit District

0.50% -Goes to Santa Cruz County Transportation Improvement Plan, Measure D

0.25% -Goes to the Library Authority

8.50% Total Sales Tax Rate, Santa Cruz County Unincorporated Area

#### Full text of Measure G

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ A COUNTYWIDE MEASURE OF WHETHER AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE-HALF CENT INCREASE IN THE SALES TAX ON TRANSACTIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS SHOULD BE ADOPTED AND CONSOLIDATING SAID SPECIAL COUNTY ELECTION WITH THE GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018



WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County desires to submit to the voters of the County of Santa Cruz at a Special Election a measure authorizing the Board to amend County Code to increase by one-half cent for a period of twelve years the Retail Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) for transactions in the unincorporated area of the County; and

WHEREAS, the current Sales Tax in the unincorporated area was established in 1956 at 1.25% and has not been increased since; and the current Sales Tax in the unincorporated area totals 8.5% and is lower than every city within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sales Tax is enacted solely to raise revenue for the general governmental purposes of the County and not for purposes of regulation or of raising revenue for regulatory purposes, in that all of the proceeds from the tax shall be placed in the County's general fund and be used for the usual current expenses of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to submit to the voters a measure authorizing the Sales Tax on transactions in the unincorporated area of the County to be increased for a period of twelve years at a rate of one-half cent for general purposes to provide funding for essential County services such as sheriff, fire, emergency response, local street maintenance and pothole repair, integrated mental health, substance use disorder and health care services, homelessness programs, parks, youth and senior programs, economic development and job creation, affordable housing and other essential County services; and

WHEREAS, subsection (b) of section 2 of Article XIII C of the California Constitution and section 53723 of the California Government Code require that before the County may impose a general tax, the tax must be submitted to the voters and approved by a majority vote of the voters; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a special County election be held in accordance with law for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the County a measure on whether to approve the proposed one-half cent Sales Tax increase on transactions in the unincorporated area of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

 That a special election shall be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held throughout the County on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the County the following ballot measure question:

<u>Unincorporated Area Retail Transaction and Use Tax.</u> To continue funding 9-1-1 emergency response, paramedic, sheriff, fire, emergency preparedness, local street repairs, mental health services, homelessness programs, parks, economic development and other general county services, shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase by ordinance the sales tax on retail transactions in the unincorporated area of the County by one-half cent for twelve years, providing approximately \$5,750,000 annually, subject to annual audits and independent citizens oversight?

Yes	No

- 2. The Board of Supervisors submits to the qualified voters the Ballot Measure Question as set forth in Paragraph 1 of this resolution and designates and refers to said measure as the measure to be set forth on the ballots for use in said election.
- 3. This special County election shall be held and conducted, and the votes thereat received and canvassed, and the returns thereof made and the result thereof ascertained and determined in accordance with law.
- 4. This special County election shall be and is hereby consolidated with the Gubernatorial General Election to be held throughout the County on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, in all respects and all as required by and pursuant to law.
- 5. In accordance with the provisions of California Elections Code section 9160(b), the County Counsel is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of this measure.
- 6. In accordance with the provisions of California Elections Code section 9150(c), the County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector is hereby directed to prepare a fiscal impact statement of this measure.
- 7. Arguments for and against this measure may be submitted in conformance with California Elections Code section 9161 and following.
- 8. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall file a copy of this Resolution with the County Clerk.





# Santa Cruz County Affordable Housing Bond

#### **Ballot question**

To provide affordable local housing for working families and vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, homeless individuals and families; and supportive housing for individuals suffering from mental health illnesses or substance use disorders; shall the County of Santa Cruz issue up to \$140,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with an estimated levy of \$16.77 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, generating approximately \$8,600,000 annually through maturity, subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits?

