COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND SAMPLE BALLOT

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General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM ON ELECTION DAY

Please see the back cover of this guide for your assigned polling place.

EVERY REGISTERED VOTER WILL RECEIVE
A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Scan here for more information about the election!

4440-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110
1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)
SBCVote.com

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ELECTIONS DIVISION

Phone Number: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)
Website: SBCVote.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 61510, Santa Barbara CA 93160-1510

SANTA BARBARA OFFICE
4440-A Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Office Hours
Monday - Friday, except holidays
8 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 5 pm

Office Hours Beginning October 5, 2026
Monday - Friday, except holidays
8 am - 5 pm

Extended Hours
Saturday, October 31, 2026
8 am - 2 pm

SANTA MARIA OFFICE
511 E Lakeside Pkwy, Ste 134
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Office Hours Beginning October 5, 2026
Monday - Friday, except holidays
8 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 5 pm

Extended Hours
Saturday, October 31, 2026
8 am - 2 pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 5 - October 27, 2026 - Vote By Mail ballots mailed to ALL eligible voters.

October 5 - November 3, 2026 - Voting at County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

October 19, 2026 - Close of Registration. Register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov.

October 20 - November 3, 2026 - Conditional/Same Day Voter Registration Period.

October 27, 2026 - Deadline to request a replacement Vote By Mail ballot.

November 3, 2026 - Election Day

Polling Place Locations and County of Santa Barbara Elections Division Offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria will be open 7 am – 8 pm.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

All voters will receive a Vote By Mail ballot for this Election. Please review the information provided with your ballot and return envelope for instructions on how to properly mark and return your ballot.

Official ballots will begin mailing by October 5, 2026. If you do not receive your Vote By Mail ballot by Tuesday, October 13, 2026, contact our office or check your ballot status at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

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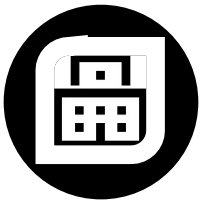
VOTE!
DON’T DELAY!

Plan ahead and return your ballot early. Don't wait until Election Day to return your ballot.
The County of Santa Barbara Elections Division strongly encourages voters to use an official secure ballot drop box.

Drop boxes are a safe and reliable way to return your ballot.

Use an official secure ballot drop box whenever possible. For hours and locations, visit our website at countyofsb.org/3265/ or scan the QR Code to the right.



You may also return your ballot in person at any polling place or County Elections Office in California by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you return your ballot by mail, drop it off as early as possible to allow enough time for postal delivery and ensure it is postmarked on or before Election Day, November 3, 2026.

If you choose to wait and mail your ballot the day before or on Election Day, it is recommended that you get a manual postmark by visiting the counter at your local U.S. Post Office.

DON’T FORGET TO

SIGN AND DATE

your Vote By Mail ballot return envelope **before** returning your ballot.

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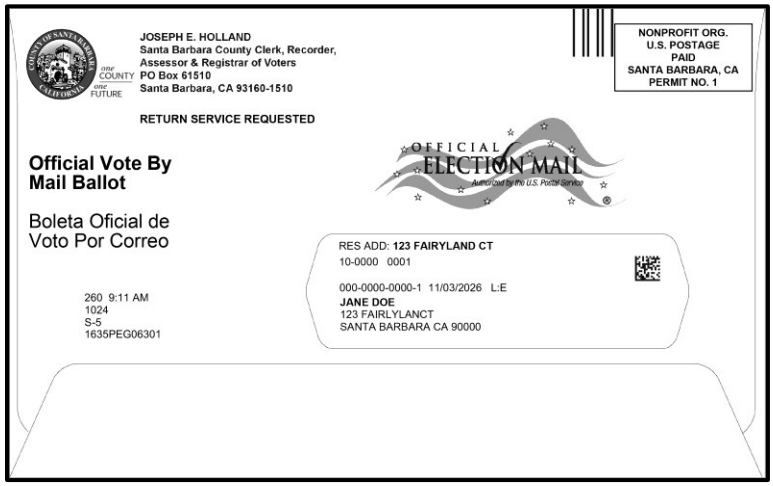
YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. OUR COMMUNITY.

How to Vote By Mail

The County of Santa Barbara Elections Division will send all registered voters a Vote By Mail ballot in an envelope similar to the one pictured to the right by **October 5, 2026**.



VOTING BY MAIL IS EASY
DON'T DELAY, VOTE TODAY!

☑ MARK IT.

Follow the instructions on the ballot to mark your choices.

☑ SEAL IT.

Insert your voted ballot in the return envelope provided and seal it.

☑ SIGN IT.

Make sure to sign and date your return envelope. Your ballot will not be counted unless you sign in your own handwriting and your signature compares with the signature(s) on your voter registration record, which may include your California driver's license or state identification card. **(Power of Attorney is not acceptable)**.

☑ RETURN IT.

By mail: No stamp required. **Mail your ballot early so that it is postmarked by Election Day. Ballots dropped off in a USPS mail box close to or on Election Day may not receive a timely postmark.**

In person: Return your ballot to any county elections office, official ballot drop box, or polling place within the state by 8 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on **November 3, 2026**.

This guide contains a list of official ballot drop box locations in the County of Santa Barbara. County Elections Division office locations and business hours may be found on the inside cover of this guide.

☑ TRACK IT.

Sign up at **wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov** to receive status alerts by text (SMS), email, or voice call notifications to confirm the County Elections Division has received your ballot.

OFFICIAL SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS BY AREA

This list is subject to change. Be sure to check the list on our website before returning your ballot at a drop box. For more information about ballot drop boxes, visit our website at countyofsb.org/1944/ or scan the QR code.

OFFICIAL SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) FROM OCTOBER 5, 2026, UNTIL 8:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

Drive-Up (D) | Walk-Up (W)

AREA	BALLOT DROP BOX	ADDRESS	ACCESS
Buellton	**Buellton City Hall**	107 W. Highway 246	D, W
Carpinteria	**Carpinteria City Hall**	5775 Carpinteria Ave.	D, W
Goleta	**Goleta City Hall**	130 Cremona Dr.	W
	Goleta Valley Community Center	5679 Hollister Ave.	D, W
Guadalupe	**Guadalupe City Hall**	918 Obispo St.	W
Isla Vista/UCSB	**UCSB Student Resource Building** *Building # 221*	UCSB Campus	W
Lompoc	**Lompoc City Hall** *Near utility payment drop box*	100 Civic Center Plaza	D, W
	Vandenberg Village Library	3755 Constellation Rd.	D
Orcutt	**Oak Knolls Shopping Center** *Parking lot in front of State Farm Office*	1103 E. Clark Ave.	W
Santa Barbara	**County Administration Building** *Entrance from Anacapa St.*	105 E. Anapamu St.	W
	Elections Division Main Office	4440-A Calle Real	D, W
	MacKenzie Park *Corner of State St. and Las Positas Rd.* *Hours: sunrise to ½ hour after sunset*	3111 State St.	D, W
	Santa Barbara City College *Roundabout at West Campus drop-off zone*	721 Cliff Dr.	D
	Santa Barbara City Hall	735 Anacapa St.	W
Santa Maria	**Allan Hancock College** *Enter through Bradley Rd., Parking lot 3*	800 S. College Dr.	W
	Santa Maria Elections Office	511 E. Lakeside Pkwy.	D, W
	Santa Maria Public Library *City Library Parking Garage*	421 S. McClelland St.	D, W
Solvang	**Solvang Veteran's Memorial Building**	1745 Mission Dr.	D

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Accessible Voting

Language Assistance. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff is available at County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices and polling places. Assistance for additional languages is available using an interpreter service.

