

# 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

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SBCVote.com

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ELECTIONS DIVISION

Phone Number: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)

Website: [SBCVote.com](http://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](http://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](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov).



# 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/](https://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.



**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](https://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/](https://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<br>Building # 221                                                           | UCSB Campus            | W      |
| Lompoc          | Lompoc City Hall<br><i>Near utility payment drop box</i>                                                   | 100 Civic Center Plaza | D, W   |
|                 | Vandenberg Village Library                                                                                 | 3755 Constellation Rd. | D      |
| Orcutt          | Oak Knolls Shopping Center<br><i>Parking lot in front of State Farm Office</i>                             | 1103 E. Clark Ave.     | W      |
| Santa Barbara   | County Administration Building<br><i>Entrance from Anapamu St.</i>                                         | 105 E. Anapamu St.     | W      |
|                 | Elections Division Main Office                                                                             | 4440-A Calle Real      | D, W   |
|                 | MacKenzie Park<br><i>Corner of State St. and Las Positas Rd.<br/>Hours: sunrise to ½ hour after sunset</i> | 3111 State St.         | D, W   |
|                 | Santa Barbara City College<br><i>Roundabout at West Campus drop-off zone</i>                               | 721 Cliff Dr.          | D      |
|                 | Santa Barbara City Hall                                                                                    | 735 Anapamu St.        | W      |
| Santa Maria     | Allan Hancock College<br><i>Enter through Bradley Rd., Parking lot 3</i>                                   | 800 S. College Dr.     | W      |
|                 | Santa Maria Elections Office                                                                               | 511 E. Lakeside Pkwy.  | D, W   |
|                 | Santa Maria Public Library<br><i>City Library Parking Garage</i>                                           | 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**.

**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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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 determinó 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 pinagtrabahuan 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](mailto:votebymail2@countyofsb.org) or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

### **Other resources:**



Disability  
Rights  
California

#### Disability Rights California

Website: [www.disabilityrightsca.org](http://www.disabilityrightsca.org)

Voting Hotline: 1-888-569-7955

Phone: 1-800-776-5746

### **ACCESS**



CENTRAL COAST  
CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES

#### Access Central Coast Center for Disability Services

Website: [www.accesscentralcoast.org](http://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](http://www.tcglad.org)

Phone: 805-644-6322

Video Phone: 805-256-1053

Text Telephone (TTY): 805-644-6323

Email: [info@tcglad.org](mailto: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.
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**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](http://SBCVote.com)

**Statewide Candidates:** [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov)

**Federal Candidates:** [fec.gov](http://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 |
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| 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.

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| <div><div>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR<br/>United States Representative<br/>District 24</div><div><div>SALUD CARBAJAL</div><div>Age: 61</div></div><div>Occupation: Member of Congress</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>Learn more: <a href="http://SaludCarbajal.com">SaludCarbajal.com</a></div></div> | <div><div>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR<br/>United States Representative<br/>District 24</div><div><div>BOB SMITH</div><div>Age: 47</div></div><div>Occupation: Defense Systems Engineer</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div><div>Common Sense. Common Ground. Central Coast First.</div><div>I respectfully ask for your vote. <a href="http://www.bobsmithforcongress.com">www.bobsmithforcongress.com</a></div></div> |
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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
City of Solvang  
Mayor**

**DENISE EL AMIN**

**Occupation: Businessowner**

**Education and Qualifications:** Denise El Amin is a community leader, former Behavioral Wellness commissioner, and advocate in Solvang, California. Denise has emerged as a prominent voice in local government-raising concerns about city ethics, speaking out against high-density development, and serving as an active candidate for Solvang Mayor. Additionally, in November 2024, Denise successfully completed the Santa Barbara County Sheriff Citizen Academy.

In city affairs, Denise has heavily advocated for community-minded development-most notably speaking out against the proposed Alisal Commons project, citing concerns regarding evacuation routes, parking, and loss of open space. Denise has also pushed for stricter ethics rules and conflict-of-interest regulations regarding elected officials.

Denise is a candidate for Solvang Mayor in the general elections. Prior to her mayoral bid, Denise served as the president of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School's Parent Teacher Student Association.



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## Local Measures

### **THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN BALLOT MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS**

(For measures that will be on your ballot)

Arguments in support of or in opposition to a measure are the opinions of the authors. All information for ballot measures is printed exactly as submitted to the County Elections Division, including errors.

If you desire a copy of an ordinance or measure which has not been included in this guide, please call the County Elections Division at **1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)**, and a copy will be sent to you at no charge. You may also access the full text of an ordinance or measure online at **SBCVote.com**.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF  
MEASURE H2026  
ALLAN HANCOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District, which is the governing board of the District.

If approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, this measure would authorize the District to issue and sell bonds of up to \$290,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, at legal rates, to provide financing for the specific college facilities projects listed in the District's Project List. The Project List, as well as the full text of the measure, are printed in the voter information guide. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from property taxes levied on taxable property in the District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxable property in the District. The amount of the increased taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. The District estimates that both the average and highest tax rate necessary to fund these bonds will be \$19.00 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The District's estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2067-68. The District's best estimate of the total debt service on the bonds, if all are issued and sold, is approximately \$618,176,000.

