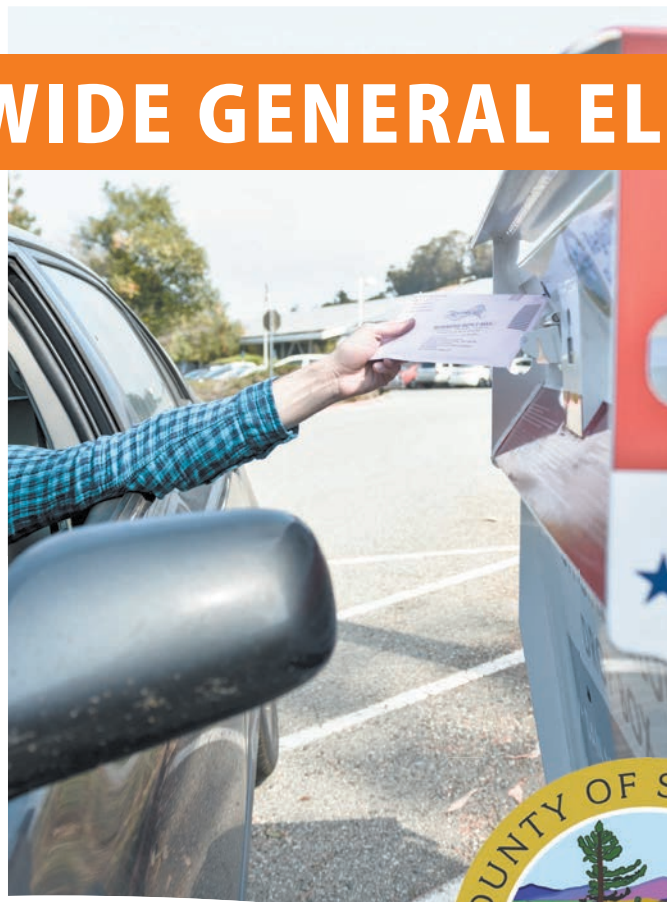
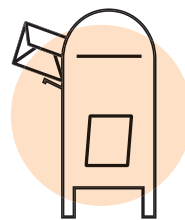


STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

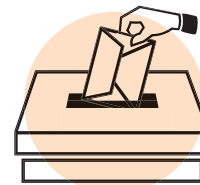


More Days, More Ways to Vote in San Mateo County

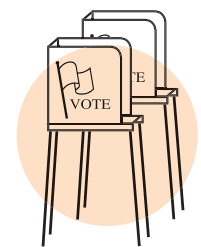
The Statewide General Election is on **November 6, 2018**. If you are registered to vote, make sure to cast your ballot using one of three ways:



Mail



Drop Box



Vote Center

Voting by Mail

As easy as filling out your ballot at home!

BY ANNE STOKES



The new California Voter's Choice Act gives San Mateo County residents more days and ways to vote. For the 68 percent of San Mateo County voters who already vote by mail, the process will seem the same as past elections. The difference is this year, *all* voters registered by Oct. 22 will be mailed their ballot — regardless of whether or not you designate yourself as a Vote by Mail voter.

If you hate waiting in line to vote in person, voting by mail is easy and convenient — and it may be the choice for you.

"It gives you time to go over your ballot, you don't have to fill it in all at once," said Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer and Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder for San Mateo County. "If you're a person who wants to listen to debates and make your decision on what you've just heard on that section of your ballot, you can do that — you can do it day or night, whenever you want."

If the only reason you haven't voted by mail in the past was to get an "I Voted" sticker, don't worry! Everyone will get one mailed to them along with their ballot.

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"It gives you time to go over your ballot."

Mark Church
Chief Elections Officer and
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder,
San Mateo County

DON'T FORGET!

- ✓ Use **any** USPS mail box to mail your ballot.
- ✓ Postage is **already paid**. Don't worry about using stamps or having to pay extra for your bulky ballot.
- ✓ Your ballot *must* be postmarked on or before Election Day, **Tuesday, November 6**.
- ✓ Remove the **stub** from the top of your ballot. This is your receipt.
- ✓ Don't forget to **seal and sign** your envelope.
- ✓ Approximately one week after you mail your ballot, you can check online to make sure it's been received and accepted at www.smcvote.org.

Voting by Drop Box

Don't wait in line, take your time!

BY ANNE STOKES

One of the ways San Mateo County residents can vote is by using a Drop Box. Starting October 9, you can drop off your voted ballot at one of the many secure and conveniently located Drop Boxes throughout the county. Hours vary per location, but six Drop Boxes are open 24 hours a day until Election Day.