Election Materials in Other Formats. Audio CDs and large print versions of the information printed in this guide and the State Voter Information Guide are available upon request. To request an audio or large print copy of this guide, please contact the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division by phone at **1-800-SBC-VOTE** (**1-800-722-8683**) or by email at **electionssupport@countyofsb.org**.

Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM) System. The RAVBM system allows a voter to independently download, mark, and print their ballot on their own computer using their personal assistive technology. A voter may use the return envelope that came with their Vote By Mail ballot packet or their own envelope to return their voted ballot and signed declaration.

RAVBM ballots can be returned in the same way as all other Vote By Mail ballots and have the same return deadline.

To request an RAVBM ballot, you may visit **SBCVote.com/RAVBM**, email **votebymail2@countyofsb.org**, or call **1-800-722-8683**. For more information, please see the "Remote Accessible Vote By Mail" page in this guide or visit the "Remote Accessible Vote By Mail" webpage at **SBCVote.com**.

Curbside Voting. Curbside voting is available at all County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices and polling places for voters unable to come into their designated voting location. To use curbside voting, voters can:

- Call **1-800-722-8683** in advance to request curbside voting at one of the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices or their polling place; or
- Follow the curbside voting signs to the designated parking space and call **1-800-722-8683** once arriving at an elections office or polling place.

Accessible Voting System. All County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices and polling places have at least one ballot marking device (BMD) with all ballot types available in English and Spanish. The ballot marking device (BMD) provides:

- an audio option that reads the ballot in English and Spanish through provided headphones;
- a universal plug for personal assistive technology;
- large print viewing options; and
- black/white contrast viewing options.

Other Aides Available Upon Request. Easy grip pens and magnifiers are available upon request at all County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices and polling places.

Personal Assistance Marking Your Ballot. Voters have the right to get help casting their ballot from anyone they choose, except from their employer or union representative. Voters may bring up to two (2) people to their polling place to assist them while voting.

Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM)

The RAVBM system gives voters the ability to read and mark their ballot privately and independently on their personal devices. Any active voter can request and receive access to the RAVBM system.

The RAVBM system allows you to:

- ✓ Mark your selections and review them prior to downloading and printing your voted ballot.
- ✓ Use your own assistive technology devices to read and mark your ballot.
- ✓ Select English or Spanish language, change the screen contrast and font size for your ballot.

RAVBM is not "internet voting." **You cannot submit your selections online. You must print and return your marked ballot by mail or in person.**

How to vote with RAVBM:

1. **Request an RAVBM ballot access link. Submit your request:**
   - **Online:** Complete an electronic request online at **SBCVote.com/RAVBM** or when you review your voter information on My Voter Status webpage at **voterstatus.sos.ca.gov,** or
   - **Via Email:** Email your request to **votebymail2@countyofsb.org**, or
   - **By Phone:** Contact the County Elections Division at **1-800-722-8683**.

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SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST FOR RAVBM EARLY: To ensure there is enough time to receive, complete, and return your ballot, we strongly recommend submitting your RAVBM request no later than **7 days before Election Day**.

After your request is processed, you will receive an email from info@uocava.com. Please allow one (1) full day for the email to arrive and check your spam folder before contacting our office.

2. **Mark your ballot**
   You will receive a secure link via email with detailed instructions on how to access the secure RAVBM portal. Follow the instructions to mark your ballot.

3. **Print your ballot and return materials**
   Download and print your ballot, return instructions, envelope, and Declaration of Voter form.

4. **Sign and seal your ballot return envelope**
   Sign the Declaration of Voter form and return envelope, then follow the instructions to return your ballot and Declaration. You may return your RAVBM ballot in your own envelope or the return envelope provided. If you misplace the official return envelope, please email **votebymail2@countyofsb.org** or call **1-800-722-8683** to request a new envelope.

5. **Return your ballot by: November 3, 2026.**

   By mail. Must be **postmarked** by Election Day.

   At any official ballot drop box in California by 8 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

   At any in-person voting location or county elections office in California by 8 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

How to Vote at the Polls

To find your polling place, check the back cover of this guide, visit our *Elections & Events* webpage at **SBCVote.com**, or call the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division at **1-800-SBC-VOTE** (**1-800-722-8683**).

Look for the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of your guide to determine if your polling place is accessible to voters with specific needs. Curbside voting is also available at all County Elections Division offices and polling places.

How do I vote at my assigned Polling Place?

1. You may bring the Vote By Mail ballot you received in the mail to your assigned polling place and:
    - Surrender it to the Check-In Officer to vote a poll ballot; or,
    - Let the Check-In Officer know that you will vote your Vote By Mail ballot in-person; or,
    - You may forfeit the above options and provide your name and address at the Check-In Workstation.
        - The Check-In Officer will confirm that you have not already voted in the election, and you will be issued a poll ballot to vote.
        - If the Check-In Officer is **unable** to confirm that you have not already voted in the election, you will be issued a Provisional Ballot to vote. Your Provisional Ballot will be counted once it is confirmed you have not already voted in the election.
2. Verify your information and sign the Electronic Poll Book Tablet. You will receive a ballot issue ticket.
3. Take your ballot issue ticket to the Ballot Issue Officer.
    - Let them know if you need assistance marking your ballot.
4. Fill out your ballot at one of the voting booths.
5. Deposit your voted ballot into the correct ballot bag.

What to do if…

You changed your name and did not re-register:

- Inform the Check-In Officer. They will direct you to re-register online at **registertovote.ca.gov** or give you a new voter registration card.
- You will need to sign your new and your old name on the Electronic Poll Book Tablet.

You are at the wrong polling place or you are listed at a different address:

- If you are at the wrong polling place, you have the following options:
    - Go to your correct polling place; or
    - Vote using the ballot marking device (BMD) for your precinct's ballot; or
    - Vote a provisional ballot from the available ballots at the polling place. In this case, only the contests you are eligible to vote on will be counted.
- If you have a new address, the Check-In Officer will give you a form to update your address. You do not need to complete a new registration card. Continue with the check-in process.