The bond measure includes the following accountability requirements:

- A. A requirement that the proceeds from the bond sale be used only for the above purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries, and other District operating expenses.
- B. A list of the specific college facilities projects to be funded and certification that the college district board has evaluated safety, class size accommodation and information technology needs in developing that list.
- C. A requirement that the college district board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the college facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- D. A requirement that the college district board conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of such proceeds have been spent for the college facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- E. If the measure is approved, the District Board of Trustees will also establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used only to fund the projects listed in the Project List, as printed in the voter information guide.
- F. If the measure is approved, the proceeds of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Santa Barbara County Treasurer-Tax Collector. An annual report will be filed with the Board containing information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds.

/s/ Rachel Van Mullem  
County Counsel  
County of Santa Barbara

August 7, 2026

**TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEASURE H2026  
ALLAN HANCOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

An election will be held in the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (the "District") on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$290 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is \$19.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2067- 68.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$19.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year is 2037-38, and each year while the bond are outstanding.
3. The best estimate 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 \$618,176,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the respective Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County and Ventura County official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: June 16, 2026  
/s/ Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President  
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

### MEASURE H2026

#### ALLAN HANCOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

#### **YES on Measure H: Upgrade Allan Hancock College so students can compete for today's and tomorrow's jobs!**

Hancock is a vital resource for our community. It trains local nurses, healthcare workers, firefighters and first responders who keep us safe, and skilled workers who fuel our economy.

#### **Two in every five local high school graduates rely on Hancock for affordable, local higher education and job training.**

Costs are rising at UC and CSUs; Hancock offers local students affordable access to college.

Hancock also helps veterans and military families build successful civilian careers through support services and career-focused training.

Vote Yes on Measure H to upgrade and repair aging classrooms, labs, and job training facilities that were built decades ago and don't meet modern educational and safety standards.

Measure H will also allow Hancock to build a University Center to support four-year nursing and business degrees locally in partnership with Cal Poly and CSU Channel Islands.

#### **Vote YES on H:**

- Upgrade classrooms, career-training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers and skilled trades like nursing, welding, machining, and auto technology
- Provide classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high-quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology
- Replace and modernize aging infrastructure including electrical service, plumbing, heating, roofs, ventilation, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical systems

#### **Measure H Requires Fiscal Accountability & Local Control**

- All funds are controlled locally and stay in our community to improve local Hancock facilities; no funds can be taken away by the State or used for other purposes
- Mandatory independent citizens' oversight committee, annual audits, and public spending disclosures
- No money can be used for administrators' salaries or pensions

#### **Join community leaders, businesses, and first responders in voting YES on H for quality higher education for local students and veterans!**

/s/ Katie Gorndt

RN, Chief of Nursing & Vice President, Santa Ynez Cottage Hospital

/s/ Christopher Williams

Chief of Police, City of Santa Maria

/s/ Celeste Pico

Principal, Lompoc High School

/s/ Tere Paredes

Small Business Owner, Santa Maria

/s/ Michael Boyer

President & CEO, Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce

## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST

### MEASURE H2026 WAS FILED

**FULL TEXT OF  
MEASURE H2026  
ALLAN HANCOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION.** To repair and upgrade Allan Hancock College's aging classrooms, labs, career training facilities; construct classrooms to improve affordable education for students/veterans in science, math, nursing, welding, machining, skilled trades; offer local four-year degrees with Cal-Poly partnership; fix roofs, plumbing, electrical; and remove asbestos; shall Allan Hancock College's measure authorizing \$290 million in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$19 /\$100,000 assessed value (\$16 million annually while bonds are outstanding), with citizen oversight of locally controlled funding?

