

COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND SAMPLE BALLOT

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Clerk, Recorder, Assessor and Registrar of Voters

General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

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

EVERY REGISTERED VOTER WILL RECEIVE
A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT



Scan here for more information
about the election!

4440-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ELECTIONS DIVISION

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

Website: SBCVote.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 61510, Santa Barbara CA 93160-1510

SANTA BARBARA OFFICE

4440-A Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Office Hours

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

Office Hours Beginning October 5, 2026

Monday - Friday, except holidays
8 am - 5 pm

Extended Hours

Saturday, October 31, 2026
8 am - 2 pm

SANTA MARIA OFFICE

511 E Lakeside Pkwy, Ste 134
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Office Hours Beginning October 5, 2026

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

Extended Hours

Saturday, October 31, 2026
8 am - 2 pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

November 3, 2026 - Election Day

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

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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



VOTE! DON'T DELAY!

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

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



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



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



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



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



**DON'T FORGET TO
SIGN AND DATE**
your Vote By Mail ballot return
envelope **before** returning your ballot.



YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. OUR COMMUNITY.



How to Vote By Mail

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



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



MARK IT.

Follow the instructions on the ballot to mark your choices.



SEAL IT.

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



SIGN IT.

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



RETURN IT.

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

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

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



TRACK IT.

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

OFFICIAL SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS BY AREA

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



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



Drive-Up (D)



Walk-Up (W)

AREA	BALLOT DROP BOX	ADDRESS	ACCESS
Buellton	Buellton City Hall	107 W. Highway 246	D, W
Carpinteria	Carpinteria City Hall	5775 Carpinteria Ave.	D, W
Goleta	Goleta City Hall	130 Cremona Dr.	W
	Goleta Valley Community Center	5679 Hollister Ave.	D, W
Guadalupe	Guadalupe City Hall	918 Obispo St.	W
Isla Vista/UCSB	UCSB Student Resource Building Building # 221	UCSB Campus	W
Lompoc	Lompoc City Hall <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 <i>Parking lot in front of State Farm Office</i>	1103 E. Clark Ave.	W
Santa Barbara	County Administration Building <i>Entrance from Anapamu St.</i>	105 E. Anapamu St.	W
	Elections Division Main Office	4440-A Calle Real	D, W
	MacKenzie Park <i>Corner of State St. and Las Positas Rd. Hours: sunrise to ½ hour after sunset</i>	3111 State St.	D, W
	Santa Barbara City College <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 <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 <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 **electionsupport@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 or request a paper voter registration application by calling **1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)** or emailing voterreg@countyofsb.org.

Deadline to register to vote

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

Conditional Voter Registration

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



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

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

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

Requirements for First Time Federal Voters

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

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



Language Assistance



SBCVote.com



ElectionsSupport@countyofsb.org



1-800-722-8683

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

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

Spanish/Español

En las elecciones de este año, algunos lugares de votación contarán con modelos de boletas traducidas que los votantes pueden usar como referencia al votar. La Secretaría de Estado 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 or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

Other resources:



Disability
Rights
California

Disability Rights California

Website: www.disabilityrightsca.org

Voting Hotline: 1-888-569-7955

Phone: 1-800-776-5746

ACCESS



CENTRAL COAST
CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES

Access Central Coast Center for Disability Services

Website: www.accesscentralcoast.org

Santa Barbara Phone: 805-963-0595

Santa Maria Phone: 805-925-0015

Santa Barbara Video Phone: 805-284-9051

Santa Maria Video Phone: 805-354-5948



Tri-County Glad

Website: www.tcglad.org

Phone: 805-644-6322

Video Phone: 805-256-1053

Text Telephone (TTY): 805-644-6323

Email: info@tcglad.org



Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
 - ★ at least 18 years old
 - ★ registered where you currently live
 - ★ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
 - ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**
You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your Vote By Mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed Vote By Mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

 **On the web at www.sos.ca.gov**

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

 **By email at elections@sos.ca.gov**

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



Information about Candidates

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

Local Candidates: SBCVote.com

Statewide Candidates: sos.ca.gov

Federal Candidates: fec.gov

State Legislative Candidates – Voluntary Spending Limits

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

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

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

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted, including errors.