You need assistance marking your ballot:

- You may ask to use the ballot marking device (BMD) to vote independently.
- You are allowed to bring up to 2 people to assist you with marking your ballot **or** you may inform an Election Officer that you need assistance voting your ballot, and they will assist you.
    - Assistance CANNOT be provided by your employer or an officer or agent of a union you are a member of.
    - You and your assistant(s) will be asked to record their names and sign in on the Electronic Poll Book Roster.

Important Registration Information

Eligibility to register to vote
To register to vote in California a person must be:

- ✓ a United States citizen and resident of California,
- ✓ 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- ✓ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- ✓ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

A person may pre-register to vote if that person is at least 16 years of age and meets all the other eligibility requirements. Pre-registrants are automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday.

You should re-register to vote if:
You have moved,
You have changed your name,
You want to change your political party preference, or
Your mailing address has changed.

You may re-register to vote online at **registertovote.ca.gov** or request a paper voter registration application by calling **1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)** or emailing **voterreg@countyofsb.org.**

Deadline to register to vote
The last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2026, General Election is **October 19, 2026**.

Conditional Voter Registration
Voters who miss the deadline to register to vote may visit one of the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division offices between October 20, 2026 and Election Day or go to their polling place on Election Day to register and vote conditionally.

If visiting a polling place on Election Day, use the polling place look-up tool at **SBCVote.com** or call **1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)** to locate your polling place.

If you are a military or overseas voter or a voter with disabilities, contact the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division to learn about conditional voter registration and voting options that are available to you.

Phone: **1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)** Email: **votebymail2@countyofsb.org**

Requirements for First Time Federal Voters
Any person registering and voting for the first time in a federal election who did not provide their California driver's license, California identification number, or last four digits of their Social Security number, will be required to show a form of identification when they go to the polls, or must provide a copy of that identification with their Vote By Mail ballot. Failure of a First Time Federal Voter to provide identification when voting may result in their ballot not being counted. There are 30 forms of identification that can be used for this purpose under the Help America Vote Act of 2002, including a government issued check or a utility bill that includes the person's name and address.

For a full list of the forms of identification that can be used, visit the Secretary of State's website at: **sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards**

Language Assistance

SBCVote.com | ElectionsSupport@countyofsb.org | 1-800-722-8683

In this year's elections, some polling places will have translated sample ballots that voters can use as a reference when voting. The polling places that will have them are determined by the Secretary of State. To find out if your polling place will have a translated sample ballot, or to request to have one sent to you before Election Day, please visit our website or call our office. Requests must be received no later than 7 days before Election Day.

If you need assistance when voting, you may bring up to two people with you to your polling place, as long as they are not representatives of your employer or your union. Bring a family member or friend!

Spanish/Español

En las elecciones de este año, algunos lugares de votación contarán con modelos de boletas traducidas que los votantes pueden usar como referencia al votar. La Secretaría de Estado determino qué lugares de votación contarán con estos modelos de boletas. Para saber si su lugar de votación contará con una boleta modelo traducida, o para solicitar que le envíen una antes del Día de Elecciones, por favor, visite nuestro sitio de internet o llame a nuestra oficina. Las solicitudes se deben recibir antes de los 7 días previos al Día de Elecciones.

Si necesita ayuda al votar, puede llevar hasta dos personas con usted a su lugar de votación, siempre que no sean representantes de su empleador o sindicato. ¡Lleve a un familiar o amigo!

Chinese/ 中文

在今年的選舉中，一些投票站將提供翻譯的選票樣本，投票人可以在投票時用作參考。選民所屬的投票點由國務卿決定。若想了解您的投票站是否有提供翻譯的選票樣本，或請求在選舉日之前將翻譯樣本發送給您，請訪問我們的網站或致電我們的 辦公室。請求必須在選舉日 7 天前收到。

如果您在投票時需要幫助，您可以最多帶兩個人（只要他們不是您雇主或工會的代表）到您的投票站。您可帶上家人或朋 友！

Korean / 한국어

올해 선거에선 일부 투표소에 투표자가 투표할 때 참고용으로 사용하도록 번역된 샘플 투표 용지를 비치할 예정입니다. 번역된 투표 용지를 비치할 투표소는 국무 장관이 결정합니다. 귀하의 투표소의 번역된 투표 용지 비치 여부를 알아보시거나 선거일 전에 번역된 용지를 받아보도록 신청하시려면 웹사이트를 방문하시거나 사무실에 전화 주십시오. 신청은 선거일 최소 7 일 전에 수신되어야 합니다.

투표할때도움이필요하신경우귀하의고용주또는조합의대표인이아닌사람최대두명과투표소에동행하실수있습니다.가족이나친구와함께오세요!

Tagalog / Tagalog

Ngayong eleksyon ngayong taon, ang mga lugar ng botohan ay magkakaroon ng mga balota na pwedeng pagbasehan para sa proseso ng pagboto. Ang mga lugar na pagbobotohan na magkakaroon ng mga balotang ito ay tutukuyin ng Sekretarya ng Estado. Upang malaman kung ang iyong lugar na pagbobotohan ay may naisalin na balota o para humingi ng kopya nito bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon, paki-bisita lamang ang aming website o tawagan ang aming opisina. Lahat ng hiling ay dapat matanggap sa loob ng 7 araw bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon.

Kung kailangan niyo ng tulong sa pagboto, pwede kayong magdala ng hanggang dalawang tao sa lugar ng botohan basta sila ay hindi kinatawan ng iyong lugar na pinagtratrabahuan o ng iyong unyon. Magdala kayo ng miyembro ng pamilya o isang kaibigan!

Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt

Trong cuộc bầu cử năm nay, một số địa điểm bỏ phiếu sẽ cung cấp các mẫu lá phiếu được biên dịch để cử tri có thể tham khảo khi bỏ phiếu. Bộ trưởng Ngoại giao sẽ quyết định những địa điểm bỏ phiếu nào sẽ có mẫu lá phiếu này. Để tìm hiểu xem địa điểm bỏ phiếu của quý vị có mẫu lá phiếu được biên dịch hay không, hoặc để yêu cầu chúng tôi gửi mẫu lá phiếu cho quý vị trước Ngày Bầu cử, vui lòng truy cập trang web của chúng tôi hoặc gọi điện đến văn phòng của chúng tôi. Chúng tôi cần nhận được yêu cầu chậm nhất 7 ngày trước Ngày Bầu cử.

Nếu quý vị cần hỗ trợ khi bỏ phiếu, quý vị có thể đi cùng tối đa hai người đến địa điểm bỏ phiếu, miễn là họ không phải là đại diện của chủ lao động hoặc công đoàn của quý vị. Hãy đi cùng người thân trong gia đình hoặc bạn bè!