#### Pregunta de Boleta

Para brindar viviendas locales asequibles a familias trabajadoras y poblaciones vulnerables, entre los que se cuentan los veteranos, ciudadanos mayores, familias con ingresos bajos a moderados, personas con discapacidades, individuos y familias indigentes; y vivienda de apoyo para individuos que sufran de enfermedades de salud mental o trastornos de abuso de sustancias; ¿debería el Condado de Santa Cruz emitir hasta \$140,000,000 en bonos de obligación general, con una tasa impositiva aproximada de \$16.77 por cada \$100,000 de la valuación tasada, generando aproximadamente \$8,600,000 anualmente a través de los vencimientos, sujeto a supervisión ciudadana independiente y auditorías regulares?

#### What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote is a vote to authorize the issuance and sale of up to \$140,000,000 in general obligation bonds in order to provide affordable housing, to be secured by property taxes on property located within the County.	A "No" vote is a vote to not authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds.

## For and against Measure H

FOR	AGAINST
Michael Watkins Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools	Colonel Michael "Terry" Maxwell Retired Military Officer/Soquel
Raymon Cancino Chief Executive Officer, Meals on Wheels and Lift Line, Programs of Community Bridges Katherine Beiers Former Mayor of Santa Cruz Thomas Broz Organic Farmer/County Farm Bureau President Keisha Frost Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Santa Cruz	Carmen Bernal Senior/Capitola Beverly Costello Homeowner/Santa Cruz Kris A. Kirby Business Owner/Aptos
County	



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#### **Argument for Measure H**

The affordable housing crisis directly affects all of us in Santa Cruz County. It's driving out many longtime local residents and preventing many young families from owning a home.

Hardworking local teachers, service workers, farmworkers – and those who are working two jobs to make ends meet – are falling farther and farther behind. The local housing market continues to outpace any increase in income for too many of our neighbors.

Some are leaving the county. Some have become homeless. When that happens – our community suffers.

We all know someone impacted: friends, family, coworkers, neighbors — or ourselves.

Measure H will provide funds directly to local communities — Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Capitola, Scotts Valley and the unincorporated County — to create more affordable housing opportunities.

Measure H will:

- Provide down payment assistance for local first-time homebuyers like teachers, service workers and firefighters so families can afford to buy and stay here.
- Make affordable housing with supportive services available to our most vulnerable community members including seniors, persons with disabilities, veterans, and those suffering from homelessness and mental illness.
- Help agricultural and other employers who have problems hiring due to a severe shortage of affordable workforce and farmworker housing. Ensuring workers can find affordable homes helps sustain our local economy.

Measure H has tough fiscal controls including an independent citizens' oversight committee to assure the funds are spent properly.

Measure H would be part of the Low Income Senior Property Tax Postponement Program; preventing any current tax burden on those who can least afford it.

Nearly two years in the making, Measure H comes from nearly one hundred local residents collaborating throughout our community to create a plan to make Santa Cruz County more affordable.

Business, labor, affordable housing advocates, environmentalists, farmers, homeowners and renters all agree on the importance of passing Measure H.

#### Please join us in Voting Yes on Measure H.

Visit www.affordablehousingscc.org

#### **Michael Watkins**

Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

#### **Raymon Cancino**

Chief Executive Officer, Meals on Wheels and Lift Line, Programs of Community Bridges

#### **Katherine Beiers**

Former Mayor of Santa Cruz

#### **Thomas Broz**

Organic Farmer/County Farm Bureau President

#### Keisha Frost

Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Santa Cruz County

#### Rebuttal to argument for Measure H

# We can't make more affordable housing by putting a tax on housing.

- If Measure H passes more long time local residents will leave because of higher taxes. This new tax would make housing even more unaffordable for families struggling to pay housing costs in our County.
- Measure H is yet another bond measure for 35 years.
   This tax would cost \$273,768,000 with interest.
- Measure H does not exempt seniors. The Property Tax Postponement Program costs 7% per year if someone can even qualify.
- Measure H would amount to a lottery for first-time homebuyers, with all of us paying higher property taxes so a few can benefit.
- Prop 1 is the state housing bond on the November ballot. If it passes Santa Cruz County's per capita share would be 0.7% or \$21,000,000. Measure H is far in excess of what the County would need to qualify for state matching funds.
- Measure H monies would be administered by the County and four cities with nebulous plans and uncertain administrative expenses.
- The County currently allows developers to pay a fee instead of actually building affordable housing as required by Measure J. Passed by the voters, Measure J required developers to build 15% of units for affordable housing.