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

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

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24 SALUD CARBAJAL Age: 61 Occupation: Member of Congress Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal, and in Congress I'm fighting to lower the cost of living, keep our families safe, and deliver results for the Central Coast. My father was a farmworker in Ventura County. I worked two jobs while I attended UCSB, becoming the first in my family to graduate from a university, and proudly served in the Marine Corps Reserves. I know what it's like to work hard and still worry about making ends meet — that's what drives me in Congress. That's why I worked to pass the largest infrastructure investment in a generation, bringing over \$1 billion to our region — fixing highways and bridges, expanding high-speed internet, and supporting over 13,000 good-paying jobs. I voted to cap insulin at \$35 a month for Medicare recipients, lower prescription drug costs for seniors, and cut health insurance premiums — because no one should have to choose between medicine and groceries. Community safety is personal to me. I authored a provision in the first federal gun safety law in 30 years, giving law enforcement new tools to prevent violence before it happens. I've fought to strengthen services for veterans, protect our coastline from offshore drilling, expand access to housing, end forever wars, and defend immigrant families from ICE's terrorizing raids and family separations. My office has helped over 3,500 neighbors resolve issues with federal agencies, and I've worked to secure over \$8 billion for our region. Every dollar and every case matters — and so does your voice. Learn more: SaludCarbajal.com	STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24 BOB SMITH Age: 47 Occupation: Defense Systems Engineer Education and Qualifications: The Central Coast is one of America's most extraordinary places, yet too many working families are being priced out of the communities they built and love. Housing, energy, and living costs here rank among the nation's highest. We need practical leadership that delivers results, not rhetoric. I am a Navy veteran who served 26 years, rising from junior enlisted sailor to Commander. As a Naval Officer and Systems Engineer, I led high-stakes national security programs and solved some of our military's toughest technological challenges. Service and leadership have defined my life. I am running for Congress to continue that service, not to build a political career, but to deliver real solutions for the Central Coast. My priorities are clear: restore affordability and expand homeownership; strengthen agriculture and protect our agricultural heritage; secure reliable energy and water; build education and workforce pathways that make the Central Coast a national leader in technology and innovation; advance responsible immigration reform; defend our nation; and support our veterans. The challenges we face are not partisan. They are practical. I will evaluate every issue independently, judge ideas by whether they work, and work with anyone willing to get results. My commitment is to the people of the Central Coast. I will fight to bring federal resources home, strengthen our local economy, and ensure our children can build their futures here. Common Sense. Common Ground. Central Coast First. I respectfully ask for your vote. www.bobsmithforcongress.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Trustee Area 4**

DIANA PEREZ

Occupation: College Administrator

Education and Qualifications: I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UC Santa Barbara and a Master's Degree in Education from Fresno State University. For more than 25 years, I have served at Allan Hancock College, helping thousands of students achieve their higher education, college, and career goals. Through my work, I have developed strong relationships not only with our local community college but also with colleges and universities throughout California. I will bring my knowledge to ensure every graduate is prepared to compete for college admission, career opportunities, or skilled trades.

Having previously served on the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education, I am eager to return with renewed energy and a commitment to addressing overcrowding, expanding career technical education, and ensuring our teachers, counselors, and classified staff have the support and resources they need to help students succeed.

The Board also benefits from diverse perspectives and experiences. Currently, two board members are serving from the Santa Maria-Bonita School District, that number could increase to three. I believe our high school district is best served by a board that reflects a broader range of educational experiences and viewpoints.

A vote for me is a vote for strong leadership, student opportunity, and preparing every student for a successful future.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Trustee Area 4**

ALEXANDER JAUREGUI

Occupation: Principal/Educator

Education and Qualifications: As a graduate of Righetti High School, former history teacher at Righetti, and current junior high school principal, I have experienced the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District from multiple perspectives. I am proud to be a product of this district and grateful for the opportunities it provided me to learn, grow, and now give back to the community that helped shape my life. As my child prepares to enter high school, I will also soon experience our district as a parent.

For more than 15 years, I have had the privilege of serving students, supporting educators, and partnering with families to help children succeed. I believe the best decisions are made by listening, working together, and always putting students first.