Additional Resources

A Ride to your Polling Place.
Transportation to and from polling place locations may be available on Election Day to senior citizens and to persons with mobility impairments. Most transportation services require that you schedule services up to two weeks in advance. For information on scheduling services and fees, please contact the agency directly.

Carpinteria Area (Help of Carpinteria): Call 805-684-0065

Santa Barbara/Goleta/Carpinteria Area (Easy Lift Transportation): Call 805-681-1181

Santa Ynez/Los Olivos/Solvang/Buellton Area (Santa Ynez Valley Transit): Call 805-688-5452

Santa Maria Area (SMOOTH – Santa Maria Organization of Transport Helpers): Call 805-922-8476
(SMRT – Santa Maria Regional Transit): Call 805-928-5624.

Voting on Election Day if hospitalized or in a care facility due to a medical emergency.
Most hospitals and care facilities in Santa Barbara County have staff available to help voters in their care with retrieving and returning a ballot on Election Day.

Contact the County Elections Division for additional information on accessible voting at **votebymail2@countyofsb.org** or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

Other resources:

Disability Rights California
Website: www.disabilityrightsca.org
Voting Hotline: 1-888-569-7955
Phone: 1-800-776-5746

Access Central Coast Center for Disability Services
Website: www.accesscentralcoast.org
Santa Barbara Phone: 805-963-0595
Santa Maria Phone: 805-925-0015
Santa Barbara Video Phone: 805-284-9051
Santa Maria Video Phone: 805-354-5948

Tri-County Glad
Website: www.tcglad.org
Phone: 805-644-6322
Video Phone: 805-256-1053
Text Telephone (TTY): 805-644-6323
Email: info@tcglad.org

Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
   - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
   - ★ at least 18 years old
   - ★ registered where you currently live
   - ★ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
   - ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

   Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,

   Exchange your Vote By Mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or

   Vote using a provisional ballot.
6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed Vote By Mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

On the web at www.sos.ca.gov

By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or you are aware of any fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division at (800) 722-VOTE (8683).

Information about Candidates

Candidate contact information and campaign financial disclosure statements are available online:

Local Candidates: **SBCVote.com**
Statewide Candidates: sos.ca.gov
Federal Candidates: fec.gov

State Legislative Candidates – Voluntary Spending Limits

California law includes voluntary spending limits for candidates running for state offices who choose to keep their campaign expenses under specified dollar amounts. Candidates for state legislative offices who agree to the voluntary spending limit may purchase space for a candidate statement to be printed in this voter guide. Some candidates, however, chose not to buy space for a statement.

The following state legislative candidates have agreed to abide by the voluntary spending limits.

Office	Candidate's Name	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications Included
State Assembly, District 37	Sari Domingues	No
State Assembly, District 37	Gregg Hart	No

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates have the option to prepare and pay for a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications (candidate statement) to be printed in this voter guide.

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted, including errors.

Candidate statements are arranged by candidate's last name in a random alphabet order. The random alphabet used depends on the contest, following either the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by the Secretary of State's office or the County Elections Division.

The following pages may or may not represent a complete list of candidates. For a complete list of candidates on your ballot, please see the Sample Ballot pages of this guide.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
United States Representative
District 24

SALUD CARBAJAL **Age: 61**
Occupation: Member of Congress

Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal, and in Congress I'm fighting to lower the cost of living, keep our families safe, and deliver results for the Central Coast.

My father was a farmworker in Ventura County. I worked two jobs while I attended UCSB, becoming the first in my family to graduate from a university, and proudly served in the Marine Corps Reserves. I know what it's like to work hard and still worry about making ends meet — that's what drives me in Congress.

That's why I worked to pass the largest infrastructure investment in a generation, bringing over $1 billion to our region — fixing highways and bridges, expanding high-speed internet, and supporting over 13,000 good-paying jobs. I voted to cap insulin at $35 a month for Medicare recipients, lower prescription drug costs for seniors, and cut health insurance premiums — because no one should have to choose between medicine and groceries.

Community safety is personal to me. I authored a provision in the first federal gun safety law in 30 years, giving law enforcement new tools to prevent violence before it happens. I've fought to strengthen services for veterans, protect our coastline from offshore drilling, expand access to housing, end forever wars, and defend immigrant families from ICE's terrorizing raids and family separations.

My office has helped over 3,500 neighbors resolve issues with federal agencies, and I've worked to secure over $8 billion for our region. Every dollar and every case matters — and so does your voice.

Learn more: SaludCarbajal.com

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
United States Representative
District 24

BOB SMITH **Age: 47**
Occupation: Defense Systems Engineer

Education and Qualifications: The Central Coast is one of America's most extraordinary places, yet too many working families are being priced out of the communities they built and love. Housing, energy, and living costs here rank among the nation's highest. We need practical leadership that delivers results, not rhetoric.

I am a Navy veteran who served 26 years, rising from junior enlisted sailor to Commander. As a Naval Officer and Systems Engineer, I led high-stakes national security programs and solved some of our military's toughest technological challenges.

Service and leadership have defined my life. I am running for Congress to continue that service, not to build a political career, but to deliver real solutions for the Central Coast.

My priorities are clear: restore affordability and expand homeownership; strengthen agriculture and protect our agricultural heritage; secure reliable energy and water; build education and workforce pathways that make the Central Coast a national leader in technology and innovation; advance responsible immigration reform; defend our nation; and support our veterans.

The challenges we face are not partisan. They are practical. I will evaluate every issue independently, judge ideas by whether they work, and work with anyone willing to get results.

My commitment is to the people of the Central Coast. I will fight to bring federal resources home, strengthen our local economy, and ensure our children can build their futures here.

Common Sense. Common Ground. Central Coast First.

I respectfully ask for your vote. www.bobsmithforcongress.com

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Fire Protection District

JENELLE WILLIAMS
Occupation: Public Finance Advisor

Education and Qualifications: I chose Montecito because I wanted to raise my family in a community known for its enduring character, exceptional public services, and quality of life.

For more than 20 years, I have advised public agency leaders throughout Santa Barbara County on complex financial and operational matters. My work has helped organizations navigate challenges, become stronger and more effective, plan for the future, and responsibly manage public resources. My background in governmental finance and auditing has instilled a deep commitment to accountability, thoughtful and transparent decision-making, and effective governance.

I am running for the Montecito Fire Protection District Board because I believe those same principles are essential to the District's continued excellence. I hope to bring that same experience, judgment, and commitment to supporting the District and serving the community my family proudly calls home.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Fire Protection District

JASON COPUS
Occupation: Appointed Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: I am honored to serve as your appointed Director on the Montecito Fire Protection District Board and respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving our community.

As a lifelong Santa Barbara resident, public service has been a defining part of my life. Since joining the Board, I have participated in decisions involving the District's long-term financial planning, pension funding, budget development, financial oversight, and policies that help ensure our department remains prepared to protect our community.

