COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND SAMPLE BALLOT

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General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

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

EVERY REGISTERED VOTER WILL RECEIVE
A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Scan here for more information about the election!

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

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ELECTIONS DIVISION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

November 3, 2026 - Election Day

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

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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

VOTE!

DON’T DELAY!

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

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

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

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

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

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

DON’T FORGET TO

SIGN AND DATE

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

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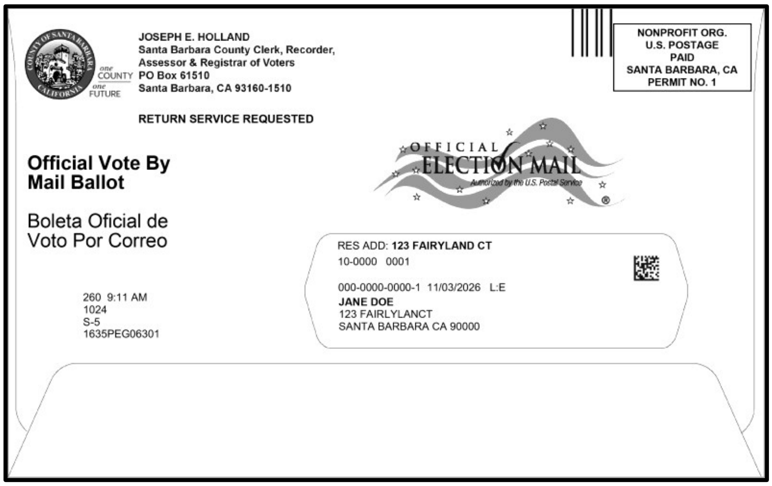
YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. OUR COMMUNITY.

How to Vote By Mail

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



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

MARK IT.

Follow the instructions on the ballot to mark your choices.

SEAL IT.

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

SIGN IT.

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

RETURN IT.

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

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

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

TRACK IT.

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

OFFICIAL SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS BY AREA

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

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

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

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

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Accessible Voting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM)

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

The RAVBM system allows you to:

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

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

How to vote with RAVBM:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to Vote at the Polls

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

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

How do I vote at my assigned Polling Place?

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

What to do if…

You changed your name and did not re-register:

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

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

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

You need assistance marking your ballot:

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

Important Registration Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Language Assistance

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

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

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

Spanish/Español

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

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

Chinese/ 中文

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

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

Korean / 한국어

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

투표할때도움이필요하신경우귀하의고용주또는조합의대표인이아닌사람최대두명과투표소에동행하실수있습니다.가족이나친구와함께오세요!

Tagalog / Tagalog

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

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

Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt

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

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

Additional Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other resources:

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

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

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

Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

On the web at www.sos.ca.gov

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

By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

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

Information about Candidates

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

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

State Legislative Candidates – Voluntary Spending Limits

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

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

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

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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

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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 Guadalupe
Member of the City Council

ROBERT DIAZ **Age: 38**

Occupation: Health and Human Services Manager

Education and Qualifications: As a proud Guadalupe resident, I am asking for the privilege to serve on our City Council.

With an 18-year background in health and human services, program management, nonprofit development, and social work, I have spent my career supporting and listening to the need of communities while delivering practical solutions. Now, I want to bring that experience directly to Guadalupe.

Guadalupe faces real challenges in securing long-term financial stability, smart development, and community growth. To move forward, I will work collaboratively with our City staff, residents, local businesses, nonprofits, and regional agencies to bring essential resources and opportunities back home to our city.

I pledge to lead with independence, integrity, and a simple commitment: to meet Guadalupe's needs first.

I humbly ask for your vote.

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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.

<u>NO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES</u>. 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.

<u>FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY</u>. 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 G2026

CITY OF GUADALUPE

The City Council of the City of Guadalupe has placed Measure G2026 (“Measure G”) on the ballot and, if approved by voters, would add Chapter 3.34 (Cannabis Business Tax) to Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code and enact a maximum tax of up to eight percent (8%) of gross receipts on all retail commercial cannabis businesses, and a maximum tax of up to four percent (4%) of gross receipts on all other types of commercial cannabis businesses, operating within the City.

The actual tax rate imposed under this chapter will be established by resolution of the City Council. The City Council, in its discretion, may adopt a tax rate lower than the maximum tax rates of eight percent (8%) and four percent (4%) of gross receipts, but no more than the maximum rates. The tax would not apply to the legal cultivation of cannabis for personal medicinal or adult use allowed under the Guadalupe Municipal Code and state law.

The tax would be a general tax as authorized by the California Constitution Article XIII C, Section 2. As a general tax, the revenue generated may be used for any general governmental purpose. Measure G2026 does not place any restrictions on the use of the funds. A majority vote is required to approve the measure.

The tax would continue until repealed by the voters. The tax cannot be increased above the maximum rates of eight percent (8%) on retail commercial cannabis businesses or four percent (4%) on all other allowed commercial cannabis businesses in the City without the approval of the voters.

Measure G2026 will not authorize any additional commercial cannabis businesses to commence operations. Currently, commercial cannabis business applications and operations are subject to Chapter 9.22 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code and nothing in Measure G2026 changes any provision of Chapter 9.22.

A “yes” vote on Measure G would approve the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance and authorize the City Council, by resolution, to impose a cannabis business tax up to a maximum rate of eight percent (8%) on retail commercial cannabis businesses or four percent (4%) on all other allowed commercial cannabis businesses in the City.

A “no” vote on Measure G2026 would not approve the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G2026. If you desire a copy of Measure G2026, please call the City of Guadalupe Administration Department at (805) 356-3891, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

/s/ Philip F. Sinco
City Attorney, City of Guadalupe

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G2026 CITY OF GUADALUPE

Measure G2026 offers a practical approach that benefits both Guadalupe's commercial cannabis businesses and the City. A YES vote will replace the current public benefit fee structure with a locally controlled cannabis business tax, helping support a more predictable and business-friendly operating environment while maintaining an important source of City revenue. Measure G2026 authorizes the City Council to set the tax rate on gross proceeds up to a maximum of 8% for retail, and up to a maximum of 4% for all other, lower than these maximum rates.

Under Chapter 9.22 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code, the City entered into Community Benefit Agreements with the two commercial cannabis businesses currently operating in Guadalupe. Under those agreements, the retail cannabis business pays a public benefit fee equal to 6% of its gross proceeds, while the non-retail cultivation and processing business pays 2% of its gross proceeds.

Measure G2026 was placed on the ballot after the City Council considered concerns raised by the retail cannabis business. The business advocated for replacing its public benefit fee with a cannabis business tax, explaining that a tax structure would be fairer and would provide greater flexibility in marketing and pricing its products. These changes could improve the business's ability to compete and remain successful in Guadalupe.