#### Please Vote No on Measure H

#### Becky R. Steinbruner

Active Citizen and Resident/Aptos

#### Bruce Holloway

Retired Computer Engineer/Boulder Creek

#### John O'Reilly

Senior Homeowner Retired/Ben Lomond

#### Mark D. Lee

Retired Urban Planner/Ben Lomond

#### Lynn Dunn

Retired Director of Corporation for National Service/Santa Cruz



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#### **Argument against Measure H**

We urge a NO vote on the \$140 million "Affordable Housing Bond, Measure H." This is projected to cost all Santa Cruz County real property owners in principal plus interest a total of \$273,768,000 for 35 years, until 2055-56

It is NOT justified to impose added Measure H indebtedness – to get affordable housing funds – <u>that can be obtained by the better alternative of simply increasing Sales Taxes County-wide.</u>

Proposed housing will ONLY be in incorporated cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. IT IS UNFAIR FOR RURAL RESIDENTS TO SUBSIDIZE CITY DWELLERS.

This bond provides "No Tax Exemption for Seniors" our most vulnerable population. Increasing parcel taxes forces-out home owners and businesses. Property owners already pay an additional 10 taxes including measures/bonds, for library facilities and parks – increasing property taxes to thousands of dollars per year.

The California legislature proposed a new State wide November ballot measure to allocate \$3 billion for cities, counties, and non-profits to build housing, help homeless, and low-income families at risk. The Governor signed 15 housing bills providing funding for low-income housing development and shelter for the homeless. In addition the CA legislature placed two affordable housing bonds, on the November ballot.

It is <u>not</u> fair to impose this added and excessive \$273,768,000 million Measure H, indebtedness upon real <u>property owners</u>—when the outcome of the November election on these other affordable housing bonds have <u>not</u> yet been determined.

Please **Vote NO on Measure H** – <u>this is **not** the smart and balanced answer to solving affordable housing in Santa Cruz County.</u>

#### Colonel Michael "Terry" Maxwell Retired Military Officer/Soquel

Retired Military Officer/304

Carmen Bernal Senior/Capitola

Beverly Costello Homeowner/Santa Cruz

Kris A. Kirby Business Owner/Aptos

#### Rebuttal to argument against Measure H

With the housing crisis raging, Measure H provides real solutions for people living and working here in Santa Cruz County. To protect the integrity of our community, we can't simply do nothing.

Measure H is well-crafted to provide fair and equitable housing solutions to our friends and neighbors who are struggling across Santa Cruz County — in the cities and unincorporated areas.

Don't let opponents confuse you about Measure H does and doesn't do.

Measure H helps Santa Cruz County invest in our communities, helping farmworkers, first responders, teachers and healthcare workers. If our local workers cannot afford to live in the county, we all suffer.

It provides first time homebuyer funds for families living throughout the county, including unincorporated and rural areas. It also allows affordable backyard "granny" cottages to be built appropriately in all corners of our county.

Statewide measures are indeed part of the solution. The state directs dollars to help local communities – but those funds almost always flow to counties that have local housing matching funds.

Without affordable housing funds from Measure H, Santa Cruz County won't get its fair share from the state.

Measure H will bring relief for lower-income seniors by creating low-cost affordable homes for seniors. Many seniors will also qualify for the Low Income Senior Property Tax Deferral Program.

Measure H helps our most vulnerable populations cope with the crisis of affordability –

including our seniors, veterans, and families facing homelessness.