As a school board member, I will be a voice for students, families, staff, and our community. I believe every child deserves a safe, welcoming school where they feel valued, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential. Together, we can continue building schools where every student belongs, every family feels connected, and every child has the opportunity to succeed.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR County Supervisor District 5 MARIBEL AGUILERA Occupation: Attorney/Santa Maria Councilmember Education and Qualifications: I am a proud, lifelong resident of Santa Maria and a dedicated public servant running for Santa Barbara County Supervisor to bring strong local leadership. I worked in the strawberry fields as a child, went on to become an attorney, and now serve on the Santa Maria City Council. A graduate of Robert Bruce Elementary, El Camino Jr. High, and Santa Maria High School, I returned home after college to serve the community that shaped me. I worked with local nonprofits including North County Rape Crisis, Future Leaders of America, and the Legal Aid Foundation before earning my law degree. Today I run my own law office where I specialize in business and real estate law and represent children as minor's counsel. I served on the Santa Maria Planning Commission, where I developed a deep understanding of responsible development, expanding housing opportunities, supporting small businesses, and attracting high-paying jobs that strengthen our local economy. As County Supervisor, I will focus on issues that improve your quality of life - through creative affordable housing solutions, expanding youth programs, addressing homelessness, and ensuring families feel safe in their neighborhoods. I am committed to supporting working families, protecting taxpayers, and making sure North County has a strong voice at the County level. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving our community and building a safer, stronger Santa Barbara County for all. www.maribelforsupervisor.org	STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR County Supervisor District 5 RICARDO VALENCIA Occupation: Santa Maria Teacher/School Board Education and Qualifications: I grew up in Santa Maria and Guadalupe, communities I proudly call home. Raised in a hardworking immigrant household, I became the first in my family to graduate college from UC Berkeley. For over 15 years, I've taught at Santa Maria High School, helping young people build brighter futures. Through my experience on the Santa Maria-Bonita School Board, I've worked to strengthen public education, support families, balance budgets, and hold leaders accountable. Working families of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, and Tanglewood are struggling to afford to live here. Housing costs are rising, wages aren't keeping up, and people are being left behind. As your Supervisor I will put our community first, deliver results for working families and make sure we have a seat at the table. My approach is having real conversations with everyday people to find innovative solutions. My priorities are affordable housing, strengthening wages, job opportunities, supporting local businesses, protecting our environment, improving emergency preparedness, and standing against ICE raids to keep our neighborhoods safe while defending our rights and dignity. This campaign is endorsed by respected community leaders and organizations. Visit ValenciaForSupervisor.com to learn more. I will represent working people, not corporate special interests. I would be honored to earn your vote.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
City of Santa Maria
Member of the City Council, District 1 – Short Term
RICARDO “RICHARD” BATALLA Age: 36

Education and Qualifications: I am Ricardo “Richard” Batalla, and I proudly serve as the Councilmember representing District 1 on the Santa Maria City Council. It is an honor to represent our residents and work toward a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Santa Maria.

For more than a decade, I have dedicated my career to public service, education, youth development, nonprofit leadership, and community advocacy. As Youth Development Director for the YMCA of the Santa Maria Valley, I oversee afterschool programs, youth sports, internships, and mentorship opportunities serving more than 2,000 students throughout our community.

Previously, I served as a Special Education Teacher with the Lompoc Unified School District and as a Finance Supervisor for the United States Postal Service, gaining valuable experience in education, budgeting, operations, compliance, and personnel management.

I hold master’s degrees in Educational Leadership and Administration from California State University, Fresno, and Urban Education from the University of Southern California, along with bachelor’s degrees in Criminology and Chicano Studies from California State University, Fresno.

As your District 1 Councilmember, I remain committed to listening to residents, strengthening public safety, supporting families and youth, expanding opportunities, and ensuring our community has a strong voice at City Hall every day.

Respectfully ask for your support.



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(For measures that will be on your ballot)

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**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 C2026
CITY OF SANTA MARIA**

The Santa Maria City Council has placed Measure C2026 on the ballot to ask the voters of Santa Maria if the City should enact a local one-half (1/2) cent sales tax. The sales tax is also called a transactions and use tax. The City currently collects a local one (1) cent sales tax under the previously adopted Measure U. If approved by the voters, this local one-half (1/2) cent sales tax would be collected in the same manner as the existing local one (1) cent sales tax. The proposed increased local sales tax would continue until repealed by the voters of the City.

As a general local tax approved by the voters of Santa Maria, Measure C2026's revenue must be placed in the City's general fund and used for general governmental purposes. It is estimated that Measure C2026 will provide an additional \$13 million in annual local funding that could be used to maintain and enhance community services including parks and recreation, the aquatic center, library, youth programs, and roads and streets. The State cannot take the revenue from Measure C2026 for its own use.