I served more than ten years in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and continue to respond to emergencies as a volunteer with Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue. Professionally, I have spent more than two decades leading business operations, overseeing budgets, negotiating contracts, and developing long-term strategic plans.

I will continue to provide thoughtful governance, responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, and long-term planning to help ensure the Montecito Fire Protection District remains financially strong, operationally prepared, and equipped to provide the exceptional emergency services our community depends on. I would be honored to earn your vote.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Fire Protection District

PENELOPE BIANCHI **Age: 79**
Occupation: Interior Designer

Education and Qualifications: I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern California and have lived and worked in Montecito for more than 30 years as an interior designer and small business owner. My professional experience has required careful planning, budgeting, project management, and collaboration with homeowners, contractors, architects, and other professionals.

Having lived through many of Montecito's devastating wildfires and floods, I understand firsthand the importance of emergency preparedness, public safety, and thoughtful long-term planning. These experiences have deepened my appreciation for the critical role the Montecito Fire Protection District plays in protecting our community.

My commitment to Montecito extends beyond my profession. I previously served on the Board of Directors for the Wildlife Care Network and the Montecito Association, where I worked with fellow board members to address issues affecting our community. These leadership experiences strengthened my ability to listen, collaborate, and make thoughtful, balanced decisions.

I am committed to supporting our firefighters, promoting responsible fiscal stewardship, and helping ensure the Montecito Fire Protection District continues to provide the exceptional service our community depends on.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Fire Protection District

JEFFREY GUY GITTLER **Age: 72**
Occupation: Deputy District Attorney, Retired

Education and Qualifications: I am seeking a position on the Montecito Fire Protection District Board of Directors because I have spent much of my professional life in public service and would welcome the opportunity to continue serving our community in an area of vital importance.

I graduated from UCLA in 1976 and Southwestern Law School in 1980. After practicing civil law for approximately three years, I joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney in 1984. In 1989, I joined the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, where I served until my retirement in 2015.

For approximately 10 years in the early 2000s, I also served as a co-instructor at UC Santa Barbara, teaching a mock trial class. Following my retirement, I served for several years on the board of New House, a sober living and recovery organization.

My wife and I have lived in Santa Barbara and Montecito for the past 37 years, including the last 24 years in Montecito. I believe my experience in public service, law, education, and nonprofit governance would enable me to contribute meaningfully to the Montecito Fire Protection District and the community it serves.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Sanitary District
Short Term

ELLWOOD "WOODY" T. BARRETT II
Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: Montecito deserves water security. Our family has called Montecito home for over 25 years. Our children all attended Montecito Union School. We love and care deeply for this community. A reliable source of water is imperative in preserving the natural beauty and pristine environment we all cherish.

I have served on the Montecito Sanitary District (MSD) Board for 8 years, three years as the president. The City of Santa Barbara has been recycling water over 30 years and currently provides recycled water to the Montecito Club Golf Course. For the first time in my tenure, our district has the opportunity to implement recycled water on a regional basis in coordination with other districts as well as eliminate the MSD sanitation facility discharge 1,400 feet off Butterfly Beach.

I received my BS in Geology and my BA in Political Science from Southern Methodist University, graduating in 3.5 years while playing on the football team in the Division I Southwest Conference and being an active in a fraternity. My 47 years of geological experience and in-depth knowledge of pumps, pipelines and storage facilities has prepared me to analyze the basins in our area for recycled water injection, storage and distribution.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Sanitary District
Short Term

JOHN E. MURPHY
Occupation: Investment Banker

Education and Qualifications: Montecito deserves a sanitary district that is financially responsible, operationally sound, transparent, and focused on the long term.

I was appointed to the Montecito Sanitary District Board in May, 2026.

I'm running for a board seat to serve the community, leverage my extensive finance background, and ability to reach decision based on facts and merits.

The district is facing ongoing a number of operational, improvement and aging plant stabilization issues.

My election will allow the community to continue the vital work of the addressing the issues facing the district while leveraging my professional and personal skills. I will employ strong financial oversight, forecasting and problem solving for the district at pivotal time for the board.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Sanitary District
Full Term

FLOYD WICKS
Occupation: Water Resources Engineer

Education and Qualifications: My extensive background in water resources engineering and utility management uniquely qualifies me to serve on the Montecito Sanitary District Board. Having served our community for 10 years on the Montecito Water District Board, I bring firsthand knowledge of local public governance and our region's critical infrastructure needs.

My technical foundation includes a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Water Resources Engineering, focusing on Sanitary Engineering and Hydraulics. This training anchored my 40-year career in the utility industry.

Professionally, I specialized in managing large-scale water and wastewater utility operations. I served 20 years as President and CEO of American States Water Company (NYSE: AWR), where I formed American States Utility Services. It is now the nation's largest provider of water and wastewater services to US military bases, under 50-year contracts. Afterward, I established H2Options, Inc., a California water consultancy.

If elected, I will leverage my technical expertise, executive leadership and board experience to ensure the District operates with the highest standards of environmental safety, fiscal responsibility, and sustainability. For the past 10 years, it has been my honor to represent the communities of Montecito and Summerland, as Director on the Montecito Water District. I respectfully request your continuing vote of confidence.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Sanitary District
Full Term

RICHARD "ROCK" ROCKENBACH **Age: 56**
Occupation: Attorney and Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: Montecito deserves a sanitary district that is financially responsible, operationally sound, transparent, and focused on the long term.

I was appointed to the Montecito Sanitary District Board in July, 2025 and was elected President of the Board in December, 2025. During my time on the Board, I have worked to bring disciplined and strategic planning to the District's major decisions, strengthen Board governance, and ensure that ratepayer dollars are spent carefully and with clear priorities.

I am an attorney, business owner, retired Air Force officer and former Judge Advocate. My professional career has centered on solving difficult problems, managing risk, planning strategically, negotiating practical solutions, and holding organizations accountable for results.

The District faces important decisions regarding its aging treatment plant, collection system, infrastructure rehabilitation, long-term capital needs, and the future of wastewater treatment in Montecito. Those decisions should be based on facts, engineering, sound financial analysis, and the interests of Montecito ratepayers, not politics or predetermined outcomes.

I am seeking election so I can continue the work already underway: stabilizing essential infrastructure, planning responsibly for the future, maintaining strong fiscal oversight, and ensuring that the Montecito Sanitary District remains a well-run, accountable public agency serving the community.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Montecito Sanitary District
Full Term

CHRIS FRANCIS **Age: 55**
Occupation: Financial Consultant

Education and Qualifications: For more than 25 years, I have worked in the finance industry, advising families, corporate executives, business owners, and private investors across the United States on complex financial matters. This experience has equipped me with the skills to evaluate budgets, analyze long-term investments, and make sound financial decisions. I hold a degree in Urban and Regional Planning and Development from the University of Southern California and have prior experience in real estate development, providing me with a strong understanding of infrastructure, growth planning, and responsible public resource management.

