

How to Make Your Voice Heard

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Tomorrow, on Election Day, we will have the opportunity to uphold our duty and privilege as voting citizens of the United States.

Here are a few things to keep in mind to make sure things go smoothly on this important and historic election.

What time can I vote on Election Day and where should I go?

The polls are open from 7am to 8pm. Go to your [designated polling place](#) or cast your vote at the Santa Clara County [Registrar of Voters](#) on Election Day. If you have a Vote by Mail or Absentee ballot that you have not yet mailed in, you may drop it off at [any of these locations](#) on Election Day.

Should I do anything before going to the polls?

The Registrar of Voters offers a few simple steps to make going to the polls an easy and straightforward process. First, review the voting information that you received in the mail from the California Secretary of State and the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. This includes a [Voter Information Pamphlet](#), names of all candidates, information on measures, [voting instructions](#), and a Sample Ballot. Next, make your voting choices ahead of time and mark them on your Sample Ballot. When you are ready to go to the polls, bring the Sample Ballot with you to use as a guide and cast your vote.

What if there is a problem at my polling place?

If you witness voter intimidation or someone trying to influence voters in your polling place,

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contact the Registrar of Voters immediately at 408-299-8683 to report the problem.

Be prepared on Election Day. Know where your polling place is and be sure to arrive between 7am and 8pm. To make voting quick and easy, bring your filled-in Sample Ballot to the polls as your guide. Take pride in exercising your civic duty and making your voice heard in this year's election!