Measure C2026 would require annual independent audits to account for the tax revenues received and expenditures made in relation to the local one-half (1/2) cent sales tax. Such audits will be provided to the City Council for their review.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the local one-half (1/2) cent sales tax. A "No" vote is a vote against the local one-half (1/2) cent sales tax. Measure C2026 will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure C2026. If you desire a copy of Measure C2026, please call the Santa Maria City Clerk's Office at (805) 925-0951, extension 2306, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas T. Watson
City Attorney

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE C2026
CITY OF SANTA MARIA**

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE C2026 WAS FILED**

Santa Maria is an amazing place to live with many wonderful community amenities and with more opportunities for the future. Voting Yes on Measure C will keep the City's future bright, by ensuring local funds for high-quality programs and amenities that serve our residents and businesses.

Ultimately, a vote for Measure C is a vote to support our Community!

This would generate \$13,000,000 in taxpayer dollars that are locally-controlled, and cannot be taken away from the State, and will be subject to mandatory, independent financial audits and Citizen Oversight, ensuring that every dollar is spent as promised.

Yes on Measure C will give our youth opportunities to succeed, keep them out of gangs, and promote safe communities.

Yes on Measure C will give adults and seniors more programs and services that will enrich quality of life.

Yes on Measure C will keep City recreational facilities open year-round, including our parks and aquatic center.

Yes on Measure C will allow for more hours to access the public library.

Yes on Measure C will set aside local funding for street and road repairs and ensure well-maintained roads.

Yes on Measure C will allow the City to qualify for our fair share of millions in matching grants, ensuring taxpayers don't have to pay the full cost of our programs and services.

Join a unanimous Santa Maria City Council, public safety officers, business and community leaders in voting YES on C.

/s/ Alice M. Patino
Mayor, City of Santa Maria
/s/ Gloria Flores
Mayor Pro Tem, District 2
/s/ Maribel Aguilera
Council Member, District 4
/s/ Richard Batalla
Council Member, District 1
/s/ Gloria Soto
Council Member District 3

**FULL TEXT OF
MEASURE C2026
CITY OF SANTA MARIA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 3-8B IMPOSING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, recent polling shows that a large majority of residents expressed high satisfaction with the City's delivery services; and

WHEREAS, recent polling and community input also show that residents are concerned with quality of life issues facing Santa Maria; and

WHEREAS, the City remains committed in delivering high-quality services to the community's residents and in addressing the expressed concerns of the community; and

WHEREAS, locally-controlled funding is more necessary now than ever to continue to support the City's efforts to provide the full-range of services, including but not limited to, parks and recreation, including the aquatic center, library, youth programs, and improving the City's roads and streets; and

WHEREAS, this measure will give Santa Maria local control over local funds for local needs. No funds can be taken by Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the City must ensure delivery of high-quality services to the community and to address the concerns identified by community residents; and

WHEREAS, a secure source of local funding is needed to maintain recreational facilities, including the aquatic center, and programs focused on at-risk youth, anti-gang outreach coordination, and after-school programs that keep the City's kids safe, off the streets, and out of trouble; and

WHEREAS, resources are needed to address public improvements, including maintenance of the City's streets and roadways; and

WHEREAS, expanding local funding will qualify Santa Maria to receive its fair share of millions of dollars in matching grants, so taxpayers do not have to pay the entire cost of critical programs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3-8B of Title 3 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3-8B CITY SERVICES TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

Section 3-8B.01. Title.

This Chapter shall be known as the "City Services Transactions and Use Tax Code." The City of Santa Maria hereinafter shall be called "City." This Chapter shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

Section 3-8B.02. Operative Date.

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after adoption of this Chapter, the date of such adoption being August 4, 2026.

Section 3-8B.03. Purpose.

This Chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

(a) To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax which shall be operative if a 50% and 1 vote of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

(b) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(c) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

(d) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of recordkeeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3-8B.04. Contract with State.

Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Section 3-8B.05. Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 0.5% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this Chapter. This tax is in addition to the tax imposed by Chapter 3-8A of this code.

Section 3-8B.06. Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this Chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Section 3-8B.07. Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this Chapter for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.5% of the sales price of the property. This tax is in addition to the tax imposed by Chapter 3-8A of this code. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Section 3-8B.08. Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this Chapter as though fully set forth herein.