The City Council agreed that a locally controlled tax structure could support local businesses while continuing to generate revenue for essential City services. A successful local business is more likely to remain in operation, create economic activity and continue contributing revenue to the community.

Measure G2026 provides a balanced approach: it supports a more business-friendly environment while protecting an important local revenue source.

Please vote YES on Measure G2026.

/s/ Ariston D. Julian
Mayor
/s/ Christina Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem
/s/ Amelia M. Villegas
Council Member
/s/ Whitney Furness
Council Member
/s/ Eugene Costa Jr.
Council Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G2026 WAS FILED

FULL TEXT OF

MEASURE G2026

CITY OF GUADALUPE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-528

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GUADALUPE, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 3.34 (CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX) TO TITLE 3 OF THE GUADALUPE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A TAX ON CANNABIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GUADALUPE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CODE AMENDMENT. Chapter 3.34 is added to Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3.34

3.34.010 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance ("Ordinance"). This Ordinance shall be applicable in the City of Guadalupe, California which shall be referred to herein as "City."

3.34.020 Authority and Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt a tax, for revenue purposes, pursuant to Sections 37101 and 37100.5 of the California Government Code, upon cannabis businesses that engage in business in the City which shall be referred to herein as the "cannabis business tax." The cannabis business tax is levied based upon business gross receipts. It is not a sales and use tax, a tax upon income, or a tax upon real property and shall not be calculated or assessed as such. The cannabis business tax is a general tax enacted solely for general, governmental purposes of the City and not for specific purposes. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this chapter shall be placed in the City's general fund and be available for any lawful City purpose.

3.34.030 Intent.
The intent of this Ordinance is to levy a tax on all cannabis businesses that operate in the City, regardless of whether such business would have been legal at the time this chapter was adopted. Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to authorize or permit any business activity that would not otherwise be legal or permissible under laws applicable to the activity at the time the activity is undertaken.

3.34.040 Definitions.
The following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below when used in this chapter:

A. "Arm's length transaction" means a sale entered into in good faith and for valuable consideration that reflects the fair market value in the open market between two informed and willing parties, neither under any compulsion to participate in the transaction.
B. "Business" shall include all activities engaged in or caused to be engaged in within the City, including any commercial or industrial enterprise, trade, profession, occupation, vocation, calling, or livelihood, whether or not carried on for gain or profit, but shall not include the services rendered by an employee to his or her employer.
C. "Calendar year" means January 1 through December 31, of the same year.
D. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. "Cannabis" shall not include industrial hemp, unless otherwise specified or unless it meets the definition of a Cannabis Product under 3.12.040(F)
E. "Cannabis business" means any business activity involving cannabis, including but not limited to cultivating, transporting, distributing, manufacturing, compounding, converting, processing, preparing, storing, packaging, delivering, testing, dispensing, retailing and wholesaling of cannabis, cannabis products or of ancillary products and accessories, whether or not carried on for gain or profit.
F. "Cannabis business tax" means the tax due pursuant to this chapter for engaging in a cannabis business in the City.
G. "Cannabis product" means a product containing cannabis or cannabis concentrate and includes, but is not limited to, edible, topical, and inhaled products, and any product intended for human or animal consumption that contains or purports to contain any variant or derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol, regardless of the nature or source of the cannabinoids. "Cannabis product" also means cannabis products as defined by Section 11018.1 of the California Health and Safety Code and is not limited to medicinal cannabis products.
H. "Canopy" means all areas occupied by any portion of a cannabis plant whether contiguous or noncontiguous on any one site. When plants occupy multiple horizontal planes (as when plants are placed on shelving above other plants) each plane shall be counted as a separate canopy area.
I. "Commercial cannabis cultivation" means cultivation of cannabis undertaken in the course of conducting a cannabis business.
J. "Commercial cannabis permit" means a permit, license, certificate, or other approval issued by the City to a person to authorize that person to operate a cannabis business or engage in business as a cannabis business within the City.
K. "Cultivation" means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis and includes, but is not limited to, the operation of a nursery.
L. "Employee" means each and every person engaged in the operation or conduct of any business, whether as owner, member of the owner's family, partner, associate, agent, manager or solicitor, and each and every other person employed or working in such business for a wage, salary, commission, barter or any other form of compensation.
M. "Engaged in business as a cannabis business" means the commencing, conducting, operating, managing or carrying on of a cannabis business, whether done as owner, or by means of an officer, agent, manager, employee, or otherwise, whether operating from a fixed location in the City or coming into the City from an outside location to engage in such activities. A person shall be deemed engaged in business within the City if:
    1. Such person or person's employee maintains a fixed place of business within the City for the benefit or partial benefit of such person;
    2. Such person or person's employee owns or leases real property within the City for business purposes;
    3. Such person or person's employee regularly maintains a stock of tangible personal property in the City for sale in the ordinary course of business;
    4. Such person or person's employee regularly conducts solicitation of business within the City;
    5. Such person or person's employee regularly conducts sales by delivery to addresses within the City; or
    6. Such person or person's employee performs work or renders services in the City.

The foregoing specified activities shall not be a limitation on the meaning of “engaged in business."

N. "Evidence of doing business" means evidence such as, without limitation, use of signs, circulars, cards or any other advertising media, including the use of internet or telephone solicitation, or representation to a government agency or to the public that such person is engaged in a cannabis business in the City.
O. "Finance Director" means the Finance Director of the City of Guadalupe or his or her designee.

P. "Gross Receipts," except as otherwise specifically provided, means, whether designated as a sales price, royalty, rent, membership fee, ATM service fee, delivery fee, slotting fee, any other fee, vaping room service charge, commission, dividend, or other designation, the total amount (including all receipts, cash, credits, services and property of any kind or nature) received or payable for sales of goods, wares or merchandise, or for the performance of any act or service of any nature for which a charge is made or credit allowed (whether such service, act or employment is done as part of or in connection with the sale of goods, wares, merchandise or not), without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, losses or any other expense whatsoever. In the event the business is involved in a "non-arm's length transaction" the gross receipts will be subject to the fair market value using a methodology approved by the Finance Director. However, the following shall be excluded from Gross Receipts:

1. Cash discounts where allowed and taken on sales;
2. Any tax required by law to be included in or added to the purchase price and collected from the consumer or purchaser;
3. Such part of the sale price of any property returned by purchasers to the seller as refunded by the seller by way of cash or credit allowances or return of refundable deposits previously included in gross receipts;
4. Receipts derived from the occasional sale of used, obsolete or surplus trade fixtures, machinery or other equipment used by the taxpayer in the regular course of the taxpayer's business;
5. Cash value of sales, trades or transactions between departments or units of the same business located in the City of Guadalupe and if authorized by the Finance Director in writing in accordance with Section 3.34.140 (B);
6. Whenever there are included within the gross receipts amounts which reflect sales for which credit is extended and such amount proved uncollectible in a subsequent year, those amounts may be excluded from the gross receipts in the year they prove to be uncollectible; provided, however, if the whole or portion of such amounts excluded as uncollectible are subsequently collected they shall be included in the amount of gross receipts for the period when they are recovered;
7. Receipts of refundable deposits, except that such deposits when forfeited and taken into income of the business shall not be excluded;
8. Payments made by the tax-reporting cannabis business (Seller) to a cannabis business (Buyer) for the difference in the original acquisition price and subsequent renegotiated or finalized selling price of products or services sold to a specific end customer. This type of transaction is referred to as a "billback". The tax-reporting cannabis business must provide supporting documentation to substantiate the transaction in order to be eligible for an exemption.