My family's connection to Montecito spans three generations, giving me a deep appreciation for our community and the essential services that protect our quality of life. Over the years, our family has shared countless memories of enjoying and swimming at Butterfly Beach. Those experiences have fostered a personal commitment to preserving the health, beauty, and character of this special place for generations to come. It is that connection that inspires my desire to serve on the Montecito Sanitary District Board.

If elected, I will bring integrity, transparency, and careful financial stewardship while working to protect our community, environment, and quality of life.

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Sample Ballot Information

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How to Use the Sample Ballot

Use the sample ballot in this guide to review the contests and measures you will find on your official ballot. You may use the sample ballot as a “practice ballot” before you mark and vote your official ballot.

Party Endorsements for Voter-Nominated Offices

Submitted at the option of the Political Party

Not all parties submit endorsements, and some parties may endorse a candidate from another party. A candidate’s party preference does not necessarily mean that they have that party’s endorsement or support.

The following Political Parties have submitted endorsements and have been listed below in the order of the County of Santa Barbara randomized alphabet drawing.

Office	Republican Party	Democratic Party	American Independent Party
Governor	Steve Hilton	Xavier Becerra	No Endorsement
Lieutenant Governor	Gloria Romero	Fiona Ma	Gloria Romero
Secretary of State	Donald P. "Don" Wagner	Shirley Weber	Donald P. "Don" Wagner
Controller	Herb W. Morgan	Malia Cohen	Malia Cohen
Treasurer	Jennifer Hawks	Eleni Kounalakis	Jennifer Hawks
Attorney General	Michael Gates	Rob Bonta	Michael Gates
Insurance Commissioner	No Endorsement	Ben Allen	Ben Allen
State Board of Equalization, District 2	No Endorsement	Sally Lieber	John Pimentel
U.S. Representative, District 24	Bob Smith	Salud Carbajal	Bob Smith
State Assembly, District 37	Sari Domingues	Gregg Hart	Sari Domingues
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Sonja Shaw	Richard Barrera	Sonja Shaw

Sample Ballot

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SAMPLE BALLOT

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Instructions for Voting

- To vote for a candidate, use a black or blue ballpoint pen to completely fill in the oval ◯ next to the candidate's name or the word "Yes" or "No" like this: ●
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.
- If you make a mistake: contact the elections official for instructions or to obtain another ballot. A mistake in one contest does not affect the rest of the ballot.
- Do not select more candidates than the number to be elected. You may vote in as many or as few contests as you want.

Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices

Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval.

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

STATE

Governor

Vote for One

STEVE HILTON ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Small Business Owner

XAVIER BECERRA ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
Voting Rights Attorney

Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One

GLORIA ROMERO ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Educator/Businesswoman

FIONA MA ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
State Treasurer/CPA

Secretary of State

Vote for One

DONALD P. (DON) WAGNER ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Orange County Supervisor

SHIRLEY N. WEBER ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
California Secretary of State

Controller

Vote for One

MALIA M. COHEN ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
State Controller/Mother

HERB W MORGAN ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Chief Investment Officer

Treasurer

Vote for One

JENNIFER HAWKS ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Retired Business Executive

ELENI KOUNALAKIS ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
Lieutenant Governor of California

Attorney General

Vote for One

ROB BONTA ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
California Attorney General

MICHAEL E. GATES ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Deputy United States Attorney

Insurance Commissioner

Vote for One

JANE KIM ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
Attorney/Consumer Advocate

BEN ALLEN ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
California State Senator

Member, State Board of Equalization, District 2

Vote for One

SALLY J. LIEBER ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
Incumbent

JOHN PIMENTEL ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

United States Representative District 24

Vote for One

BOB SMITH ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Defense Systems Engineer

SALUD CARBAJAL ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
Member of Congress

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

Member of the State Assembly District 37

Vote for One

SARI DOMINGUES ◯
Party Preference: Republican
Retired Business Analyst

GREGG HART ◯
Party Preference: Democratic
State Assemblymember

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

JUDICIAL — Vote YES or NO for each office

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Shall Associate Justice of the Supreme Court **JOSHUA GROBAN** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Shall Associate Justice of the Supreme Court **KELLI M. EVANS** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 1

Shall Associate Justice **MICHELLE C. KIM** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 1

Shall Associate Justice **GREGORY J. WEINGART** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 2

Shall Associate Justice **ANNE RICHARDSON** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 2

Shall Associate Justice **STEVE GOORVITCH** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 3

Shall Presiding Justice **RASHIDA A. ADAMS** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 3

Shall Associate Justice **MARK HANASONO** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 4

Shall Presiding Justice **HELEN ZUKIN** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 4

Shall Associate Justice **NICHOLAS DAUM** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 4

Shall Associate Justice **AUDRA M. MORI** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 4

Shall Associate Justice **ARMEN TAMZARIAN** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES ◯
NO ◯

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Sample Ballot

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

JUDICIAL — Vote YES or NO for each office

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 5
Shall Presiding Justice **BRIAN M. HOFFSTADT** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 6
Shall Presiding Justice **TARI L. CODY** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 6
Shall Associate Justice **KENNETH R. YEGAN** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 7
Shall Presiding Justice **GONZALO C. MARTINEZ** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 7
Shall Associate Justice **NATALIE STONE** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8
Shall Associate Justice **JOHN WILEY** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8
Shall Associate Justice **MATTHEW A. SCHERB** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8
Shall Associate Justice **VICTOR G. VIRAMONTES** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

SCHOOL

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Vote for One

- **SONJA SHAW** ◯
  School District President
- **RICHARD BARRERA** ◯
  State Superintendent Advisor
- Write-In _____ ◯

DISTRICT

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Director

Vote for no more than Two

- **JENELLE WILLIAMS** ◯
  Public Finance Advisor
- **JASON COPUS** ◯
  Appointed Incumbent
- **PENELOPE BIANCHI** ◯
  Interior Designer
- **JEFFREY GUY GITTLER** ◯
  Retired Deputy DA
- **PETER R. TAFFAE** ◯
  Retired Entrepreneur
- Write-In _____ ◯
- Write-In _____ ◯

MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT

Director, Short Term

Vote for One

- **ELLWOOD "WOODY" T BARRETT II** ◯
  Director, Montecito Sanitary District
- **JOHN E. MURPHY** ◯
  Appointed Director, Montecito Sanitary District
- Write-In _____ ◯

Director

Vote for no more than Two

- **FLOYD E. WICKS** ◯
  Water Resources Consultant
- **RICHARD "ROCK" ROCKENBACH** ◯
  Appointed Director, Montecito Sanitary District
- **CHRIS FRANCIS** ◯
  Financial Consultant
- Write-In _____ ◯
- Write-In _____ ◯