Section 3-8B.09. Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

(a) Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefore. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

- (1) The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;
- (2) The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Chapter.
- (3) In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:
 - (A) Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;
 - (B) Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.
- (4) In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(b) The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

Section 3-8B.10. Permit Not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this Chapter.

Section 3-8B.11. Exemptions and Exclusions.

- (a) There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.
- (b) There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:
 - (1) Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.
 - (2) Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this Section, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:
 - (A) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and
 - (B) With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.
 - (3) The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this Chapter.
 - (4) A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the leaser is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this Chapter.
 - (5) For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this Section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
- (c) There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this Chapter, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:
 - (1) The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax.
 - (2) Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.
 - (3) If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this Chapter.
 - (4) If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this Chapter.
 - (5) For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this Section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
 - (6) Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.
 - (7) "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.
- (d) Any person subject to use tax under this Chapter may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Section 3-8B.12. Amendments.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this Chapter to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this Chapter, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this Chapter.

Section 3-8B.13. Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Section 3-8B.14. Annual Independent Audits.

The City shall ensure that annual independent audits are conducted to account for the tax revenues received and expenditures made in relation to the 0.5% transaction and use tax. Such audits will be provided to the City Council for their review.

Section 3-8B.15. Termination Date.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this Chapter shall expire when ended by the voters of the City.

SECTION 2. USE OF TAX PROCEEDS. The proceeds of the tax approved by this Ordinance may be used for unrestricted general revenue purposes.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is determined by a competent court to be invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. ELECTION REQUIRED. This Ordinance shall not become operative unless and until a 50% and 1 vote of the electors voting on this measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transaction and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. This Ordinance has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the CEQA guidelines, and the City's environmental procedures and determined not to be a "Project" under CEQA. Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines states a Project does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The transactions and use tax imposed by the adoption of this Ordinance is a general tax that can be used for any legitimate governmental purpose; it is not a commitment to any particular action. Accordingly, the Ordinance is not a Project under CEQA. Furthermore, even if the Ordinance was a Project, it would be exempt pursuant to § 15061(b)(3) (common sense) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that a Project is exempt if it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant physical impact on the environment. The City Council hereby finds with certainty that there is no possibility the passage of this Ordinance will have a significant physical impact on the environment because the Ordinance is not a commitment to any particular action. If revenue from the tax were used for a purpose that would have such a potential for physical impact, the City would undertake any required CEQA review for that particular project at the earliest feasible date.

SECTION 7. CLERICAL CORRECTION. The Chief Deputy City Clerk is hereby authorized to make minor changes herein to address clerical errors, so long as substantial conformance of the intent of this document is maintained. In doing so, the Chief Deputy City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any changes deemed necessary.



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

Sample Ballot

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SAMPLE BALLOT

NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Instructions for Voting

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Sample Ballot

NONPARTISAN OFFICES		SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	
JUDICIAL	Vote YES or NO for each office		
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 5 Shall Presiding Justice BRIAN M. HOFFSTADT be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		Governing Board Member Trustee Area 4	
		Vote for One	
		DIANA PEREZ College Administrator	
YES		ALEX JAUREGUI Principal/Educator	
NO			
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 6 Shall Presiding Justice TARI L. CODY be elected to the office for the term provided by law?			
		Write-In	
		COUNTY	
		County Supervisor 5th District	
YES		Vote for One	
NO		MARIBEL AGUILERA Councilmember/Attorney	
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 6 Shall Associate Justice KENNETH R. YEGAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		RICARDO VALENCIA Santa Maria-Bonita School Board Trustee	
		Write-In	
YES		CITY	
NO		CITY OF SANTA MARIA	
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 7 Shall Presiding Justice GONZALO C. MARTINEZ be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		Member, City Council District 1, Short Term	
		Vote for One	
		RICARDO "RICHARD" BATALLA Appointed Santa Maria City Councilmember District 1	
YES		GARY JANEK MICHAELS Small Business Owner	
NO		CELEST MENDOZA Manager, Non-Profit	
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 7 Shall Associate Justice NATALIE STONE be elected to the office for the term provided by law?			
		Write-In	
YES			
NO			
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8 Shall Associate Justice JOHN WILEY be elected to the office for the term provided by law?			
YES			
NO			
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8 Shall Associate Justice MATTHEW A. SCHERB be elected to the office for the term provided by law?			
YES			
NO			
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, 2ND DISTRICT, DIVISION 8 Shall Associate Justice VICTOR G. VIRAMONTES be elected to the office for the term provided by law?			
YES			
NO			
SCHOOL			
State Superintendent of Public Instruction			
		Vote for One	
SONJA SHAW School District President			
RICHARD BARRERA State Superintendent Advisor			
Write-In			