Join us in voting for a sustainable, healthy community by voting Yes on H.

Get the facts. Visit www.affordablehousingscc.org

#### **David Foster**

Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay

#### Suzanne McLean

Vice President, Association of Faith Communities

#### MariaElena De La Garza

Executive Director, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County

#### Mark Stone

State Assemblymember

#### Casey Beyer

CEO, Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce



#### Impartial Analysis of Measure H

Dana McRae, County Counsel, County of Santa Cruz

This measure seeks voter approval to authorize the County of Santa Cruz ("County") to issue and sell up to \$140,000,000 in general obligation bonds, in one or more series, at an interest rate not to exceed twelve percent per annum. The purpose of the bonds is to raise funds for the acquisition or improvement of real property in order to provide affordable housing for populations that face challenges securing stable housing. People eligible for this housing include veterans, seniors, persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, persons with mental health illnesses or substance use disorders and persons with low and very low incomes. A portion of the proceeds will also be available for low and middle-income persons to purchase homes. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds may only be spent as described in the full text of Measure H which is printed in this pamphlet and not for any other purpose.

Measure H, if approved, would authorize an increase in the property tax rate in order to pay debt service on the bonds. The property tax increase would be based on assessed value, not market value. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund the bond issue over the duration of the debt service is \$12.21 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The best estimate of the highest annual tax rate that would be required to fund the bond issue over the duration of the debt service is \$16.77 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The Tax Rate Statement printed in this pamphlet describes the tax rate in more detail.

In accordance with State law, the County would carry out accountability measures. If the measure is approved, the proceeds of the bonds must be deposited in a special account created by the County. The County must ensure that an annual report is prepared describing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded by the bond proceeds. An Oversight Committee including citizen representatives will review the annual report each year to ensure fiscal accountability. An independent, external auditor will review the County's spending of bond proceeds to further ensure fiscal accountability.

Pursuant to California law, this measure will become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the qualified voters voting on this measure. Approval of this measure will also constitute approval of the provision of up to 1,041 units of affordable housing as required by Article XXXIV of the California Constitution.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz.

A "yes" vote on Measure H is a vote to authorize the issuance and sale of up to \$140,000,000 in general obligation bonds in order to provide affordable housing, to be secured by property taxes on property located within the County.

A "no" vote on Measure H is a vote to not authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds.

#### Tax Rate Statement Measure H

Edith Driscoll, County Auditor-Controller Treasurer-Tax Collector

An election will be held in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California (the "County") on November 6, 2018, to authorize the sale of not to exceed \$140,000,000 in general obligation bonds of the County to mitigate the housing crisis by providing affordable local housing for working families and vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, low- and moderate- income households, persons with disabilities, homeless individuals and families; and supportive housing for individuals suffering from mental health illnesses or substance use disorders. If the bonds are approved, the County expects to sell the bonds in two series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied upon taxable property in the County. The following information is provided in compliance with Section 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

- 1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund that bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.01221 per \$100 (\$12.21 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The best estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2055-56.
- 2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds issued, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$0.01677 per \$100 (\$16.77 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The best estimate of the year in which the highest tax rate will apply is 2026-27.



3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold, is approximately \$273,768,000.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (<u>not</u> market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the County. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the County based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the County as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

#### Full text of Measure H

#### **BOND AUTHORIZATION**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz recognizes the existence of a housing crisis in Santa Cruz County: The rising costs of home ownership and the increasing cost of rental units throughout the county have resulted in housing insecurity and a persistently high number of homeless individuals within Santa Cruz County. The latest homeless count revealed a total of 2,250 homeless individuals in Santa Cruz County with 1,800 unsheltered.

In response to this housing crisis, the Board of Supervisors is placing a general obligation bond on the ballot to generate up to \$140,000,000 to aid in the acquisition or improvement of real property in order to provide affordable local housing for working families and vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, homeless individuals and families; and supportive housing for individuals suffering from mental health illnesses or substance abuse disorders. "Low-income" means households whose income does not exceed 80% of area median income. "Moderate-income" means households whose income lies in the range of 80% to 120% of area median income. The housing may be provided at below market rates.