Bonds – Yes

Bonds - No

**FINDINGS**

- Allan Hancock Joint Community College District has provided a high-quality, affordable college education and career training to local students from Santa Maria, Orcutt, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez and Cuyama for over 100 years.
- The District maintains community college locations in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Guadalupe and Santa Ynez Valley, and offers a wide range of high-quality undergraduate degrees, university-transfer courses, dual enrollment, certificate programs, career and technical education and training.
- Allan Hancock College offers a wide range of student support and educational counseling services.
- Allan Hancock College serves as a vital local community resource that offers students of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to learn skilled trades, gain new career skills, and access affordable higher education.
- With the cost of attending California public universities more than six times that of community colleges, nearly 40% of our local high school graduates every year rely on Allan Hancock College for higher education and job training.
- Since 2018, over 11,971 local high school students have benefited from the Hancock Promise program receiving their first year of college free through the program, and since Fall 2024, the benefit was extended to a full two years of free tuition for local high school graduates.
- Allan Hancock College trains local nurses and healthcare workers who serve our medical needs, firefighters and first responders who keep us safe, and skilled workers like veterinary technicians, auto mechanics and welders who fuel our economy. AHC provides low-cost, high-quality education, job training and community learning options for all residents, helping build a well-trained workforce to meet the needs of local businesses and our community.
- In addition to training essential healthcare and public safety workers, Allan Hancock College provides education and job training to the hospitality workers and skilled workers that fuel the local economy.
- Allan Hancock College helps ensure that lower and middle-income students who can't afford the high price of a university still have an opportunity to succeed in college and careers.
- Allan Hancock College has partnered with California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo and California State University Channel Islands to bring four-year degree programs to the District, which improves opportunities for local students and helps the local economy; and
- Allan Hancock College consistently has one of the best acceptance rates to the UC system and California State University campuses, including Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and University of California, Santa Barbara.
- While Allan Hancock College has served the community well for decades, the college is over 100 years old, and many classrooms, labs and career training equipment, as well as technology and facilities, need repairs upgrades and/or replacement to meet current academic needs, support services, accessibility, and safety standards.
- Deteriorating electrical systems, plumbing, and roofs need repair or replacement. Local funding for these repairs will ensure students and veterans have access to an affordable, high-quality education and the opportunity to succeed in college and careers for generations to come.
- Some classrooms were built so long ago that they have asbestos, mold, and do not meet current earthquake safety standards.
- In 2023, the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District prepared a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that evaluates the condition of all college facilities, identifies needed improvements and provides a plan to upgrade classrooms, career training and college facilities, such FMP is incorporated herein by reference, with any updates made thereto.
- To repair and upgrade aging college facilities, local funding is needed and the District Board of Trustees believes that locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure is needed.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern science labs, career training facilities and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing, health sciences, engineering, chemistry, technology and skilled trades.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would repair or replace leaky roofs, plumbing and faulty electrical systems.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would upgrade older buildings so they meet current health and building safety codes, earthquake safety standards, and provide access for students with disabilities.
- Approval of a college facilities improvement bond measure will make the District eligible to receive more than \$38 million in State matching money that otherwise will continue to go to other communities.

- A local college facilities improvement measure would include strict accountability and local control requirements, including an independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory annual audits, and public disclosure of all spending.
- By law, all funds from the measure may only be used to improve District facilities and no funds could be taken away by the State, diverted to other uses, and no funds could be used for administrator salaries or benefits.

## **PROJECTS**

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District certifies that it has evaluated the District's urgent and critical capital needs, including college and student safety issues, enrollment trends, energy efficiency and computer technology, seismic safety requirements, and aging, outdated or deteriorating campus buildings in developing the scope of projects. In developing the scope of projects, the District has prioritized the key health and safety and sustainability needs so that the most critical college site and facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted an evaluation at all District sites and received input in developing the scope of projects. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse and more expensive to address in the future. The Board concluded that protecting the quality of college facilities, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes is a wise investment. The Board also concluded that providing safe and updated learning facilities for our students is a wise investment. The Project List includes the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of facilities at all District sites, including but not limited to, the college's locations in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Guadalupe and Santa Ynez Valley, and includes the furnishing and equipping of college facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for college facilities. Because only those capital improvements included on this Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the bonds, the Board has listed many possible capital improvement projects. This does not mean that any or all of the projects listed on this Project List will be completed or funded. The placement of the listing of a particular capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains within the province of the Board by subsequent action. In approving this Project List, the Board determines that the District should:

### **GENERAL:**

- Upgrade classrooms, career-training facilities, equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers and skilled trades
- Building a University Center and improving facilities to offer four-year bachelor's degrees locally in nursing, sociology, business and other subjects, in partnership with Cal Poly and Cal State Channel Islands.
- Upgrade science labs, classrooms so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing and health sciences
- Providing classrooms, facilities, technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and tech
- Upgrading, improving and maintaining the Veteran's Center, which provides job training, job placement, counseling and support services to military veterans and their families, preparing returning veterans for universities and good paying jobs.
- Repair, replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, gas lines, sewer lines, electrical systems, where needed.
- Removing hazardous materials like asbestos and mold from older buildings; remediation.
- Upgrade classrooms, labs, and equipment to keep pace with current instruct standards and technology.
- Improve student safety, campus security systems including lighting, intruder protection systems, emergency communication systems, smoke detectors, and fire alarms.
- Improving access to affordable higher education.
- Upgrading classrooms, career-training facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers and skilled trades.
- Providing classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology programs
- Modernize classrooms, labs, equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology.
- Expand Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities for programs.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve facilities including classrooms, labs, and learning spaces for general education and career education programs in fields including transfer education, nursing, science, engineering, chemistry, technology, engineering and other programs.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) buildings and classrooms, labs for existing and new programs, including, but not limited to the addition of engineering and computer science.
- Upgrading job training, career technical vocational classrooms, labs and technology.
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology, Wi-Fi access, electrical, wiring up to date.
- Upgrade older buildings so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities throughout the District, replace or renovate facilities and equipment, including elevators, to comply with federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and ensure ADA compliance.
- Repair or replace outdated electrical, water irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency, water conservation.
- Construct, repair, equip and improve district facilities.
- Upgrade and replace water and plumbing systems, supply to shower and locker rooms, science labs, drinking fountains, irrigation, fire sprinkler systems, and hydrants.
- Improve school safety and security by upgrading wiring, lighting, fire alarms, and security and communication systems.
- Provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to support new and modernized learning spaces.
- Construct and improve roadways, parking structures, parking facilities, walkways, grounds, wayfinding and signage.
- Upgrade outdated electrical wiring, systems, lighting.