CARD "A" This is ballot card 1 of 2

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		
STATE		
PROPOSITION 1 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$11.25 billion in state general obligation bonds for housing affordability programs, including multifamily rental housing, mortgages for veterans, supportive housing, preservation of existing affordable housing, and downpayment assistance. Fiscal Impact: Increased state cost of \$500 million to \$600 million annually for about 25 years to repay the housing bond. Supporters: US Vets; CA Federation of Teachers; Self-Help for the Elderly; Habitat for Humanity CA; CA Alliance of Child & Family Services Opponents: None submitted	PROPOSITION 5 CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Under current law, voters elect replacement candidates at the same time as the recall election. This measure instead fills recall vacancies by subsequent special election or appointment. Fiscal Impact: Net fiscal effect unknown. In the event of a recall, savings or costs of millions of dollars to administer the election depending on the office recalled. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: None submitted	PROPOSITION 40 IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN TAXPAYERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes 5% tax on certain taxpayers with assets over \$1 billion; revenue primarily for health care. Exempts revenues from constitutional requirements for school funding and spending limit. Fiscal Impact: Temporary revenue increase of tens of billions of dollars spread over several years from wealth tax on billionaires. Possible ongoing decrease of less than \$1 billion per year in income tax revenue from billionaires. Supporters: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West Opponents: California Primary Care Association; California School Boards Association; California Taxpayers Association
YES ☐	YES ☐	YES ☐
NO ☐	NO ☐	NO ☐
PROPOSITION 2 INCREASES STATE’S RAINY DAY FUND. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases California’s Rainy Day Fund, approved by voters in 2014, to provide funding for education, health care, public safety, and other essential services during economic downturns. Fiscal Impact: State budget reserves would be higher. Supporters: CA Professional Firefighters; LA Chamber of Commerce; Gavin Newsom; Xavier Becerra; Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel Opponents: None submitted	PROPOSITION 37 CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$25 billion in bonds to offer eligible buyers fixed-rate mortgages for up to 17% of purchase price of a newly constructed home priced below about \$1.5 million. Borrowers must be California residents, occupy the home, meet income limits, and pay at least 3% down. Bonds repaid by mortgage payments, not State. Fiscal Impact: No direct state or local costs. Supporters: United Nurses Associations of California; California Conference of Carpenters; California State Treasurer Fiona Ma Opponents: None submitted	PROPOSITION 41 PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Nullifies state taxes enacted after January 1, 2026 that exempt their revenues from voter-approved state spending limit. Requires pre-election and recurring audits of programs funded by new special taxes. Fiscal Impact: The net fiscal effect is unknown as it depends on future decisions by voters, the Legislature, and other policymakers. Supporters: CA Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPAs); CalAsian Chamber of Commerce; California Taxpayers Association (CalTax) Opponents: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West
YES ☐	YES ☐	YES ☐
NO ☐	NO ☐	NO ☐
PROPOSITION 3 PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Makes permanent existing voter-approved tax rates for individuals earning over \$371,000 (adjusted annually for inflation). Allocates tax revenues to public education. Fiscal Impact: Maintains \$5 billion to \$15 billion of annual state income tax revenue by making a temporary tax increase on high-income earners permanent instead of letting it expire in 2031. Supporters: California Teachers Association; CA School Nurses Organization; California State PTA; Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA Opponents: California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce	PROPOSITION 38 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$8.4 billion in general obligation bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research, half to a single University of California-affiliated nonprofit medical research institute, half to research grants. Fiscal Impact: Increased state cost of \$500 million to \$600 million annually for about 20 years to repay the research bond, with some or all of the cost offset if the funded research generates revenue. Supporters: Michael J. Fox Foundation; Alzheimer’s Los Angeles; Kidney Cancer Assoc; American Nurses Assoc/CA Opponents: Robert M Kaplan Ph.D.	PROPOSITION 42 PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits any new state tax (1) imposed on the ownership of personal property (all things people own other than real estate), or (2) that applies retroactively based on taxpayer’s past activities. Nullifies taxes enacted after January 1, 2026 that conflict with this measure. Fiscal Impact: Possibility that tax revenues will not go up as much in the future. Supporters: CA Professional Firefighters; State Building & Construction Trades Council of CA; AMVETS Department of CA Opponents: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West
YES ☐	YES ☐	YES ☐
NO ☐	NO ☐	NO ☐
PROPOSITION 4 REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Repeals prohibition on state and local governments offering public funding of candidate election campaigns. Public funding programs may not use funds earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety. Fiscal Impact: Ongoing costs to the state of a few hundred thousand dollars each year for the Fair Political Practices Commission to answer questions from state and local governments about public campaign finance programs. Supporters: League of Women Voters of CA; California Nurses Association; Mental Health Advocacy; Social Security Works; Consumer Watchdog Opponents: California Taxpayers Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; Family Business Assn of California; United Latinos Action	PROPOSITION 39 PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM VOTING UNLESS THEY PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Invalidates mail ballots that do not have last four digits of designated government-issued identification number written on envelope. Prohibits in-person voting without presenting government-issued identification. Fiscal Impact: Costs of between tens of millions of dollars and low hundreds of millions of dollars each year to implement new voting requirements. Supporters: The Transparency Foundation; Latino American Political Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; CA Women’s Leadership Assn Opponents: ACLU California Action; Common Cause; League of Women Voters of California	PROPOSITION 43 LIMITS VOTERS’ ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Limits voters’ ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by increasing percentage of votes needed to approve such ballot measures from a majority (over 50%) to two-thirds, beginning January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact: Possibility that local government tax revenues will not go up as much in the future due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes. Supporters: California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Opponents: California Professional Firefighters; California Federation of Teachers; Nurse Alliance of SEIU CA.
YES ☐	YES ☐	YES ☐
NO ☐	NO ☐	NO ☐