A portion of the proceeds, not to exceed \$119,000,000, with not more than \$14,000,000 for first-time homebuyers, may be used to provide housing that is affordable for low- and moderate-income households; such portion may be used, by way of example only, for first-time homebuyers or to promote housing that is in proximity to employment.

Even though housing for working families and vulnerable populations is currently being built, the number of units available does not satisfy the projected demand within our community. The Board of Supervisors intends to distribute the new affordable housing units within the County and to leverage the resources acquired through this bond to attract both private and public matching funds, including from state and federal sources. Different forms of assistance for working families and vulnerable populations may be provided based on programs and spending as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors views housing as a critical need of working families and vulnerable populations, without which individuals in these populations are unlikely to achieve any level of stability. Creating and improving housing for the County's working families and vulnerable populations is consistent with the County's vision to promote a healthy, safe and more affordable community, the County's mission to deliver quality, data-driven services that strengthen our community and enhance opportunity, and the County's goals in the area of Attainable Housing. The County is seeking to achieve this in a cost-effective way.

Approval of this general obligation bond proposition shall constitute the approval of the provision of up to 1,041 units of affordable housing as required by Article XXXIV of the California Constitution.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS**

<u>Statement of Purpose:</u> The specific purposes of the bond are to fund the acquisition or improvement of real property in order to provide affordable local housing for working families and vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, lowand moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, homeless individuals and families; and supportive housing for



individuals suffering from mental health illnesses or substance use disorders. The proceeds of any bonds issued pursuant to this bond measure will be applied only to these specific purposes.

<u>Special Bond Proceeds Account:</u> The proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to this measure shall be deposited in a special account created by the County.

<u>Annual Report:</u> The County will ensure that an annual report pursuant to Government Code section 53411 describing the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded, shall be filed with its governing body;

<u>Independent Oversight Committee:</u> An Oversight Committee including citizen representatives will be established and will review the annual report each year to ensure fiscal accountability.

<u>Independent and External Audit:</u> An independent, external auditor will review the County's spending of bond proceeds to ensure accountability.



# Be a poll worker!

# We need poll workers to serve in the polls for the November 6 election.



Fill out the form, scan and Email to: pollworker@votescount.com

Or Mail it to:

**Santa Cruz County Elections Department** 701 Ocean Street, Room 310 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Or call us at 831-454-2060

## Serve your community and make some extra money!

You can earn:

- \$110 as a Clerk
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- Plus \$20 to \$60 for training

To qualify as a Poll Worker, you must be either:

- a registered California voter,
- a county worker,
- a lawful permanent resident of the United States, or
- a student in good standing attending a public or private secondary education institution, who is at least 16 years old at the time of the election. A separate application is required and can be found online at www.votescount.com.

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Position requested (see www.votescount.com) ☐ Inspector ☐ Clerk ☐ EVS	☐ I am willing to travel to serve outside my
☐ I am fluent in English.	neighborhood.
☐ I am also fluent in:	I have a space that could be used as a polling place
Voter Information	
Name:	
Address where I live:	
Phone: Email:	
Signature:	Date:



# What's new in elections

#### Conditional "Same Day" Voter Registration

Voters who miss the deadline to register to vote, which is October 22, may still register and vote up to and including Election Day.

Persons interested in registering and voting after October 22, must go to a designated location. For the November 6, 2018 election, we will offer conditional "Same Day" registration at the following locations:

- Santa Cruz County Elections Department 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz
- Watsonville City Clerk's Office 275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville
- UCSC Bay Tree Conference Center Quarry Plaza (Saturday, Nov. 3 Tuesday, Nov. 6)

#### Automated voter registration at DMV

Beginning in April, persons who go to the DMV to renew or apply for a driver's license or state ID will be registered to vote if they are eligible meeting US citizenship requirements and age. Eligible applicants will have to opt out of registration if they do not want to be a registered voter.