Q. "Lighting" means a source of light that is primarily used for promoting the biological process of plant growth. Lighting does not include sources of light that primarily exist for the safety or convenience of staff or visitors to the facility, such as emergency lighting, walkway lighting, or light admitted via small skylights, windows or ventilation openings.

R. "Medicinal cannabis" or "medicinal cannabis product" means cannabis or a cannabis product sold, or intended to be sold, for use pursuant to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215), found at Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code, for a medicinal cannabis patient in California who possesses a physician's recommendation and/or a cannabis card issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11362.71.

S. "Non-arm's length transaction" means a transaction that does not meet the definition of an "arm's length transaction." In other words, the transaction is not a sale that reflects fair market value in the open market. One example of a non-arm's length transaction would be when a cultivator sells cannabis goods to a cannabis distributor at a sales price that is lower than what the same cultivator would charge to other cannabis distributors, or which does not reflect the fair market value in the open market.

T. "Nursery" means a facility or part of a facility that is used only for producing clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of cannabis.

U. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, whether organized as a nonprofit or for-profit entity, and includes the plural as well as the singular number.

V. "Processing" means a cultivation site that conducts only trimming, drying, curing, grading, packaging, or labeling of cannabis and non-manufactured cannabis products.

W. "Retailer" means a person or business as defined in Section 3.34.040 (V) who sells cannabis or cannabis products at their place of business or by delivery to an end user or customer for use or consumption rather than to another person or business for resale.

X. "Sale", "sell" and "to sell" means and includes any sale, exchange, or barter either as a retailer or wholesaler by a person or business as defined by Section 3.34.040 (V). It shall also mean any transaction whereby, for any consideration, title to cannabis or cannabis products are transferred from one person to another and includes the delivery of cannabis or cannabis products pursuant to an order placed for the purchase of the same, but does not include the return of cannabis or cannabis products to the licensee from whom the cannabis or cannabis product was purchased.

Y. "State" means the State of California.

Z. "State license," "license," or "registration" means a state license issued pursuant to California Business & Professions Code Section 26050, and all other applicable state laws, required for operating a cannabis business.

AA. "Testing Laboratory" means a cannabis business that (i) offers or performs tests of cannabis or cannabis products, (ii) offers no service other than such tests, (iii) sells no products, excepting only testing supplies and materials, (iv) is accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in the cannabis industry in the state and (v) is registered with the Department of Cannabis Control or other state agency.

3.34.050 Tax Imposed.

A. Beginning January 1, 2027, there is imposed upon each person who is engaged in business as a cannabis business a cannabis business tax. Such tax is payable regardless of whether the person has been issued a commercial cannabis business license, permit, or other certificate to operate lawfully in the City or is operating unlawfully. The City's acceptance of a cannabis business tax payment from a cannabis business operating illegally shall not constitute the City's approval or consent to such illegal operations.

B. The City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, increase or decrease the rate of the cannabis business tax, including the initial rate of cannabis business tax. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City Council repeal this tax or set any adjusted rate that exceeds the maximum rates calculated pursuant to this chapter.

C. The maximum rate of the cannabis business tax shall be calculated as follows:

   1. For every person engaged in retail sales of cannabis or cannabis products, including as a retailer (dispensary) or non-storefront retailer (retail delivery business), or microbusiness, the person shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed eight percent (8%) of gross receipts.

      a. The City Council may, at its discretion, establish separate tax rates for retail sales of medicinal and adult use cannabis, so long as neither rate exceeds the maximum rate for cannabis retail sales as established in Section 3.34.050 (C)(1), above.

   2. For every person engaged in any wholesale cannabis business activity including but not limited to cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, or any other wholesale activity not specifically listed herein, the person shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed four percent (4%) of gross receipts.

   3. For every person engaged in the operation of a testing laboratory for cannabis or cannabis products, the person shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed four percent (4%) of gross receipts.

D. Persons subject to the cannabis business tax shall register with the City and pay the registration fee pursuant to Section 3.34.060 in addition to paying a business license fee (business tax certificate) pursuant to Section 5.04.110.

3.34.060 Registration, reporting and remittance of tax.

A. Registration of Cannabis Business. All cannabis businesses shall be required to annually register as follows:

   1. All persons engaging in business as a cannabis business, whether an existing, newly established or acquired business, shall register with the Finance Director within thirty (30) days of commencing operation and shall annually renew such registration within 30 days of the business registration anniversary date of each year thereafter. In registering, such persons shall furnish to the Finance Director a sworn statement, upon a form provided by the Finance Director, setting forth the following information:

      i. The name of the business;
      ii. The names and addresses of each owner;
      iii. The exact nature or kind of business;
      iv. The place where such business is to be carried on; and
      v. Any additional information which the Finance Director may require.

   2. All persons engaging in retail sales of cannabis or cannabis products by delivery from locations outside of the City to addresses within the City shall apply for and retain a business license (business tax certificate) prior to conducting any such sales. To obtain a business license all such businesses shall do all of the following:

      i. Complete a Business Tax Certificate Application and Cannabis Delivery Business Registration Form;
      ii. Provide a copy of a valid DCC license and a valid license from a local agency authorizing the business to conduct cannabis operations as a retailer; and
      iii. Submit completed forms and license/permit processing fees as established by the Finance Director.

B. An annual registration fee in accordance with the current and approved City fee schedule shall be presented with the sworn statement submitted under this chapter. This fee shall not be considered a tax and may be adjusted by resolution of the City Council.

C. The cannabis business tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid, in arrears, on a monthly basis. Each person owing a cannabis business tax shall on or before the last day of the month following the close of each month file with the Finance Director a statement ("tax statement") of the tax owed for that calendar month and the basis for calculating that tax. The Finance Director may require that the tax statement be submitted on a form prescribed by the Finance Director. The tax for each calendar month shall be due and payable on the same date that the tax statement is due.

D. Upon cessation of a cannabis business, tax statements and payments shall be immediately due for all calendar months up through the calendar month during which cessation occurred.