- Provide up-to-date information and technology systems and equipment, including cable infrastructure, network expansion to support student access to technology and specialized equipment, wireless access points and administrative systems.
- Providing safe drinking water.
- Replacing deteriorating sewer and gas lines.
- Improving safety lighting at campus parking lots and walkways.
- Upgrading emergency communication systems.
- Upgrading fire safety systems, including safety doors, smoke alarms and detectors.
- Replace portable classrooms and spaces with new permanent facilities.
- Upgrading, constructing, repairing bathrooms and plumbing.
- Increasing water and energy savings to reduce costs.
- Repairing faulty drainage systems that cause flooding.
- Repair and replace roofs, windows, doors and fixtures, as needed.
- Upgrade and improve faculty preparation rooms, to accommodate faculty needs.
- Improve irrigation systems, landscaping, and athletic and physical education facilities.
- Provide temporary facilities during facilities construction and renovations.
- Infrastructure, sewers, streets, plumbing.
- Improvements to the early learning centers and Childhood Education centers.
- Athletic Facilities, including modernization, interior and exterior site improvements, spaces to support the Kinesiology, Recreation and Athletics programs, gymnasiums, athletic fields and training facilities, physical fitness labs, toilets/showers, changing rooms, team facilities, equipment storage, vegetation, shading, bleachers, team rooms, meeting rooms, press/announcer booth, spectator seating, concessions, field lighting, AV system to support events and commencement ceremonies, locker replacement, accessible paths and plazas, landscaping and signage.
- Construct, repair and repave campus parking lots; pedestrian crossing.
- Replace interior and exterior lighting systems.
- Construct, repair, replace restrooms.
- Repave asphalt & repair concrete walk ways.
- Electrical infrastructure (switchgear, metering, etc.).
- Repaint interior and exterior of buildings/classrooms/campus facilities.
- Automated irrigation systems.
- Portable building decommission/removal.
- Replace boilers (campus wide).
- Construct, repair, improve vehicular entries, drop offs, parking, pedestrian paths, wayfinding.
- Solar panels, shade structures, electrical storage, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, installation, repair and replacement.
- Emergency generators.
- **Upgrading Technology Infrastructure.** Bond proceeds will be applied to renovate, replace, upgrade, acquire, install and integrate major site, building and utility systems, equipment and related infrastructure, including lighting, electrical, wiring and related infrastructure for modern technology, classroom instructional technology, phone systems, communications and security technology (including security cameras and monitoring systems), data, voice, public address and audio-visual communication, energy efficiency, management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, controls and equipment, cable infrastructure, network expansion, wireless access points, enterprise resource planning systems, student information systems, and other communications systems.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, a customary contingency, and costs associated with the total cost of ownership of facilities and equipment. In addition to the listed projects stated above, authorized projects also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, fiscal reporting, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects include the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations, LED lighting; repair and replace worn-out leaky roofs, windows, walls, flooring, doors, fences, stairs, and drinking fountains; replace or remove outdated buildings and classrooms and construct new classrooms and support buildings; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology, charging stations, and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability and State compliance standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replacing or relocate hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; install artificial turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; build or upgrade facilities, including science and engineering classrooms; construct, expand or reconfigure facilities to create lecture classrooms; improve parking, construct parking structures and upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots; improve vehicular access and traffic circulation; improve drop-off zones; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water lines and valves; sewer lines and other plumbing systems; construct, upgrade, repair, acquire or expand multi-use classrooms and labs, manufacturing and transportation training, theater arts facilities, learning resources centers, physical education facilities, gyms, stadiums, locker rooms, field lights, field houses, tennis courts, bleachers, press boxes, tracks, District administrative offices, conference center, physical plants/maintenance buildings, student service/campus centers, fountains, data centers, technology buildings,

kitchens, cafeterias/food services and classroom instructional buildings, trades and technology buildings, libraries, athletic fields, student services buildings; upgrades to acoustical solutions (for the Firing Range and Roof Prof for firefighting practice, for example); public safety outdoor restroom/shower to use when inside facilities is not an option due to heavy gear or contamination; outdoor amphitheater with green room and restrooms; observatory; curb/gutter and landscape improvements; directional and wayfinding signage; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; replace or upgrade outdated safety and security systems; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install shade structures, pedestrian paths, security systems such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer and hydronic lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; trash compactors and composters; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The project also includes the financing or refinancing of lease obligations and the demolition of older buildings at District sites. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout District sites, acquiring computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, audio/visual and telecommunication systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones and identity access.

### **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may undertake fewer than all of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses.

Necessary site preparation/ restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, storm drainage, and utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the costs of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of California Government Code Section 53410.

NO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or pensions or other operating expenses.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15278 *ET SEQ.*) TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

### **BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of Measure H2026 by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$290 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific District facilities projects listed in the Project List as set forth above, subject to the accountability requirements specified below. The bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the bonds are issued.

### **FUNDS PROTECTED FOR LOCAL USE**

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Measure H2026 will be used solely on local projects and will not be subject to appropriation by agencies outside of the District.

## ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in Measure H2026 in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at California Education Code Sections 15264 and following). The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Santa Barbara County Treasurer-Tax Collector, as required by the California Education Code, and will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure H2026 and not for any other purpose.