Eligible citizens age 16 and 17 can pre-register to vote. When they turn 18, they will be automatically activated as a voter.

#### Improvements to vote-by-mail

- 1. The postage is paid on the vote-by-mail return envelope for Santa Cruz County voters, so no need to find a stamp!
- 2. As long as your mail ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day, and received by the county elections official by the Friday after the election, it will be considered received on time. Be aware that mail can take more than 3 days for delivery, so mail early!
- 3. A quicker option is to drop your ballot off at one of our ten 24/7 drop boxes located throughout the county. See instructions mailed with your ballot for locations or refer to the vote-by-mail page in this quide.
- 4. A new law allows voters to return their ballot on Election Day to any polling place in California. However, we encourage our Santa Cruz County voters to return it to a polling place in Santa Cruz County to avoid any delay in counting your vote.
- 5. You must sign your vote-by-mail envelope in YOUR own handwriting. Your signature on the envelope must compare to the signature we have on file. If you forget to sign it, you have 8 days after the Election to provide us with your signature.
- Call Santa Cruz County Elections at 831-454-2060
- @ Email info@votescount.com



# **Election Security**

# Is your vote secure? YES!

Election security is a major concern at all levels of government. The end goal of election security is to deliver a process that is safe and secure, but is also fair, accurate and accessible. In California, at both the state and county level, there are a multitude of layered security protocols in place.

**Paper Ballots** – Santa Cruz County, along with all counties in the State of California, voters vote on a paper ballot or there is a voter-verified paper ballot record that is reviewed by the voter before casting their vote.

**No internet connections** – Voting systems are NOT connected to the internet.

**Testing** – Each unit of our voting equipment is tested prior to each election. All ballot scanners and all direct recording devices are tested for accuracy. We have an independent Logic and Accuracy Board that reviews our work and certifies the testing.

**Chain of custody** – Once the voting units pass testing, they are sealed with tamper-evidence seals and locks at all potential entry points. The units are checked out the Inspector for each polling place who will secure the voting equipment and ballots overnight. In the morning, two polling place clerks, other than the Inspector, will check in the equipment to ensure that all security seals are intact. If any seal is broken, the voting unit is retired, and a new unit will be brought to the polling place. At the end of the night, the equipment must be returned to a receiving center where all ballots, memory packs and results cartridges are securely checked in and verified.

**Audits** – After each election, we will conduct an audit of the polls to verify all paper ballots are accounted for as either a voted ballot or an unused ballot. We also audit the voting equipment to ensure all security seals are still intact. We do a 1% manual recount of all ballots (paper and voterverified ballot records) making sure every contest is recounted. So, in some cases, if there are just 4 precincts, we will recount one precinct, so 25% of the vote will be recounted. If there are any discrepancies, the recount is escalated. If there is a close contest, we will recount every ballot cast before the Statement of the Vote is certified.

**Signatures checked** – Each vote by mail ballot is sorted to the precinct level for easy auditing and retrieval for a voter-requested recount. Each signature on every ballot is checked against the signature on record for the voter. If the signature does not compare, the voter is contacted so they can update their signature and we can count their vote. If the envelope is not signed, voters have eight days following the election to provide us with their signature on a form by email, FAX, delivery to our office or mail. Once we have the signature and it compares to the signature on record, we can count the ballot.

**Transparent** – All our processes are open to public observation. So, if you want to come watch what we do, please come by our office at 701 Ocean Street, Room 310 or our Operations Center at 2809 Mission Street. Call us at 831-454-2060 or email us at **info@votescount.com** for more information.



# Kids - Take your parents to the Polls!

Students in grades K – 12 will have the opportunity to vote on many of the same issues and candidates as the adults. Ballots will be available at all the polling places in Santa Cruz County on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.