E. In the event that there is a change in ownership of any cannabis business:

   a. The new owner is required to submit an updated registration form to the Finance Director;
   b. The new owner is subject to an audit by the Finance Director; and
   c. Unless otherwise provided by law, it is the joint and several liability of both the seller and buyer to remit any taxes, interest, penalties, and fees due up until the date of sale; otherwise, enforcement action may be taken pursuant to Section 3.34.160 of this chapter against both the seller and/or buyer in an amount to be determined by the Finance Director.

F. The Finance Director may, at his or her discretion, establish alternative reporting and payment periods for any taxpayer as the Finance Director deems necessary to ensure effective collection of the cannabis business tax. The Finance Director may also require that a deposit, to be applied against the taxes for a calendar month, be made by a taxpayer at the beginning of that calendar month. In no event shall the deposit required by the Finance Director exceed the tax amount he or she projects will be owed by the taxpayer for the calendar month. The Finance Director may require that a taxpayer make payments via a cashier's check, money order, wire transfer, or similar instrument.

3.34.070 Payments and communications - timely remittance.
Whenever any payment, statement, report, request or other communication is due, it must be received by the Finance Director on or before the final due date. A postmark will not be accepted as timely remittance. If the due date would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday observed by the City, the due date shall be the next regular business day on which the City is open to the public.

3.34.080 Payment - when taxes deemed delinquent.
Unless otherwise specifically provided under other provisions of this chapter, the taxes required to be paid pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed delinquent if not received by the Finance Director on or before the due date as specified in Sections 3.34.060 and 3.34.070.

3.34.090 Notice not required by the City.
The City may as a courtesy send a tax notice to the cannabis business which owes the City a cannabis business tax. However, the Finance Director is not required to send a delinquency or other notice or bill to any person subject to the provisions of this chapter. Failure to send such notice or bill shall not affect the validity of any tax or penalty due under the provisions of this chapter.

3.34.100 Penalties and interest.

A. Any person who fails or refuses to pay any cannabis business tax required to be paid pursuant to this chapter on or before the due date shall pay penalties and interest as follows:
   1. A penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the tax, in addition to the amount of the tax, plus interest on the unpaid tax calculated from the due date of the tax at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.
   2. If the tax remains unpaid for a period exceeding one calendar month beyond the due date, an additional penalty equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax, plus interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid tax and on the unpaid penalties.
   3. Interest shall be applied at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the first day of the month for the full month and will continue to accrue monthly on the tax and penalty until the balance is paid in full.

B. Whenever a check or electronic payment is submitted in payment of a cannabis business tax and the payment is subsequently returned unpaid by the bank for any reason, the taxpayer will be liable for the tax amount due plus any fees, penalties and interest as provided for in this chapter, and any other amount allowed under state law.

C. The Finance Director may waive the penalties imposed upon any person under this Section 3.34.100 if:
   1. The person requests a waiver of penalties by submitting a written request for waiver to the Finance Director no later than June 30 of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the tax became delinquent; and
   2. The person provides evidence satisfactory to the Finance Director that the failure to pay timely was due to circumstances beyond the control of the person and occurred notwithstanding the exercise of ordinary care and in the absence of willful neglect; and the person paid the delinquent taxes, penalties, accrued interest, and fees owed prior to applying to the Finance Director for a waiver.

D. The waiver provisions specified in Section 3.34.100 (C) shall not apply to interest accrued on the delinquent taxes and a waiver shall be granted only once during any twenty-four month period. The Finance Director's decision on a request for a waiver of penalties is final and conclusive and not subject to appeal under Section 3.34.150.

3.34.110 Refunds and credits.

A. No refund shall be made of any tax collected pursuant to this chapter, except as provided in Section 3.34.120.

B. No refund of any tax collected pursuant to this chapter shall be made because of the discontinuation, dissolution, or other termination of a business.

3.34.120 Refund procedures.

A. Whenever the amount of any cannabis business tax, penalty or interest has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously collected or received by the City under this chapter, it may be refunded to the claimant who paid the tax provided that a written claim for refund signed under the penalty of perjury is filed with the Finance Director within one (1) year of the date the tax was originally due or paid, whichever came first. A person may only file a claim for refund if the person paid the tax. No person shall be entitled to a refund unless the person can support the claim by written records sufficient to show entitlement thereto. The Finance Director's decision on a claim for refund is final and conclusive and not subject to appeal under Section 3.34.150.

B. The Finance Director, his or her designee which may include a third party or any other City officer charged with the administration of this chapter shall have the right to examine and audit all the books and business records of the claimant in order to determine the eligibility of the claimant to the claimed refund. No claim for refund shall be allowed if the claimant refuses to allow such examination of claimant's books and business records after request by the Finance Director to do so. The Finance Director may collect a fee adopted by resolution by the City Council to pay for the cost of examination and audit should the books and records be provided in a form insufficient to allow the Finance Director to make a determination on the claim for refund.

C. In the event that the cannabis business tax was erroneously paid in an amount in excess of the tax due, and the error is attributable to the City, the City shall refund the amount of tax erroneously paid; provided that (i) a claim for refund has been timely filed with the Finance Director; and (ii) the refund cannot exceed, under any circumstance, the amount of tax overpaid during the twelve months preceding the last month for which the claim states the tax was overpaid.

3.34.130 Personal Cultivation Not Taxed.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to personal cannabis cultivation or personal use of cannabis, to the extent those activities are authorized in the "Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act," as may be amended. This chapter shall not apply to personal use of cannabis that is specifically exempted from state licensing requirements, that meets the definition of personal use or equivalent terminology under state law, and provided that the individual receives no compensation whatsoever related to that personal cultivation or use.

3.34.140 Administration of the tax.

A. It shall be the duty of the Finance Director to collect the taxes, penalties, fees, and perform the duties required by this chapter.

B. For purposes of administration and enforcement of this chapter generally, the Finance Director may from time to time establish such administrative interpretations, rules, and procedures consistent with the purpose, intent, and express terms of this chapter as he or she deems necessary to implement or clarify such provisions or aid in enforcement.

C. The Finance Director may take such administrative actions as needed to administer the cannabis business tax, including but not limited to:

1. Provide to all cannabis business taxpayers forms for the reporting of the tax;
2. Provide information to any taxpayer concerning the provisions of this chapter;
3. Receive and record all taxes remitted to the City as provided in this chapter;
4. Maintain records of taxpayer reports and taxes collected pursuant to this chapter;
5. Assess penalties and interest to taxpayers pursuant to this chapter;
6. Determine amounts owed under and enforce collection pursuant to this chapter.