**Evaluation of Needs:** The Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated enrollment growth, student safety, class size accommodation, repairs/upgrades to older facilities, and information technology needs in developing the Project List as set forth above.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee:** The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under California Education Code Section 15278 to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the college facilities projects listed above. The Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

**Performance Audits:** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the college facilities projects listed as set forth above.

**Financial Audits:** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the college facilities projects listed above.

**Annual Report:** The Superintendent/President of the District is required to cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in Measure H2026 as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the California Government Code.

## COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Completion of the bond projects listed above is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Bond Measure. The District's proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a Statewide bond measure or additional measures. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure H2026, and not for any other purpose.

## SCOPE OF PROJECTS

Bond proceeds will be expended to upgrade, repair, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve educational and support facilities within the District. Projects which are described above include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architectural and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other educational facilities within the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects which are described above as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction.

Whenever specific items are included in the above list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF  
MEASURE D2026  
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Education of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, which is the governing board of the District.

If approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, this measure authorizes the District to issue and sell bonds of up to \$80,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the District's Project List. The Project List, as well as the full text of the measure, are printed in the voter information guide. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from the proceeds of property taxes levied on taxable property in the District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers in the District. The amount of the increased taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. To fund these bonds, the District estimates the average annual tax rate will be \$21.73 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation, and the highest annual tax rate will be \$23.38 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The District's estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2060-61. The District's best estimate of the total debt service, if all bonds are issued and sold, is approximately \$142.1 million.

The bond measure includes the following accountability requirements:

- A. A requirement that the proceeds from the bond sale be used only for the above purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
- B. A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the District's Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list.
- C. A requirement that the District's Board will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- D. A requirement that the District's Board will cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- E. If the measure is approved, the District's Board will also establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used only to fund the projects listed in the Project List, as printed in the voter information guide.
- F. If the measure is approved, an annual report will be filed with the Board stating the amount of funds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds.

/s/ Rachel Van Mullem  
County Counsel  
County of Santa Barbara

August 7, 2026

**TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEASURE D2026  
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

An election will be held in the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District (the "District") on November 3, 2026, to authorize the sale of up to \$80 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$21. 73 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2060-61.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$23.38 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal year 2027-28 through 2055-56.
3. The best estimate 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 \$142.1 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not 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 District. 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 District 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 District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: June 16, 2026.  
/s/ Kimberly Sheehan  
Superintendent,  
Santa Ynez Union High School District

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF**

**MEASURE D2026**

**SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST  
MEASURE D2026 WAS FILED**

Even if you don't have school-age children, a YES vote on Measure D is a wise investment in the future of our community. It will help protect not only our students, but our quality of life and home values as well. Santa Ynez Valley Union High School is already recognized for strong academic achievement, college and career preparation, and graduation rates above 90%, but it was built in 1937 -- ninety years ago.

Aging classrooms, science labs, career training facilities, and infrastructure desperately need repairs and upgrades. SYVUHS has 27 portable classrooms that are over 25 years old and are falling apart. For the safety and well-being of students and faculty, as well as the future of our valley, this must be addressed.

YES on D will:

- Fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas and sewer lines, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems
- Upgrade classrooms, labs and technology to support quality instruction in math, science, and engineering
- Upgrade classrooms to current health and building safety codes, and improve access for students with disabilities
- Upgrade career training classrooms to prepare students for careers in welding, automotive technology, agricultural science and mechanics, and skilled trades
- Improve student safety and security systems, lighting, cameras, emergency communications, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers
- Qualify SYVHS for \$40,000,000 in state matching funds that otherwise go to improve schools in other communities

Measure D requires strict fiscal accountability, transparency, and local control:

- All funds must be used for SYVUHS and no funds can be taken by the state or federal governments
- Funds cannot be used for administrator salaries or pensions
- An independent oversight committee, annual audits and public spending disclosure ensure proper spending

The success of our students is the success of our valley.

Vote YES on D.

/s/ Shaun Cassidy  
Writer, Producer, Valley Resident

/s/ Judith Dale  
Philanthropist & Educator

/s/ Chris F. Johnson  
Business Owner

/s/ Veronica V. Sandoval  
Community Member

/s/ Efren Pulido  
Realtor

**FULL TEXT OF  
MEASURE D2026  
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Santa Ynez Union School District.

**"Santa Ynez Valley Union High School Quality Education/ Career Training Measure.** To repair/ upgrade aging classrooms, labs, instructional technology, career training and school facilities to support college/ career readiness in math, science, technology, engineering, and skilled trades; fix roofs, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems; and improve school safety/ security, shall Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District's measure authorizing \$80,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$22/ \$100,000 assessed value (\$4,200,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent audits/ oversight and all funds locally controlled?"

**PROJECT LIST**

The Board of Education of the Santa Ynez Union School District is committed to **improving the quality of education** in our local public schools by **upgrading aging classrooms, replacing aging portable classrooms, improving student safety** by providing safe, secure, modern classrooms, labs and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, technology and the skilled trades. To that end, the Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, **basic repairs**, computer and information technology in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below.