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Sample Ballot

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
STATE	
PROPOSITION 44 REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Imposes penalties on nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers (community clinics providing primary care to medically underserved areas and populations) that spend less than 90% of revenue on “program services” advancing their charitable purpose, including but not limited to patient services. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs in the low tens of millions of dollars per year, covered by fees. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: American Academy of Pediatrics CA; CA School Nurses Org; CA Academy of Family Physicians; CA Medical Assoc.	
YES	☐
NO	☐
PROPOSITION 45 MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Amends California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to expedite environmental review for certain projects (including most housing, transportation, water, and health projects) by setting deadlines to complete environmental review and resolve lawsuits challenging project approvals. Fiscal Impact: Initial costs for state and local governments, likely in the high tens of millions of dollars—potentially exceeding \$100 million—annually, partly covered by fees. Uncertain, potentially more significant positive or negative longer-term fiscal effects. Supporters: California Children’s Hospital Association; California Water Association; California Council for Affordable Housing Opponents: Coalition for Clean Air; CA Environmental Voters; Physicians for Social Responsibility, LA; National Wildlife Federation	
YES	☐
NO	☐
SCHOOL	
ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	
MEASURE H2026 ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION. 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?	
BONDS-YES	☐
BONDS-NO	☐
CITY	
CITY OF SANTA MARIA	
MEASURE C2026 CITY OF SANTA MARIA GENERAL SERVICES. Maintain and enhance community services including parks and recreation, the aquatic center, library, youth programs, and roads and streets, to improve quality of life; shall the measure be approved adopting an ordinance implementing Measure C2026 at the one-half cent rate until ended by voters, providing \$13,000,000 annually that cannot be taken by Sacramento, requiring oversight, independent audits, with all funds used locally.	
YES	☐
NO	☐

CARD "B" This is ballot card 2 of 2



Attention Voters

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHERE:

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

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

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

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



Election Observers and Results

Election Observers



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

Election Results

Election Night – November 3, 2026

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



Results can be found online at

County of Santa Barbara Elections Division: **SBCVote.com**

Secretary of State: **sos.ca.gov**

Post-election Processing

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

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

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

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



ReadySBC Alerts:

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

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

Scan the QR Code to register for ReadySBC Alerts



Nixle:

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

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



Emergency Alert System (EAS):

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

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



Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA):

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

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



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Elections in California

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for United States President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices may still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate may only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this guide.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have their qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county voter information guide, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

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.

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YOUR POLLING PLACE
LOCATION



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

YOUR ADDRESS

BALLOT
TYPE 086

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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.)



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