3.34.150 Appeal procedures.

A taxpayer aggrieved by a decision of the Finance Director with respect to the amount of tax, interest, penalties, and fees, if any, due under this chapter may appeal only if a hearing was requested and attended pursuant to Section 3.34.250. An appeal may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within thirty (30) calendar days of the serving or mailing of the Finance Director's decision of the amount due. Upon receipt of a timely notice of appeal, the City Clerk shall fix a time and place for hearing such appeal with the City Administrator or his or her designee serving as the hearing officer. The City Clerk shall give at least ten (10) calendar days' notice of the appeal hearing in writing to such taxpayer at the last known place of address. The hearing officer shall render a written decision that shall be served on the taxpayer at the last known place of address. The decision of the hearing officer shall be final and conclusive. Any amount found to be due by the hearing officer shall be immediately due and payable upon the service of the decision. If no notice of appeal is filed within the time prescribed in this Section, the Finance Director's decision with respect to the amount of tax, interest, penalties, and fees due is final and conclusive.

3.34.160 Enforcement - action to collect.

Any taxes, interest, penalties, and/or fees required to be paid under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a debt owed to the City. Any person owing money to the City under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable in an action brought in the name of the City for the recovery of such debt. The provisions of this chapter shall not be deemed a limitation upon the right of the City to bring any other action including criminal, civil and equitable actions, based upon the failure to pay the tax, interest, penalties, and/or fees imposed by this chapter or the failure to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter.

3.34.170 Apportionment.

If a person subject to the tax is operating both within and outside the City, it is the intent of the City to apply the cannabis business tax so that the measure of the tax fairly reflects the proportion of the taxed activity actually carried on in the City. To the extent federal or state law requires that any tax due from any taxpayer be apportioned, the taxpayer may indicate said apportionment on his or her tax return. The Finance Director may promulgate administrative procedures for apportionment as he or she finds useful or necessary.

3.34.180 Constitutionality and legality.
This tax is intended to be applied in a manner consistent with the United States and California Constitutions and state law. None of the tax provided for by this chapter shall be applied in a manner that causes an undue burden upon interstate commerce, a violation of the equal protection or due process clauses of the Constitutions of the United States or the State of California or a violation of any other provision of the California Constitution or state law. If a person believes that the tax, as applied to him or her, is impermissible under applicable law, he or she may request that the Finance Director release him or her from the obligation to pay the impermissible portion of the tax.

3.34.190 Audit and examination of premises and records.

A. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of cannabis business tax owed or verifying any representations made by any taxpayer to the City in support of his or her tax calculation, the Finance Director or his/her designees, which may include a third party, shall have the power to inspect any location where commercial cannabis activity occurs and to audit and examine all books and records (including, but not limited to bookkeeping records, access to METRC data, and/or point-of-sale data, state and/or federal income tax returns, excise tax returns, space utilized for cannabis related activities, and other records relating to the gross receipts of the business) of persons engaged in cannabis businesses. In conducting such investigation, the Finance Director, or his/her designees, which may include a third party, shall have the power to inspect any space utilized for cannabis business related activities, equipment or software, such as computers, software systems, platforms, and databases (including METRC), and/or point of sale systems, to include any keys or access codes for access to and use of the equipment and/or software, that may contain such records.

B. It shall be the duty of every person liable for the collection and payment to the City of any tax imposed by this chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of at least three (3) years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax as he or she may have been liable for the collection of and payment to the City, which records the Finance Director or his/her designee, which may include a third party, shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times.

3.34.200 Other licenses, permits, taxes, fees or charges.

A. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any requirements for any commercial cannabis permit, City license, permit, or other certificate required by, under or by virtue of any provision of any other Chapter of this code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City, nor be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any tax, fee or other charge imposed, assessed or required under any other Chapter of this code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City. Any references made or contained in any other Chapter of this code to any licenses, permits, certificates, taxes, fees, or charges, or to any schedule of license, permit, certificate, or fees, shall be deemed to refer to the licenses, permits or certificates, and their respective taxes, fees or charges, or schedule of license fees, provided for in other Chapters of this code.

B. The Finance Director may revoke or refuse to renew the license required by this code for any business that is delinquent in the payment of any tax due pursuant to this chapter or that fails to make a deposit required by the Finance Director pursuant to Section 3.34.060.

C. A commercial cannabis permit issued under the Guadalupe Municipal Code may be revoked, suspended or not renewed in the event that the business holding that permit has failed to (i) make a deposit required by the Finance Director pursuant to Section 3.34.060 or (ii) timely pay all taxes, interest and penalties owed by that business under this chapter.

3.34.210 Payment of tax does not authorize unlawful business.

A. The payment of a cannabis business tax required by this chapter, and its acceptance by the City, shall not entitle any person to carry on any cannabis business unless the person has complied with all of the requirements of this code and all other applicable state laws.

B. No tax paid under the provisions of this chapter shall be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal or unlawful business, or any business in violation of any local or state law.

3.34.220 Deficiency determinations.
If the Finance Director is not satisfied that any statement filed as required under the provisions of this chapter is correct, or that the amount of tax is correctly computed, he or she may compute and determine the amount to be paid and make a deficiency determination upon the basis of the facts contained in the statement or upon the basis of any information in his or her possession or that may come into his or her possession within three (3) years of the date the tax was originally due and payable. One or more deficiency determinations of the amount of tax due for a period or periods may be made. When a person discontinues engaging in a cannabis business, a deficiency determination may be made at any time within three (3) years thereafter as to any liability arising from engaging in such cannabis business whether or not a deficiency determination is issued prior to the date the tax would otherwise be due. Whenever a deficiency determination is made, a notice shall be given to the person concerned in the same manner as notices of assessment are given under Section 3.34.240 and 3.34.250.

3.34.230 Failure to report-nonpayment, fraud.

A. Under any of the following circumstances, the Finance Director may make and give notice of an assessment of the amount of tax owed by a person under this chapter at any time:
   1. If the person has not filed a complete statement required under the provisions of this chapter;
   2. If the person has not paid the tax due under the provisions of this chapter;
   3. If the person has not, after demand by the Finance Director, filed a corrected statement, or furnished to the Finance Director adequate substantiation of the information contained in a statement already filed, or paid any additional amount of tax due under the provisions of this chapter; or

4. If the Finance Director determines that the nonpayment of any cannabis business tax due under this chapter is due to fraud, a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax shall be added thereto in addition to penalties and interest otherwise payable under this chapter and any other penalties allowed by law.

B. The notice of assessment shall separately set forth the amount of any tax known by the Finance Director to be due or estimated by the Finance Director, after consideration of all information within the Finance Director's knowledge concerning the business and activities of the person assessed, to be due under each applicable provision of this chapter and shall include the amount of any penalties or interest accrued on each amount to the date of the notice of assessment. The notice shall state that the person has thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice to make a written request for an informal hearing before the Finance Director. The notice shall also state that if the person fails to timely request an informal hearing within the time allowed, the amount determined by the Finance Director is final and conclusive and is immediately due and payable.