**This bond includes strict accountability requirements to make sure public funds are used appropriately. These requirements include public disclosure of all spending, independent annual financial and performance audits, and the formation of a committee of local citizens and business owners to ensure all spending is in line with the promises made in the measure. What's more, by law, all funds must be used to improve our local schools and cannot be taken by Sacramento, the County or anyone else.**

In approving this Project List, the Board of Education has made the following findings and determinations:

- Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District (the "District") administers and operates Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, serves local students in grades 9-12 from communities across the Santa Ynez Valley- including Solvang, Santa Ynez, Buellton, Los Olivos, and Ballard
- Santa Ynez Valley Union High School is a California Distinguished School recognized for strong academic achievement and college and career preparation with graduation rates above 90%
- Santa Ynez Valley Union High School also offers career education and job training pathways connected to the region's economy, including agriculture, viticulture, hospitality, media arts and skilled trades, helping prepare graduates for both four-year universities and local career opportunities
- Much of Santa Ynez Valley Union High School was built in 1937 - about 90 years ago - and needs repairs and upgrades to keep schools safe, functioning, and able to support quality education and job training
- All classrooms, science labs, career training facilities, and school infrastructure has been carefully assessed to identify high priority repairs and upgrades needed to ensure student safety, efficient operations, and to support quality education and job training
- For example, pipes and infrastructure at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School are failing, resulting in water leaks and sewage backups
- Santa Ynez Valley Union High School has 27 portable classrooms that are more than 25 years old, beyond their useful life, and falling apart, with structural damage and water leaks that lead to mold and need to be replaced
- To maintain high-quality education and job training for local high school students, the District Board of Education (the "Board") believes that repairs and upgrades are needed to classrooms, science labs, learning technology, and job training facilities so students graduate with the skills needed for college and good jobs
- Given that the State of California (the "State") provides limited and inadequate funding for school repairs and upgrades, the Board believes that funding from a local school facilities improvement bond measure is needed to fund urgent and high priority repairs and upgrades at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School
- Passage of a local school facilities improvement bond measure will allow the District to qualify for millions in state matching funds that will otherwise go to improve schools in other communities
- Funds received from a local school facilities improvement bond measure would be used to upgrade and equip classrooms and career technical facilities to prepare students for in-demand careers in welding, automotive technology, agricultural science, agricultural mechanics, and skilled trades

- Funds received from a local school facilities improvement bond measure would be used to upgrade classrooms, labs and technology to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology
- Funds received from a local school facilities improvement bond measure would be used to repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and electrical systems
- Funds received from a local school facilities improvement bond measure would be used to upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide access for students with disabilities
- Funds received from a local school facilities improvement bond measure would be used to improve student safety and campus security systems including security lighting, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers
- The proposed local school facilities improvement bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability, transparency and local control protections
- All funds from the local school facilities improvement bond measure must be used to repair and upgrade Santa Ynez Valley Union High School only and no funds can be taken away by the state or federal governments or other school districts
- No money from the local school facilities improvement bond measure can be used for administrator salaries or pensions
- An independent oversight committee, annual audits and public spending disclosure are required by the measure to help ensure funds are spent as promised

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

### **LOCAL STUDENT SAFETY AND CLASSROOM REPAIR PROJECTS TO RETAIN QUALITY TEACHERS AND IMPROVE EDUCATION**

#### **School Repair, Safety and Upgrade Projects**

#### **Goals and Purposes:**

**Santa Ynez Union High School District operates Santa Ynez Union High School, much of which was constructed in 1937, nearly 90 years ago. Santa Ynez Union High School also includes 27 portable classrooms that are more than 25 years old, beyond their useful life, and falling apart. Pipes and Infrastructure at Santa Ynez High School are failing, resulting in water leaks, sewage backups, and mold. Repairs and upgrades are needed to classrooms, science labs, learning technology, and job training facilities so students graduate with the skills needed for college and good jobs. Addressing these needs now is a cost-effective investment that will help ensure students and teachers can focus on learning in safe, comfortable classrooms.**

- **Replace** portable classrooms and offices with new permanent classrooms and offices
- **Repair, renovate and replace** performing arts and technical theatre and instructional space
- **Replace roofs** at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School and other District buildings
- **Modernize Classrooms**
- **Modernize the Medical Pathway buildings** to provide Health Pathways and Sports Medicine space with offices, treatment rooms, CPR, phlebotomy, EMT and other learning facilities
- **Upgrade and reconfigure the swimming pool** for safety and usability
- **Upgrade the Agriculture and Auto Mechanics buildings** to include a new swine barn, modernize the existing barn, and add a greenhouse
- **Acquire buses and vans**
- **Renovate and upgrade physical education facilities** to build a new Gymnasium, mat room, offices for teachers, and resurface the track
- **Repair and replace HVAC facilities** to create a **safe and comfortable** learning and teaching environment for students and teachers
- **Construct** Maintenance and Operations facility for District use
- Resurface, repave, and lighting at **parking, drop off, and bus circulation** areas
- **Modernize athletics facilities**