CARD "A" This is ballot card 1 of 2

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SAMPLE BALLOT

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

STATE

PROPOSITION 1
AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes $11.25 billion in state general obligation bonds for housing affordability programs, including multifamily rental housing, mortgages for veterans, supportive housing, preservation of existing affordable housing, and downpayment assistance.
Fiscal Impact: Increased state cost of $500 million to $600 million annually for about 25 years to repay the housing bond.
Supporters: US Vets; CA Federation of Teachers; Self-Help for the Elderly; Habitat for Humanity CA; CA Alliance of Child & Family Services
Opponents: None submitted

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 2
INCREASES STATE'S RAINY DAY FUND. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases California's Rainy Day Fund, approved by voters in 2014, to provide funding for education, health care, public safety, and other essential services during economic downturns.
Fiscal Impact: State budget reserves would be higher.
Supporters: CA Professional Firefighters; LA Chamber of Commerce; Gavin Newsom; Xavier Becerra; Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel
Opponents: None submitted

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 3
PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Makes permanent existing voter-approved tax rates for individuals earning over $371,000 (adjusted annually for inflation). Allocates tax revenues to public education.
Fiscal Impact: Maintains $5 billion to $15 billion of annual state income tax revenue by making a temporary tax increase on high-income earners permanent instead of letting it expire in 2031.
Supporters: California Teachers Association; CA School Nurses Organization; California State PTA; Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA
Opponents: California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 4
REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Repeals prohibition on state and local governments offering public funding of candidate election campaigns. Public funding programs may not use funds earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety.
Fiscal Impact: Ongoing costs to the state of a few hundred thousand dollars each year for the Fair Political Practices Commission to answer questions from state and local governments about public campaign finance programs.
Supporters: League of Women Voters of CA; California Nurses Association; Mental Health Advocacy; Social Security Works; Consumer Watchdog
Opponents: California Taxpayers Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; Family Business Assn of California; United Latinos Action

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 5
CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Under current law, voters elect replacement candidates at the same time as the recall election. This measure instead fills recall vacancies by subsequent special election or appointment.
Fiscal Impact: Net fiscal effect unknown. In the event of a recall, savings or costs of millions of dollars to administer the election depending on the office recalled.
Supporters: None submitted
Opponents: None submitted

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 37
CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes $25 billion in bonds to offer eligible buyers fixed-rate mortgages for up to 17% of purchase price of a newly constructed home priced below about $1.5 million. Borrowers must be California residents, occupy the home, meet income limits, and pay at least 3% down. Bonds repaid by mortgage payments, not State.
Fiscal Impact: No direct state or local costs.
Supporters: United Nurses Associations of California; California Conference of Carpenters; California State Treasurer Fiona Ma
Opponents: None submitted

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 38
AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes $8.4 billion in general obligation bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research, half to a single University of California-affiliated nonprofit medical research institute, half to research grants.
Fiscal Impact: Increased state cost of $500 million to $600 million annually for about 20 years to repay the research bond, with some or all of the cost offset if the funded research generates revenue.
Supporters: Michael J. Fox Foundation; Alzheimer's Los Angeles; Kidney Cancer Assoc; American Nurses Assoc\CA
Opponents: Robert M Kaplan Ph.D.

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 39
PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM VOTING UNLESS THEY PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Invalidates mail ballots that do not have last four digits of designated government-issued identification number written on envelope. Prohibits in-person voting without presenting government-issued identification.
Fiscal Impact: Costs of between tens of millions of dollars and low hundreds of millions of dollars each year to implement new voting requirements.
Supporters: The Transparency Foundation; Latino American Political Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; CA Women's Leadership Assn
Opponents: ACLU California Action; Common Cause; League of Women Voters of California

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 40
IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN TAXPAYERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes 5% tax on certain taxpayers with assets over $1 billion; revenue primarily for health care. Exempts revenues from constitutional requirements for school funding and spending limit.
Fiscal Impact: Temporary revenue increase of tens of billions of dollars spread over several years from wealth tax on billionaires. Possible ongoing decrease of less than $1 billion per year in income tax revenue from billionaires.
Supporters: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West
Opponents: California Primary Care Association; California School Boards Association; California Taxpayers Association

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 41
PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Nullifies state taxes enacted after January 1, 2026 that exempt their revenues from voter-approved state spending limit. Requires pre-election and recurring audits of programs funded by new special taxes.
Fiscal Impact: The net fiscal effect is unknown as it depends on future decisions by voters, the Legislature, and other policymakers.
Supporters: CA Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPAs); CalAsian Chamber of Commerce; California Taxpayers Association (CalTax)
Opponents: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 42
PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits any new state tax (1) imposed on the ownership of personal property (all things people own other than real estate), or (2) that applies retroactively based on taxpayer's past activities. Nullifies taxes enacted after January 1, 2026 that conflict with this measure.
Fiscal Impact: Possibility that tax revenues will not go up as much in the future.
Supporters: CA Professional Firefighters; State Building & Construction Trades Council of CA; AMVETS Department of CA
Opponents: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West

YES ◯

NO ◯

PROPOSITION 43
LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by increasing percentage of votes needed to approve such ballot measures from a majority (over 50%) to two-thirds, beginning January 1, 2027.
Fiscal Impact: Possibility that local government tax revenues will not go up as much in the future due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes.
Supporters: California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
Opponents: California Professional Firefighters; California Federation of Teachers; Nurse Alliance of SEIU CA.

YES ◯

NO ◯

CARD "B" This is ballot card 2 of 2

Sample Ballot

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
STATE
PROPOSITION 44 **REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Imposes penalties on nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers (community clinics providing primary care to medically underserved areas and populations) that spend less than 90% of revenue on "program services" advancing their charitable purpose, including but not limited to patient services. **Fiscal Impact:** Increased state costs in the low tens of millions of dollars per year, covered by fees. **Supporters:** None submitted **Opponents:** American Academy of Pediatrics CA; CA School Nurses Org; CA Academy of Family Physicians; CA Medical Assoc.
YES ◯
NO ◯
PROPOSITION 45 **MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Amends California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to expedite environmental review for certain projects (including most housing, transportation, water, and health projects) by setting deadlines to complete environmental review and resolve lawsuits challenging project approvals. **Fiscal Impact:** Initial costs for state and local governments, likely in the high tens of millions of dollars—potentially exceeding $100 million—annually, partly covered by fees. Uncertain, potentially more significant positive or negative longer-term fiscal effects. **Supporters:** California Children's Hospital Association; California Water Association; California Council for Affordable Housing **Opponents:** Coalition for Clean Air; CA Environmental Voters; Physicians for Social Responsibility, LA; National Wildlife Federation
YES ◯
NO ◯

CARD "B" This is ballot card 2 of 2

Attention Voters

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- *DO NOT* illegally vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to vote or aide another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- *DO NOT* engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- *DO NOT* challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- *DO NOT* possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *DO NOT* forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* alter the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- *DO NOT* display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *DO NOT* coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- *DO NOT* act as an election officer when you are not one.

