



# November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election

**MORE DAYS, MORE WAYS TO VOTE!**

## Accessible Voting Options

To ensure that every citizen can vote privately, securely and independently, the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division offers many accessible options for voters to cast their ballot. Information regarding this election is available in print, as a PDF and through a screen-readable link at [www.smcacre.gov/myelectioninfo](http://www.smcacre.gov/myelectioninfo).



### **Vote by Mail**

Voters must sign the return envelope so it can be compared to their signature on file, in accordance with state law. Voters who currently cannot sign the return envelope have three alternatives:

1. Use an authorized signature stamp;
2. Make a “mark” or print “X.” Then, a witness must write “Witnessed by:” and sign near the mark; or
3. Re-register with a new signature or mark to update the voter registration record with their most recent signature.

The marked ballot can be returned by U.S. Mail in the postage-paid envelope sent with it. Mailed ballots postmarked on or before Election Day, November 5, will be accepted if received by November 12.

The ballot envelope can be returned to one of 62 Official Ballot Drop Boxes throughout the County. There will be at least eleven Drive-Up Drop Boxes, open 24/7 until Election Day at 8:00 p.m.



### **Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) System**

Voters may vote from anywhere using our RAVBM System if they have a computer with internet access and a printer. The ballot is provided in a screen-readable format as the system was designed to allow voters with disabilities to access, mark and print their ballot independently and safely. To find a link to your ballot, visit [www.smcacre.gov/myelectioninfo](http://www.smcacre.gov/myelectioninfo) and enter your information.





## Vote in Person

At any Vote Center, voters may vote using a Ballot Marking Tablet (BMT) or request to vote on a paper ballot. The BMT can be used by voters with hearing, visual or physical disabilities.

For voters with visual impairments, the BMT can present the ballot in an audio format during an accessible voting session. Headsets provide voters with audio instructions to perform all actions.

The Audio Tactile Interface (ATI), a handheld device, is used to navigate through and make selections to their ballot. The ATI:

- Has raised buttons of different shapes and colors, with Braille numbers and letters;
- Can be operated with one hand; and
- Includes two 3.5 mm headphone jacks, one for headphones and one for assistive devices like jelly switches, paddles or sip and puff devices.

Voters may bring up to two people into the voting booth for assistance (voters may not bring an employer or union representative).

**Curbside Voting:** In the parking area of each Vote Center, there will be an informational sign with a wireless bell, which can be activated with a tap or light touch from a vehicle's window if a voter is not able to go inside the Vote Center. The voter may request a Vote by Mail packet-to-go or receive a paper ballot to mark on-site.

Eighteen Vote Centers will have a portable Ballot Marking Tablet and printer to bring to a voter's vehicle if they require a tablet to vote independently. Voters can contact the Registration & Elections Division for these locations.



## Additional Accessible Voting Services

For voters who are unable to use any of the above services, we can:

- Help arrange a ride to a Vote Center;
- Bring a paper ballot to your home and assist you with marking it; or
- Set up an accessible Ballot Marking Tablet at a convenient location inside or outside your home.

The San Mateo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) was established to advise and assist the San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer to expand voting opportunities and accessibility to voters with disabilities. The VAAC welcomes county residents interested in improving accessibility and participation in the election process for individuals with disabilities. To get more information, attend a meeting or apply to join the committee, please contact San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division at 650.312.5222 or [registrar@smcacre.gov](mailto:registrar@smcacre.gov).