Kids will vote on real ballot issues with specially designed ballots for students.
Ballots will be counted and results posted by Friday after the election on the Santa Cruz County Clerk's website at www.votescount.com

A special thanks goes out to the 7th and 8th grade students and their teacher, Justin Trinh-Halperin, of Tierra Pacifica Charter School in the Live Oak community. They have put together the Kids Vote packets for each polling place and will count the votes after election night.



# **SAMPLE BALLOT**

# STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

# **Voting Instructions:**

- Use only a blue or black ballpoint pen to mark your choices.
- You must connect the head and tail of the arrow for your vote to count. You only need to draw one line.



- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name on the blank line provided and connect the head and tail of the arrow.
- If you make a mistake, ask a poll worker for another ballot. If you are voting by mail, follow the instructions you received with your ballot.

#### **VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES**

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or

nonpartisan of fice.

The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated of fice is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only.

It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or encorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

<b>Voter-Nominated Offices</b>	Member of the State	State
State	Assembly	AUTUODITEO DONDO TO FUND
Clate	29th District Vote for One	AUTHORIZES BONDS TO FUND EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM
Governor Vote for One	VICKI L. NOHRDEN	2 EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL
JOHN H. COX Party Preference: Republican	Party Preference: Republican	ILLNESS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.  Amends Mental Health Services Act to fund No
Businessman/Taxpayer Advocate	Non-Profit Director/Businesswoman  MARK STONE	Place Like Home Program, which finances
GAVIN NEWSOM	Party Preference: Democratic	housing for individuals with mental illness. Ratifies existing law establishing the No Place
Party Preference: Democratic Lieutenant Governor/Businessman	Assemblymember	Like Home Program. Fiscal Impact: Allows the
	Judicial	state to use up to \$140 million per year of county mental health funds to repay up to \$2
Lieutenant Governor Vote for One	Vote Yes or No for Each Office	billion in bonds. These bonds would
ED HERNANDEZ Party Preference: Democratic	For Associate Justice of the Supreme	fund housing for those with mental YES Illness who are homeless.
State Senator/Businessman	Court	NO 4
ELENI KOUNALAKIS Party Preference: Democratic	Shall Associate Justice CAROL A. CORRIGAN YES	<b>—</b>
Businesswoman/Economic Advisor	be elected to the office for the term	AUTHORIZES BONDS TO FUND PROJECTS FOR WATER SUPPLY
Secretary of State Vote for One	provided by law?  For Associate Justice of the Supreme	AND QUALITY, WATERSHED,
ALEX PADILLA	Court Court	FISH, WILDLIFE, WATER CONVEYANCE, AND GROUNDWATER
Party Preference: Democratic	Shall Associate Justice	SUSTAINABILITY AND STORAGE.
Secretary of State  MARK P. MEUSER	he elected to the office for the term	INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for
Party Preference: Republican	provided by law?	various infrastructure projects. Fiscal Impact:
Election Law Attorney	For Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal,	Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging \$430 million per year over 40 years. Local
Controller Vote for One	6th District Shall Presiding Justice	government savings for water-related
KONSTANTINOS RODITIS	MARY J. GREENWOOD YES	projects, likely averaging a couple hundred million dollars annually over
Party Preference: Republican Businessman/CFO	be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	the next few decades.
BETTY T. YEE	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal,	
Party Preference: Democratic California State Controller	6th District	AUTHORIZES BONDS FUNDING
Camorna State Controller	Shall Associate Justice ALLISON MARSTON DANNER YES	4 CONSTRUCTION AT HOSPITALS PROVIDING CHILDREN'S HEALTH
Treasurer Vote for One	he elected to the office for the term	CARE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.
GREG CONLON Party Preference: Republican	provided by law?	Authorizes \$1.5 billion in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund grants for
Businessman/CPA	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, 6th District	construction, expansion, renovation, and
FIONA MA Party Preference: Democratic	Shall Associate Justice	equipping of qualifying children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs
CPA/Taxpayer Representative	NATHAN D. MIHARA YES	to repay bonds averaging about \$80 YES million annually over the next 35
Allowers Committee Water for Com	be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	years. NO
Attorney General Vote for One STEVEN C BAILEY	Nonpartisan	`
Party Preference: Republican	•	CHANGES REQUIREMENTS FOR
Retired California Judge  XAVIER BECERRA	School	5 CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS TO TRANSFER THEIR PROPERTY
Party Preference: Democratic	Superintendent	TAX BASE TO REPLACEMENT PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL
Appointed Attorney General of the State of California	of Public Instruction Vote for One	AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Removes
Insurance Commissioner Vote for One	MARSHALL TUCK	certain transfer requirements for homeowners over 55, severely disabled homeowners, and
RICARDO LARA Party Preference: Democratic	Schools Improvement Director	contaminated or disaster-destroyed property.
California Senator	TONY K. THURMOND	Fiscal Impact: Schools and local governments each would lose over \$100 million in annual
STEVE POIZNER	Educator/State Legislator	property taxes early on, growing to
Party Preference: None Businessman/Non-Profit Director	• • •	about \$1 billion per year. Similar increase in state costs to backfill
		school property tax losses.
Member, State Board of Equalization 2nd District Vote for One	Cabrillo Community	
	College District	ELIMINATES CERTAIN ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION
MALIA COHEN		6 REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. REQUIRES CERTAIN
Party Preference: Democratic	Governing Board Member Vote for no	
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#### **Measures Submitted to Voters**