Voting via Drop Box is as easy as finding a location close to your home or work and dropping off your ballot — without any extra time required out of your busy schedule.

"Drop Boxes are a safe and secure way to return your voted ballot," said Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer and Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder for San Mateo County.

Drop Boxes at Vote Centers are open on the weekends — which is especially convenient — and are also great for commuters. So if you work in one town and live in another, you can drop off your ballot in either city.

The goal of the California Voter's Choice Act is to make it easier for residents to vote the way they want to. Drop Boxes are located in every Vote Center throughout the county and inside all San Mateo County town and city halls — making it easier for voters than ever!

"Drop Boxes are safe and secure."



DRIVE UP, DROP OFF AND DONE!

- ✓ There are **24-hour** drive-up locations in Belmont, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Pescadero and San Mateo.
- ✓ Drop Box locations will be **open until 8 p.m.** on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6.
- ✓ Drop Boxes are located **inside** every Vote Center, town and city hall building (subject to business hours).
- ✓ Don't forget to **seal and sign** your ballot envelope.
- ✓ Keep the **stub** from the top of your ballot as a receipt.
- ✓ Drop Box locations and hours are listed online at www.smcvote.org. Find the nearest one to you!

Voting at a Vote Center

Vote without being limited to a day or place!

● BY RODNEY OROSCO

If you prefer to vote in person, you are no longer limited to one voting place! Thanks to the California Voter's Choice Act, San Mateo County voters can vote in person at *any* Vote Center. Vote Centers begin opening Oct. 9. By Nov. 3, voters can use any of the 39 Vote Centers open throughout the county.

Each Vote Center is open for at least eight hours a day and allows voters to cast their ballot in person on the weekend. Vote Centers stay open even longer as Election Day approaches (check Vote Center hours at www.smcvote.org).

Vote Centers make it easier and more convenient to vote, especially if voters need assistance. For example, voters who may have missed the initial registration deadline can *still* cast their vote in the election.

"Say you moved and forgot to register at your new address, you can now do same day registration and voting," said Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer and Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder for San Mateo County.

If you register to vote the same day you cast your ballot, the county uses real-time digital registration to make sure your identity is securely and privately verified — making sure you don't miss an election!

Visit a Vote Center to vote in person or receive assistance, and make sure to pick up an "I Voted" sticker on your way out!

"You can now
do same day
registration."



NEED ASSISTANCE? NO PROBLEM!

- ✓ Vote Centers offer **curbside** voting assistance for those with disabilities.
- ✓ Register to vote at a Vote Center and cast your ballot the **same day**.
- ✓ Get a **replacement** ballot at your nearest Vote Center.
- ✓ Receive hearing, visual and physical **assistance** at Vote Centers.
- ✓ **Language assistance** is also available at Vote Centers in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.
- ✓ Vote Centers will begin opening on Oct. 9 with all **39 locations** open by Nov. 3.
- ✓ To find a Vote Center nearest you, visit: www.smcvote.org.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 6, 2018



Mailed ballots

must be postmarked on or
before this day



Drop Boxes

close at 8 p.m.



Vote Centers

will be open
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To track your ballot,
visit www.smcvote.org

**Make sure your
ballot is cast by
Election Day.**

Your vote, your choice



**Voting has changed for the better in San Mateo County.
Registered voters now have more days and more ways to vote!**

No matter whether you want to mail your ballot, drop it off or fill it out in person, there's an option to fit every busy schedule. If you have any questions throughout the process, need a new ballot or need to register, contact the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division for help.

HOW DO YOU WANT TO VOTE?

Mail

Available now

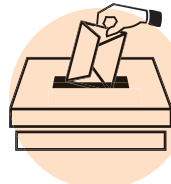
- ☒ Fill out your ballot anywhere, anytime
- ☒ Return postage already paid
- ☒ Put ballot in purple return envelope
- ☒ Sign the purple return envelope
- ☒ Place into any USPS collection box



Drop Box

Available now

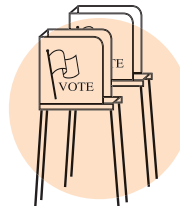
- ☒ Fill out your ballot anywhere, anytime
- ☒ Put ballot in purple return envelope
- ☒ Sign the purple return envelope
- ☒ Deposit purple envelope at one of 30 Drop Box locations
- ☒ Drop Boxes also located inside every Vote Center
- ☒ Six 24-hour locations



Vote Center

Available now

- ☒ Vote on paper or at an accessible electronic voting machine
- ☒ Get a replacement ballot
- ☒ Register to vote
- ☒ Receive language or accessibility assistance
- ☒ 39 locations open by Nov. 3
- ☒ Hours available at www.smcvote.org



NEED HELP?



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