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school and District support facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and upgrade electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, electrical generation and financial savings, including solar panels; improve accessibility for students, staff and the public with disabilities; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, tackboards, floors, sinks, doors and drinking fountains/hydration stations; construct or renovate offices and facilities for multipurpose and indoor/outdoor learning spaces, more efficient areas for professional development and administration and for the safety of students on campuses; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade or construct support

facilities including administrative, central kitchens, physical education, music, art, and performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, science, robotics, computer labs/classrooms, career technical facilities, media centers/libraries and buildings, covered eating areas, shade and rain shelter, playgrounds, administrative, transportation and maintenance facilities and yards; acquire modular/portable classrooms; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications, public address, speaker, and security systems; improve facilities to satisfy ADA and seismic requirements; as needed, removal of hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from older schools, as needed; improve/resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve hard courts, turf, tracks, athletic fields, irrigation, and downspout drainage systems and campus landscaping; install signage, flagpoles, solar electric systems and fencing; expand parking and improve pick-up and drop-off areas and crosswalks; improve all site utilities; acquire land; construct new school buildings; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering, including carpets, and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems and back-up power generators; improve or replace playgrounds, play structures, athletic fields/stadiums, lockers, gymnasiums, and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety; construct or upgrade aquatic facilities, pools, including pool filtration systems, plaster and decking; replace outdated fences, including security fences and security systems (including access control systems and cameras), provide lunch shelters, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade music labs, multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and media centers; add or upgrade parking lots including solar systems and electric vehicle charging stations. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, DSA oversight, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, scanners and copiers, digital white boards and smart boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone/ intercom systems, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, archiving and preservation, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable or modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, traffic signals, sewer or utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, permits, or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, legal fees and similar planning costs, connection fees, program and project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District bond audits and staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

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## **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

**THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY.**

In accordance with Education Code Section 15272, the Board of Education will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on District projects and for no other purpose. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements. By law, performance and financial audits will be performed annually, and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent as promised and specified. The citizens' oversight committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No District employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the citizens' oversight committee.

No Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.



## Attention Voters

### **WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!**

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

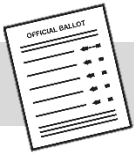
#### **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *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.



## Sample Ballot Information

Sample Ballots are available in English and Spanish. Sample Ballots may also be available in Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, depending on your precinct. Please see the Language Assistance section of this guide for more information.

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

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

# A

# Sample Ballot

| NONPARTISAN OFFICES                                                                                                                                                            |                                | CITY                               |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| JUDICIAL                                                                                                                                                                       | Vote YES or NO for each office | CITY OF SOLVANG                    |                       |
| FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 5<br>Shall Presiding Justice <b>BRIAN M. HOFFSTADT</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?   |                                | Mayor                              |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | Vote for One                       |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | DAVID BROWN                        | <input type="radio"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | Mayor, City Of Solvang             |                       |
| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          | DENISE EL AMIN                     | <input type="radio"/> |
| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          | Business Owner                     |                       |
| FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 6<br>Shall Presiding Justice <b>TARI L. CODY</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?         |                                |                                    |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | Write-In                           |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | Member, City Council District 3    |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | Vote for One                       |                       |
| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          | V. LOUISE SMITH                    | <input type="radio"/> |
| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          | Appointed Councilmember District 3 |                       |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 6<br>Shall Associate Justice <b>KENNETH R. YEGAN</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?     |                                |                                    |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | Write-In                           |                       |
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| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 7<br>Shall Presiding Justice <b>GONZALO C. MARTINEZ</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?  |                                |                                    |                       |
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| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 7<br>Shall Associate Justice <b>NATALIE STONE</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?        |                                |                                    |                       |
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| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8<br>Shall Associate Justice <b>JOHN WILEY</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?           |                                |                                    |                       |
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| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8<br>Shall Associate Justice <b>MATTHEW A. SCHERB</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law?    |                                |                                    |                       |
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| NO                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8<br>Shall Associate Justice <b>VICTOR G. VIRAMONTES</b> be elected to the office for the term provided by law? |                                |                                    |                       |
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| YES                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/>          |                                    |                       |
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| SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                                         |                                |                                    |                       |
| State Superintendent of Public Instruction                                                                                                                                     |                                |                                    |                       |
| Vote for One                                                                                                                                                                   |                                |                                    |                       |
| SONJA SHAW                                                                                                                                                                     |                                | <input type="radio"/>              |                       |
| School District President                                                                                                                                                      |                                |                                    |                       |
| RICHARD BARRERA                                                                                                                                                                |                                | <input type="radio"/>              |                       |
| State Superintendent Advisor                                                                                                                                                   |                                |                                    |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                | <input type="radio"/>              |                       |
| Write-In                                                                                                                                                                       |                                |                                    |                       |