#### **State**

REGULATES AMOUNTS
OUTPATIENT KIDNEY DIALYSIS
CLINICS CHARGE FOR DIALYSIS
TREATMENT. INITIATIVE

STATUTE. Requires rebates and penalties if charges exceed limit. Requires annual reporting to the state. Prohibits clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source. Fiscal Impact: Overall annual effect on state and local governments ranging from net positive impact in the low tens of millions of dollars to net negative impact in the tens of millions of dollars.

YES

NO

Proposition 9 was removed from the ballot by order of the California Supreme Court.

EXPANDS LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO
ENACT RENT CONTROL ON
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
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INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals state law that currently restricts the scope of rent-control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose on residential property. Fiscal Impact: Potential net reduction in state and local revenues of tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or considerably

REQUIRES PRIVATE-SECTOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN ON-CALL DURING WORK BREAKS.

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being on-call would not apply to private-sector
ambulance employees. Fiscal Impact: Likely
fiscal benefit to local governments (in
the form of lower costs and higher
revenues), potentially in the tens of
millions of dollars each year.

YES

12 ESTABLISHES NEW STANDARDS FOR CONFINEMENT OF SPECIFIED FARM ANIMALS; BANS SALE OF NONCOMPLYING PRODUCTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Establishes minimum requirements for confining certain farm animals. Prohibits sales of meat and egg products from animals confined in noncomplying manner. Fiscal Impact: Potential decrease in state income tax revenues from farm businesses, likely not more than several million dollars annually. State costs up to \$10 million annually to enforce the measure.

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Unincorporated Area Retail Transaction and Use Tax. To continue funding 9-1-1 emergency G response, paramedic, sheriff, fire, emergency preparedness, local street repairs, mental health services, homelessness programs, parks, economic development and other general county services, shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase by ordinance the sales tax on retail transactions in the unincorporated area of the County by onehalf cent for twelve years, providing approximately \$5,750,000 annually, subject to annual audits and independent citizens oversight? NO

To provide affordable local housing for working families and vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, homeless individuals and families; and supportive housing for individuals suffering from mental health illnesses or substance use disorders; shall the County of Santa Cruz issue up to \$140,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with an estimated levy of \$16.77 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, generating approximately \$8,600,000 annually through maturity, subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits? **BONDS YES** 

BONDS NO

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