3.34.240 Tax assessment - notice requirements.

The notice of assessment shall be served upon the person either by personal delivery, by overnight delivery by a nationally-recognized courier service, or by a deposit of the notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid thereon, addressed to the person at the address of the location of the business or to such other address as he or she shall register with the Finance Director for the purpose of receiving notices provided under this chapter; or, should the person have no address registered with the Finance Director for such purpose, then to such person's last known address. For the purpose of Section 3.34.240, a service by overnight delivery shall be deemed to have occurred one (1) calendar day following deposit with a courier and service by mail shall be deemed to have occurred three (3) days following deposit in the United States mail.

3.34.250 Tax assessment - hearing, application and determination.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of service of the notice of assessment the person may apply in writing to the Finance Director for an informal hearing on the assessment. If application for an informal hearing is not made within the time herein prescribed, the tax assessed by the Finance Director shall become final and conclusive. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of any such application for an informal hearing, the Finance Director shall cause the matter to be set for an informal hearing before him or her, or his/her designee, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of the application, unless a later date is agreed to by the Finance Director and the person requesting the informal hearing. Notice of such informal hearing shall be given by the Finance Director to the person requesting such informal hearing no later than five (5) calendar days prior to such informal hearing. A hearing under this section shall be informal and need not follow any formal rules of evidence. At such hearing said applicant may appear and offer evidence why the assessment as made by the Finance Director should not be confirmed and fixed as the tax due. After such hearing the Finance Director shall determine and reassess (if necessary) the proper amount of tax, interest, penalties, and fees to be charged and shall give written notice of the decision to the person in the manner prescribed in Section 3.34.240 for giving notice of assessment. No appeal of a notice of assessment may be made under Section 3.34.150 unless an informal hearing is timely requested and the person attends the hearing. If the person fails to appear at the informal hearing, the amount due determined by the Finance Director in the notice of assessment is final and conclusive.

3.34.260 Relief from taxes - disaster relief.

A. If a person is unable to comply with any tax requirement imposed under this chapter due to a disaster impacting its cannabis business, the person may notify the Finance Director of its inability to comply and request relief from the tax requirement. For purposes of this chapter, "disaster" means fire, flood, storm, tidal wave, earthquake, or similar public calamity resulting in physical damage to real property, whether or not resulting from natural causes.

B. The person shall provide any information required by the Finance Director including, without limitation, why relief is requested, the time period for which the relief is requested, and the reason relief is needed for the specific amount of time. The person agrees to grant the Finance Director or his/her designee access to the location where the cannabis business has been impacted due to a disaster.

C. The Finance Director, in his/her sole discretion, may provide relief from the cannabis business tax requirement for businesses whose operations have been impacted by a disaster if such tax relief does not exceed ten thousand ($10,000) dollars. Such temporary relief may be granted for a reasonable amount of time, in the Finance Director's sole discretion, and the amount and duration of relief should be based upon how long it would reasonably take for the cannabis business to recover from the disaster. The Finance Director may require that the cannabis business follow certain conditions to receive temporary relief from the cannabis business tax requirement. The Finance Director's decision on a request for relief and the conditions that may be imposed for relief under this section are final and conclusive and not subject to appeal under Section 3.34.150.

3.34.270 Conviction for violation - taxes not waived.

The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to pay the required tax shall not excuse or exempt such person from any civil action for the tax debt unpaid at the time of such conviction. No civil action shall prevent a criminal prosecution for any violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any state law requiring the payment of all taxes.

3.34.280 Violation deemed misdemeanor.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

3.34.290 Severability.
If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable, or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this chapter or the application of this chapter to any other person or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

3.34.300 Remedies cumulative.
All remedies and penalties prescribed by this chapter or which are available under any other provision of this code and any other provision of law or equity are cumulative. The use of one or more remedies by the City shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

3.34.310 Amendment or modification.
Except as set forth in Section 3.34.310, this chapter may be amended or modified but not repealed by the City Council without a vote of the people. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment that would expand, extend, or increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this chapter beyond the maximums set forth in this chapter. The people of the City of Guadalupe affirm that the following actions shall not constitute an increase of the rate of a tax:

A. The restoration or adjustment of the rate of the tax to a rate that is no higher than that allowed by this chapter, in those circumstances where, among others, the City Council has previously acted to reduce the rate of the tax or is incrementally implementing an increase authorized by this chapter;
B. An action that interprets or clarifies (i) the methodology of applying or calculating the tax or (ii) any definition applicable to the tax, so long as the interpretation or clarification (even if contrary to some prior interpretation or clarification) is not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter; or
C. The collection of the tax imposed by this chapter even if the City had, for some period of time, failed to collect the tax.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The people of the City of Guadalupe hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE. The City Council hereby finds and determines that this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. ("CEQA") and 14 Cal. Code Re. Sections 15000 et seq. ("CEQA Guidelines"). The calling and noticing of an election for the submission of a ballot measure to voters is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines 15378. The tax submitted to the voters is a general tax that can be used for any governmental purpose; it is not a commitment to any particular action or actions.

As such, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(4), the tax is not a project within the meaning of CEQA because it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. If revenue generated by the tax were used for a purpose that would have such an effect, the City of Guadalupe would undertake the required CEQA review for that particular project. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15060 CEQA analysis is not required.

SECTION 4. ELECTION REQUIRED. This Ordinance shall not become operative unless and until a majority 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. Pursuant to the California Constitution, Article XIIIC(2)(b) and California Elections Code 9217, if a majority of the voters voting in the election vote in favor of the adoption of this measure, this ordinance shall be deemed valid and binding and shall be considered adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the City Council and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF

MEASURE J2026

CITY OF GUADALUPE

The City Council of the City of Guadalupe has placed Measure J2026 (“Measure J”) on the ballot and, if approved by voters, would increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) in the City of Guadalupe (“City”) from six percent (6%) to twelve percent (12%). Measure J2026 also expands application of the tax to additional types of transient lodgings; creates exceptions for six (6) specific occupancies; and adds a definition for “transient.”

TOT is a tax charged to guests of hotels, motels, and similar temporary lodgings who stay for a period of 30 days or less. TOT is a general tax, meaning the additional revenue generated by the increased TOT would be deposited in the City's general fund and may be used for any unrestricted general governmental purpose. The measure requires a simple majority vote for approval.

The City’s current TOT ordinance uses the word “hotel” as a general definition to refer to various types of transient lodgings. Measure J2026 proposes to replace the term “hotel” with the term “lodging facility” as a general definition, and in addition to keeping all of the types of transient lodgings currently listed as part of the meaning of “hotel,” would add the following types of lodgings to the definition: “inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging, including but not limited to any recreational vehicle park or campground.”

Measure J2026 also adds a definition of the word “transient” (not currently in the City’s ordinance) which means: “any person having occupancy of a lodging facility for a period of 30 consecutive calendar days or less regardless of the form of agreement, license, permit, or entitlement.” The definition also states: “Any person occupying a lodging facility shall be deemed to be a transient until the period of 30 days has expired unless there is an agreement in writing, between the operator and the occupant, including but not limited to a month-to-month rental agreement, providing for a longer period of occupancy.”