EMPLOYERS cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote by mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

Attention Voters

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHERE:

Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or ballot drop box the following activities are prohibited.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

Election Observers and Results

Election Observers

The public may observe election processing at 4440-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, during regular hours of operation (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), including Election Day, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Notice of observable election activities is available online at **SBCVote.com**.

Election Results

Election Night – November 3, 2026

Following the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, the County Elections Division will begin the "semi-final official canvass of the vote." The first semi-official election results report will be posted on **SBCVote.com** after 8:00 pm and will be updated throughout the night until the last voting precinct is counted.

Results can be found online at
County of Santa Barbara Elections Division: **SBCVote.com**
Secretary of State: **sos.ca.gov**

Post-election Processing

The post-election period, known as the official canvass, is open to the public. Election results are not final until all ballots are counted. California Elections Code section 15272 requires counties to certify their election results by December 3, 2026. During this 30-day period, an inspection of election materials and ballots is conducted. Results are certified when the canvass is complete.

Anyone is welcome to observe post-election processing. To learn more about canvass processing activities, please visit SBCVote.com, or call the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division at 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

THIS IS HOW SANTA BARBARA COUNTY STAYS OFFICIALLY INFORMED IN AN EMERGENCY

The County's emergency notification system is designed to provide official information and warnings before, during and after emergencies. This is vital in helping residents make important safety decisions, such as evacuation.

ReadySBC Alerts:

This is the County's central alerting tool. It sends warnings and information to residents through text message, email, cellular phone (voice), landline, and TTY/TTD.

How do I get this? In order to receive these official messages from the County, you must sign up for alerts. Go to **www.ReadySBC.org.** To confirm you are signed up, click the red "Register for Alerts" button, then follow the prompts to log in. Once you are in the system, verify that your info is correct and you have at least one address listed and one way for the County to reach you (text, email, cell, landline).

Scan the QR Code to register for ReadySBC Alerts

Nixle:

This alerting tool delivers emergency alerts and information through a short text message and it's completely anonymous!

How do I get this? Text your zip code to 888777 and you are done! You can also receive Nixle text alerts in Spanish. More info is available at **www.Nixle.com**

Emergency Alert System (EAS):

EAS messages are transmitted via radio and television by participating local broadcasters, cable, and satellite providers and contain an audio message and a scrolling text.

How do I get this? You do not have to sign up for these types of alerts but you do have to be tuning into a local TV, radio, or cable/satellite station.

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA):

WEA is a public safety alerting tool that allows customers who own certain wireless phones and other enabled mobile devices to receive geographically- targeted, text-like messages alerting them of imminent threats to safety in their area.

How do I get this? You do not need to sign up to receive a WEA, but wireless companies volunteer to participate in the system, so check with your cell phone company to find out if they participate.

For all information related to emergency preparedness and response, please visit READYSBC.org SIGN-UP · PLAN · UNDERSTAND

LessIsMore.org is Santa Barbara County's Ultimate Guide on RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION!

Visit LessIsMore.org to learn how to:

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Follow important updates on the way we handle our waste

Recycle electronics and appliances

Start composting at home

Cut back on the amount of waste you produce

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805-568-2099

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Lompoc

805-737-6400

301 N R St

Santa Barbara

805-681-5488

345 Camino del Remedio

Santa Maria

805-346-7230

2115 Centerpointe Parkway

For more information about our Health Care Centers you can visit us online!

Scan with your phone!

SBCAS
Santa Barbara
County Animal Services

Santa Barbara County Animal Services strives to ensure that the health, safety, and welfare of the animals and people we serve through proactive intervention, effective enforcement, collaboration, education, and the compassionate care and rehoming of sheltered animals.

Our Locations:

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TIME OFF FOR VOTING

DIVISION 14. ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES
CHAPTER 1. Privileges of Voters

14000.

(a) If a voter does not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election, the voter may, without loss of pay, take off enough working time that, when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will enable the voter to vote.

(b) No more than two hours of the time taken off for voting shall be without loss of pay. The time off for voting shall be only at the beginning or end of the regular working shift, whichever allows the most free time for voting and the least time off from the regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

(c) If the employee on the third working day prior to the day of election, knows or has reason to believe that time off will be necessary to be able to vote on election day, the employee shall give the employer at least two working days' notice that time off for voting is desired, in accordance with this section.

SIGN UP TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT

All voters can get updates on their ballots through California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool.

Signing up takes less than three minutes!

You will get updates when:

You sign up for ballot tracking.

Your ballot is mailed.

Your ballot is received and processed.

You can choose to be notified of your ballot's status by text (SMS), by email, or by phone call.

Scan below to sign up or go to **wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov**.

If you have any problems using BallotTrax, **please contact California Secretary of State's office by phone at (800) 345-8683 or by email at elections@sos.ca.gov.**

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YOUR POLLING PLACE LOCATION

If "No" appears below, your polling place is inaccessible to voters with specific needs. See Accessible Voting page for options.

YOUR ADDRESS

BALLOT TYPE **004**

You will automatically be mailed a Vote By Mail ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Please contact our office by phone at **1-800-722-8683** or by email at **electionssupport@countyofsb.org** for any of the following:

- To request elections materials in large print format.
- To request elections materials as an audio file.
- To correct your name or your residential address in your voter record. (To change your name or residential address completely, you must re-register.)
- If available in your precinct, to request a facsimile copy of your ballot in:
  - 若您所在選區提供傳真選票，請致電或來函我司辦公室索取。(Chinese)
  - 관할 선거구에서 귀하의 견본 투표용지를 받을 수 있는 경우, 이를 요청하려면 우리 사무실로 전화하거나 이메일을 보내 주십시오. (Korean)
  - Upang humiling ng facsimile na kopya ng inyong balota kung mayroon nito sa inyong presinto, mangyaring tumawag o magpadala ng email sa aming opisina. (Tagalog)
  - Để yêu cầu một bản sao lá phiếu nếu có sẵn tại khu vực bầu cử của quý vị, vui lòng gọi điện hoặc gửi email đến văn phòng của chúng tôi. (Vietnamese)
- Llame o envíe un correo electrónico para recibir su boleta e información electoral en español. (Call or send an email to receive your ballot and election information in Spanish.)

Go Green!

Scan the QR code below to opt-out of receiving your County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) in the mail!

Go paperless - provide your information on the My Voter Status page and look for the "Election Materials" section to change your preference for receiving the CVIG.

Once you've gone paperless, we'll notify you when the online version of the CVIG is available for future elections!