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# Sample Ballot

Ballot Type 44

## SAMPLE BALLOT

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

B

| MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>PROPOSITION 1</b><br/><b>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Increased state cost of \$500 million to \$600 million annually for about 25 years to repay the housing bond.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> US Vets; CA Federation of Teachers; Self-Help for the Elderly; Habitat for Humanity CA; CA Alliance of Child &amp; Family Services<br/><b>Opponents:</b> None submitted</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>PROPOSITION 5</b><br/><b>CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> 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.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> None submitted<br/><b>Opponents:</b> None submitted</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>PROPOSITION 40</b><br/><b>IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN TAXPAYERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> 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.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West<br/><b>Opponents:</b> California Primary Care Association; California School Boards Association; California Taxpayers Association</p> |
| <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p><b>PROPOSITION 2</b><br/><b>INCREASES STATE’S RAINY DAY FUND. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> State budget reserves would be higher.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> CA Professional Firefighters; LA Chamber of Commerce; Gavin Newsom; Xavier Becerra; Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel<br/><b>Opponents:</b> None submitted</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>PROPOSITION 37</b><br/><b>CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> No direct state or local costs.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> United Nurses Associations of California; California Conference of Carpenters; California State Treasurer Fiona Ma<br/><b>Opponents:</b> None submitted</p>                                                                                         | <p><b>PROPOSITION 41</b><br/><b>PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> The net fiscal effect is unknown as it depends on future decisions by voters, the Legislature, and other policymakers.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> CA Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPAs); CalAsian Chamber of Commerce; California Taxpayers Association (CalTax)<br/><b>Opponents:</b> US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West</p>  |
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| <p><b>PROPOSITION 3</b><br/><b>PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> Makes permanent existing voter-approved tax rates for individuals earning over \$371,000 (adjusted annually for inflation). Allocates tax revenues to public education.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> 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.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> California Teachers Association; CA School Nurses Organization; California State PTA; Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA<br/><b>Opponents:</b> California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce</p>                        | <p><b>PROPOSITION 38</b><br/><b>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> 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.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> Michael J. Fox Foundation; Alzheimer’s Los Angeles; Kidney Cancer Assoc; American Nurses Assoc/CA<br/><b>Opponents:</b> Robert M Kaplan Ph.D.</p>                                                                        | <p><b>PROPOSITION 42</b><br/><b>PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Possibility that tax revenues will not go up as much in the future.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> CA Professional Firefighters; State Building &amp; Construction Trades Council of CA; AMVETS Department of CA<br/><b>Opponents:</b> US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West</p>                                     |
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| <p><b>PROPOSITION 4</b><br/><b>REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> 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.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> League of Women Voters of CA; California Nurses Association; Mental Health Advocacy; Social Security Works; Consumer Watchdog<br/><b>Opponents:</b> California Taxpayers Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; Family Business Assn of California; United Latinos Action</p> | <p><b>PROPOSITION 39</b><br/><b>PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM VOTING UNLESS THEY PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Costs of between tens of millions of dollars and low hundreds of millions of dollars each year to implement new voting requirements.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> The Transparency Foundation; Latino American Political Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; CA Women’s Leadership Assn<br/><b>Opponents:</b> ACLU California Action; Common Cause; League of Women Voters of California</p> | <p><b>PROPOSITION 43</b><br/><b>LIMITS VOTERS’ ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Possibility that local government tax revenues will not go up as much in the future due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce<br/><b>Opponents:</b> California Professional Firefighters; California Federation of Teachers; Nurse Alliance of SEIU CA.</p>  |
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# Sample Ballot

| MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
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| <p><b>PROPOSITION 44</b><br/><b>REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Increased state costs in the low tens of millions of dollars per year, covered by fees.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> None submitted<br/><b>Opponents:</b> American Academy of Pediatrics CA; CA School Nurses Org; CA Academy of Family Physicians; CA Medical Assoc.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
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| <p><b>PROPOSITION 45</b><br/><b>MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> 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.<br/><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> 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.<br/><b>Supporters:</b> California Children’s Hospital Association; California Water Association; California Council for Affordable Housing<br/><b>Opponents:</b> Coalition for Clean Air; CA Environmental Voters; Physicians for Social Responsibility, LA; National Wildlife Federation</p> |                       |
| YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="radio"/> |
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| SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <p><b>MEASURE H2026</b><br/><b>ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION.</b> To repair/ upgrade Allan Hancock College's aging classrooms, labs, career training facilities; construct classrooms, improve affordable education for students/veterans in science, math, nursing, welding, machining, skilled trades; offer local four-year degrees with Cal-Poly partnership; fix roofs, plumbing, electrical; and remove asbestos; shall Allan Hancock College’s measure authorizing \$290 million in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$19 /\$100,000 assessed value (\$16 million annually while bonds are outstanding), with citizen oversight of locally controlled funding?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| BONDS-YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="radio"/> |
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| SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| <p><b>MEASURE D2026</b><br/><b>Santa Ynez Valley Union High School Quality Education/ Career Training Measure.</b> To repair/ upgrade aging classrooms, labs, instructional technology, career training and school facilities to support college/ career readiness in math, science, technology, engineering, and skilled trades; fix roofs, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems; and improve school safety/ security, shall Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District's measure authorizing \$80,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$22/ \$100,000 assessed value (\$4,200,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent audits/ oversight and all funds locally controlled?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| BONDS-YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="radio"/> |
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## Attention Voters

### **WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!**

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

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### **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.

# 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](https://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](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov).

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## ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Notice: If the person named on the County Voter Information Guide is not at the address, please help keep the voter rolls current and save taxpayer dollars by returning this County Voter Information Guide to your mail carrier.

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 044

**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 **electionsupport@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!