Finally, Measure J2026 exempts six (6) types of transient lodgings from the requirement to pay TOT: (1) time-share rooms or campsites when occupied by the owner (or a guest of the owner when no rent is paid by the guest); (2) “organized camps” which are sites with program and facilities providing an outdoor group living experience with social, spiritual, educational, or recreational objectives, for five days or more during one or more seasons of the year; (3) campsites within the state park system; (4) housing operated by or used exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes by a qualified nonprofit organization; (5) lodging facilities operated by a local government entities; and (6) any person renting any residential dwelling unit pursuant to a month-to-month lease agreement.

A "Yes" vote increases the Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 6% to 12% and expands its application to additional types of transient lodgings.

A "No" vote does not increase the Transient Occupancy Tax rate or expand its application to additional types of transient lodgings.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure J2026. If you desire a copy of Measure J2026, please call the City of Guadalupe Administration Department at (805) 356-3891, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Attorney, City of Guadalupe

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J2026 CITY OF GUADALUPE

A YES vote on Measure J2026 will raise revenues for vital City services, to be paid for by visitors to the City with zero costs to Guadalupe residents.

Transient occupancy tax (TOT) is charged only for stays in temporary lodgings for 30 days or less. TOT is an important source of local tax revenue, along with sales and property taxes, and it is the only tax that does not fall on local residents to pay.

The City of Guadalupe's TOT rate is currently 6% of the rent charged for a temporary lodging - much lower than every other city in both Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, as well as in the unincorporated areas of both of these counties which all charge at least 12%! Raising the City's TOT rate to 12% will keep the City's rate competitive, but comparable and lower than most other local jurisdictions.

Measure J2026 also updates the language of the City's TOT ordinance to make it clear that it applies to all of the types of lodgings permitted under state law.

TOT is not an important source of revenue for Guadalupe at the present time since there are no commercial temporary lodgings in the City except for private home short-term rentals, but the City hopes to attract more lodging options. It makes sense to raise the TOT rate now, rather than wait until after a new lodging option has been established.

Approving Measure J2026 will help raise revenues in the years to come - without costing residents a penny.

We strongly urge a YES vote on Measure J2026.

/s/ Ariston D. Julian
Mayor
/s/ Christina Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem
/s/ Amelia M. Villegas
Council Member
/s/ Whitney Furness
Council Member
/s/ Eugene Costa Jr.
Council Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J2026 WAS FILED

FULL TEXT OF

MEASURE J2026

CITY OF GUADALUPE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GUADALUPE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 3.20 OF TITLE 3 OF THE GUADALUPE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE FROM 6% TO 12% AND TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL TYPES OF OCCUPANCIES SUBJECT TO THE TAX

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws in the State of California, a general municipal election shall be held on November 3, 2026, for the election of municipal officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to allow the voters of the City of Guadalupe the opportunity to increase the rate of the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from 6% to 12% to remain in effect until ended by voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to change the definition of "hotel" (which is not limited to hotels only, but includes other types of transient occupancies) to a definition of "lodging facility" which will include the same transient occupancies listed under the current definition of "hotel" but will also include "other lodgings" as that term is used in California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7280, including recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUADALUPE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 3.20.010 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:
3.20.010 Definitions.
For purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases are defined as follows:

A. ""Lodging facility" means any structure or any portion of any structure, or any outdoor space or premises, which is occupied or intended or designated for occupancy by transients for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes, and includes any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging, including but not limited to any recreational vehicle park or campground.
B. "Occupancy" means the use or possession, or the right to the use or possession, of any lodging facility or portion of any lodging facility.
C. "Operator" means the person who is proprietor of the lodging facility, whether in the capacity owner, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or any other capacity. Where the operator performs his or her functions through a managing agent of any type or character other than an employee, the managing agent shall also be deemed an operator for the purposes of this chapter and shall have the same duties and liabilities as his or her principal. Compliance with the provisions of this chapter by either the principal or the managing agent shall, however, be considered to be compliance by both.
D. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, joint stock company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.
E. "Rent" means the consideration charged, whether or not received, for the occupancy of space in a hotel, valued in money, whether to be received in money, goods, labor or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits and property and services of any kind or nature, without any deduction therefrom whatsoever.
F. "Tax Administrator" means the City Clerk.
G. "Transient" means any person having occupancy of a lodging facility for a period of 30 consecutive calendar days or less regardless of the form of agreement, license, permit, or entitlement. Any person occupying a lodging facility shall be deemed to be a transient until the period of 30 days has expired unless there is an agreement in writing, between the operator and the occupant, including but not limited to a month-to-month rental agreement, providing for a longer period of occupancy.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 3.20.020 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:
3.20.020 Tax imposed-Amount-Payment.
For the privilege of occupancy in any lodging facility, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of 12% of the rent charged by the operator. Such tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the City which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or the City. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the lodging facility at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the lodging facility. If for any reason the tax due is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the Tax Administrator may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the Tax Administrator.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Section 3.20.030 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

3.20.030 Exemptions.

A. No tax shall be imposed upon:
   1. Any person as to whom, or any occupancy as to which, it is beyond the power of the City to impose the tax herein provided;
   2. Any officer or employee of a foreign government who is exempt by reason of express provision of federal law or international treaty.
   3. Any owner of a time-share estate in a room or rooms in a time-share project, or the owner of a membership camping contract in a camping site at a campground, or the guest of the owner, to occupy the room, rooms, camping site, or other real property in which the owner retains that interest, as those terms are defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7280(b).
   4. An "organized camp" as defined in California Health & Safety Code section 18897.
   5. Any campsite in a unit of the state park system.
   6. Housing operated by or used exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes by any organization which has obtained exemption from property taxes under the laws of California for the period the tax would otherwise be imposed.
   7. Lodging facilities operated by a local government entities.
   8. Any person renting any residential dwelling unit (as that term is defined in California Civil Code section 19409(c)) pursuant to a month-to-month lease agreement.

B. No exemption shall be granted except upon a claim therefor made under penalty of perjury at the time rent is collected, upon a form prescribed by the Tax Administrator.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> Section 3.20.040 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

3.20.040 Registration of lodging facilities.

Within 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, or within 30 days after commencing business, whichever is later, each operator of any lodging facility renting occupancy to transients shall register such lodging facility with the Tax Administrator and obtain from him or her a "Transient Occupancy Registration Certificate," to be at all times posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. The certificate shall, among other things, state the following:

A. The name of the operator;

B. The address of the lodging facility;

C. The date upon which the certificate was issued;

D. "This Transient Occupancy Registration Certificate signifies that the person named on the face hereof has fulfilled the requirements of the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax ordinance by registering with the Tax Administrator for the purpose of collecting from transients the Transient Occupancy tax and remitting said tax to the Tax Administrator. This certificate does not authorize any person to conduct any unlawful business or to conduct any lawful business in an unlawful manner, nor to operate a lodging facility without strictly complying with all local applicable laws, including but not limited to those requiring a permit from any board, commission, department or office of this City. This certificate does not constitute a permit."

