If You Are Not Registered to Vote

It’s not too late to register. Stop by any Vote Center in San Mateo County to register to vote and vote on the same day!

Find A Vote Center

You can vote at any Vote Center in San Mateo County. Check your county Voter Information Guide for the location of a Vote Center. You can also find . You can also find a vote center by calling or texting (650) 312-5222 or visiting the Vote Center smcare.org

What Time Does My Polling Place Open?

All 39 Vote Centers are open in San Mateo County from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. At the Vote Center, you will check in with a poll worker and they will explain the process of casting your ballot. The poll worker will give you a paper ballot, unique passcode, or computer memory card, depending on the voting system your county uses. If you are not familiar with how to mark a ballot or make a mistake on your ballot, ask a poll worker for instructions.

Vote by Mail

To ensure your voted ballot is delivered by the deadline, your voted ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than three days after Election Day. You may also deliver your voted ballot to your county elections office or any Vote Center or drop box in San Mateo County before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Is Your Voter Registration Up To Date?

You must re-register to vote if you:

Have moved to a different home address,
Changed your name, or
Wish to update your political party preference

Did You Know Californians Can be Eligible For Time Off From Work to Vote?

California law allows for workers to take time off with pay to cast their ballot on Election Day if they do not have sufficient time outside of their normal working hours. Check out www.sos.ca.gov/elections/time-vote-notices for more information.

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Voter’s Choice Act

In September 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed the Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) to make voting more accessible for people with disabilities and other minority groups. San Mateo is one of five counties that implemented the VCA in the primaries. November 6th will be the first time it is implemented in the general election. As in the primaries, voters in San Mateo County will have three options for voting this November:

1. **Vote by Mail** - All registered voters should have already receive a ballot in the mail along with postage paid return envelope. Once completed, the ballot can be mailed back to the elections official in the return envelope.

2. **Drop-off** - Voters also have the option of dropping off their ballot at one of twenty drop-off locations in addition to the 24-hour drive-up drop box location at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo. Drop-off boxes will be checked periodically and ballots will be taken to the appropriate elections official.

3. **Visit a Vote Center** - Voters will have the option of going to one of 39 Vote Centers in San Mateo County, which have replaced polling places. Residents can visit any Vote Center in the county and cast a vote in person, register and vote on the same day, drop-off a ballot, use an accessible voting machine, and get help and voting materials in multiple languages. Vote center will be open 29 days before election day.

For details on drop-off locations or Vote Center locations and hours visit: www.shapethefuture.com