<u>SECTION 5.</u> Section 3.20.050 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

3.20.050 Operator's collection duties.

Each operator shall collect the tax imposed by this chapter to the same extent and at the same time as the rent is collected from every transient. The amount of tax shall be separately stated from the amount of the rent charged, and each transient shall receive a receipt for payment from the operator. No operator of a lodging facility shall advertise or state in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, that the tax or any part thereof will be assumed or absorbed by the operator, or that it will not be added to the rent, or that, if added any part will be refunded except *in* the manner hereinafter provided.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> USE OF TAX PROCEEDS. The proceeds of the tax approved by this Ordinance may be used for unrestricted general revenue purposes.

<u>SECTION 7.</u> SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

<u>SECTION 8.</u> ELECTION REQUIRED. This Ordinance shall not become operative unless and until a majority 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.

<u>SECTION 9.</u> EFFECTIVE DATE. If this ordinance is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the issue at the November 3, 2026 general municipal election, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, the ordinance shall be become effective ten (10) days after the City Council accepts the certified results of the election.

<u>SECTION 10.</u> 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 has been found to be exempt pursuant to § 15601(b)(3) (general rule) and § 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines. The transient occupancy 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. The City Council hereby finds with certainty that there is no possibility the passage of this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. If revenue from the tax were used for a purpose that would have such effect, the City would undertake the required CEQA review for that particular project at the earliest feasible date.

<u>SECTION 11.</u> CLERICAL CORRECTION. The 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 City Clerk shall consult with the City Administrator 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

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

Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices

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

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

STATE

Governor

Vote for One

- ◯ **STEVE HILTON** — Party Preference: Republican — Small Business Owner
- ◯ **XAVIER BECERRA** — Party Preference: Democratic — Voting Rights Attorney

Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One

- ◯ **GLORIA ROMERO** — Party Preference: Republican — Educator/Businesswoman
- ◯ **FIONA MA** — Party Preference: Democratic — State Treasurer/CPA

Secretary of State

Vote for One

- ◯ **DONALD P. (DON) WAGNER** — Party Preference: Republican — Orange County Supervisor
- ◯ **SHIRLEY N. WEBER** — Party Preference: Democratic — California Secretary of State

Controller

Vote for One

- ◯ **MALIA M. COHEN** — Party Preference: Democratic — State Controller/Mother
- ◯ **HERB W MORGAN** — Party Preference: Republican — Chief Investment Officer

Treasurer

Vote for One

- ◯ **JENNIFER HAWKS** — Party Preference: Republican — Retired Business Executive
- ◯ **ELENI KOUNALAKIS** — Party Preference: Democratic — Lieutenant Governor of California

Attorney General

Vote for One

- ◯ **ROB BONTA** — Party Preference: Democratic — California Attorney General
- ◯ **MICHAEL E. GATES** — Party Preference: Republican — Deputy United States Attorney

Insurance Commissioner

Vote for One

- ◯ **JANE KIM** — Party Preference: Democratic — Attorney/Consumer Advocate
- ◯ **BEN ALLEN** — Party Preference: Democratic — California State Senator

Member, State Board of Equalization, District 2

Vote for One

- ◯ **SALLY J. LIEBER** — Party Preference: Democratic — Incumbent
- ◯ **JOHN PIMENTEL** — Party Preference: Democratic — Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

United States Representative District 24

Vote for One

- ◯ **BOB SMITH** — Party Preference: Republican — Defense Systems Engineer
- ◯ **SALUD CARBAJAL** — Party Preference: Democratic — Member of Congress

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

Member of the State Assembly District 37

Vote for One

- ◯ **SARI DOMINGUES** — Party Preference: Republican — Retired Business Analyst
- ◯ **GREGG HART** — Party Preference: Democratic — State Assemblymember

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

JUDICIAL — Vote YES or NO for each office

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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

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

YES ◯ NO ◯

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NONPARTISAN OFFICES

JUDICIAL Vote YES or NO for each office

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

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

- YES ◯
- NO ◯

SCHOOL

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Vote for One

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

SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governing Board Member
Trustee Area 4

Vote for One

- **DIANA PEREZ** ◯
  College Administrator
- **ALEX JAUREGUI** ◯
  Principal/Educator
- Write-In ◯

COUNTY

County Supervisor
5th District

Vote for One

- **MARIBEL AGUILERA** ◯
  Councilmember/Attorney
- **RICARDO VALENCIA** ◯
  Santa Maria-Bonita School Board Trustee
- Write-In ◯

CITY

CITY OF GUADALUPE

Mayor

Vote for One

- **CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ** ◯
  District Representative
- **ARISTON D. JULIAN** ◯
- Write-In ◯

Member, City Council

Vote for no more than Two

- **RANDY L. ALTERGOTT** ◯
- **ROBERT DIAZ** ◯
- Write-In ◯
- Write-In ◯

Treasurer

Vote for One

- **CHARLENE ESTABILLO** ◯
- Write-In ◯

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SAMPLE BALLOT

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

B

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

STATE

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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

YES ○

NO ○

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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 GUADALUPE

MEASURE G2026
Shall the measure, to establish a local tax on gross receipts of cannabis businesses operating in Guadalupe, until ended by voters, authorizing the City Council to impose maximum tax rates up to 8% on retail, and up to 4% on all other, cannabis businesses, allowing the Council discretion to set lower rates, with all revenue estimated at approximately $78,000 annually, remaining in the City to support essential City services, be adopted?

YES ◯

NO ◯

MEASURE J2026
Shall the measure be adopted to support public safety and other essential City services by increasing, until ended by voters, the City's transient occupancy tax from 6% to 12%, paid only by persons who rent lodgings in the City for 30 days or less, and by extending the tax to RV parks/campgrounds, which is anticipated to raise up to $20,000 annually, and more, if additional lodging facilities open in the City?

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.

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

Visit LessIsMore.org to learn how to:

Recycle common and not-so-common items at home or work

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Start composting at home

Cut back on the amount of waste you produce

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Franklin

805-568-2099

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805-737-6400

301 N R St

Santa Barbara

805-681-5488

345 Camino del Remedio

Santa Maria

805-346-7230

2115 Centerpointe Parkway

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

Scan with your phone!

TIME OFF FOR VOTING

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

14000.

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

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

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

SIGN UP TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT

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

Signing up takes less than three minutes!

You will get updates when:

- You sign up for ballot tracking.
- Your ballot is mailed.
- Your ballot is received and processed.

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

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

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

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

YOUR POLLING PLACE LOCATION

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

YOUR ADDRESS

BALLOT TYPE **101**

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

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

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

Go Green!

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

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

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