

**BAY AREA  
ELECTION OFFICIALS**

ALAMEDA  
Tim Dupuis  
Registrar of Voters



CONTRA COSTA  
Deborah Cooper  
Clerk-Recorder-Registrar



MARIN  
Lynda Roberts  
Registrar of Voters



MONTEREY  
Gina Martinez  
Registrar of Voters



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Assessor-Recorder-Clerk



SAN BENITO  
Joe Paul Gonzalez  
Clerk-Auditor-Recorder



SAN MATEO  
Mark Church  
Assessor-Clerk-Recorder-  
Chief Elections Officer



SANTA CLARA  
Shannon Bushey  
Registrar of Voters



SANTA CRUZ  
Tricia Webber  
County Clerk



SOLANO  
Tim Flanagan  
C/O/Registrar of Voters



SONOMA  
Deva Proto  
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor



# COALITION OF BAY AREA ELECTION OFFICIALS

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## Coalition of Bay Area Election Officials Wins Prestigious National Award

Local election officials are your trusted source of non-partisan election information.

Local Registrars of Voters around the bay came together as the Bay Area Coalition in early 2022. They did this to ensure public trust in elections by collaborating, communicating, and providing access to accurate, current, and transparent election information for the nearly five million voters in the area. The Coalition work has gained national accolades from the Election Center - The National Association of Election Officials.

Tim Mattice, the executive director of the Election Center, comments: "The Professional Practices Program is a forum for local election administrators to submit successful election administration practices to the Election Center, which are rated by a committee of their peers, to which only 8 are selected as the winners in respective categories. I am happy to announce the 2022 Democracy Award – representing the best practice of the year in the elections community, to Contra Costa County and the 10 participating counties with the formation of the Coalition of Bay Area Election Officials. We are proud of this effort and we celebrate their innovation and creativity in furthering excellence in the profession."

"Speaking on behalf of all eleven Coalition counties, we are thrilled and honored to have this important work recognized," said Tommy Gong, Deputy Clerk-Recorder-Registrar for Contra Costa County. "Our hope is that this innovative method of distributing information to a large shared media market will catch on in other regions and help our fellow elections officials find other ways to share resources."

The Coalition continues to work to provide timely and factual information to residents of the Bay Area. Most recently, the coalition authored and adopted a Code of Ethics to codify the principles that election officials already follow, and to demonstrate publicly the professionalism of the work they do. (a copy of the Code of Ethics is attached)

Ryan Ronco, President of the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials, stated, "More than ever, elections officials need to work together, and this is a perfect example of how collaboration can benefit different sized counties in a large metro area."

The Coalition also provides the means for counties to help each other, particularly those jurisdictions that may not have the staffing or financial resources to conduct

marketing or media campaigns. The Coalition has created a series of Fact Sheets that all counties can use to educate the public on subjects such as “Voting Systems & Security in CA”, “Voting by Mail is Safe & Secure”, “ The Official Canvass”, and “Redistricting May Affect Your Ballot”. More Fact Sheets are planned for the future.

“We hope to continue to demystify the elections process for our residents in the most transparent and non-intimidating way possible,” said Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters for Monterey County.

Remember, your local county election official is your trusted source of accurate election information. If you hear information regarding an election that you are unsure about, reach out to your local elections office, so they can clarify it for you. You can also refer to your county website and follow official accounts on social media. For more information, visit [BayAreaVotes.org](http://BayAreaVotes.org) or Bay Area Votes on Facebook.

The list of Bay Area coalition contacts is attached.

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## Coalition of Bay Area Election Officials

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# Coalition of Bay Area Elections Officials Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

We believe freedom is an inherent human right. Freedom is fragile in nature, best maintained and nurtured through the democratic process. The success of the democratic process requires fair and open elections, which accurately reflect the intent of the electorate.

As Elections Officials, we are entrusted with the responsibility to protect and promote public trust and confidence by conducting accurate, fair, and transparent elections. To reach this goal, we must be guided by ethical, non-partisan, law-abiding principles. Through a dedicated adherence to this Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, we demonstrate our pledge to freedom, our pride in our profession, and a commitment to the democratic process.

As mandated by the Constitution of the State of California and Government Code and to ensure that every citizen can have confidence in the integrity of their county government and the impartiality of their County's Election Administration, we swear this Oath of Allegiance. Under this oath, we solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California. We follow the Rule of Law.

The Coalition of Bay Area Elections Officials, herein pledges to adhere to this Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct.

As public servants, entrusted with the conduct of elections, we promise to:

- Uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of California, and the laws, regulations, policies, and court decisions of federal, state, and local jurisdictions;
- Uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity in order to restore and reinforce public trust and confidence in elections;
- Observe the highest standards of performance and discharge faithfully the duties of office;
- Maintain public confidence by conducting impartial elections with fairness, efficiency, accuracy, transparency, and honesty;
- Manifest a positive role in the communities we serve by remaining accessible and receptive to individuals and groups, and exhibiting fair and equitable treatment of all members of our communities;
- Be flexible and innovative within the framework of the law to carry out the duties of Elections Officials on behalf of the public's interest;
- Have courage and stamina to protect the public interest;
- Conduct fiscal responsibilities with thoughtful consideration, integrity, and accountability;
- Not take part in any action that can be misconstrued or perceived to be a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, the use of position or station to endorse or otherwise influence an item or person on the ballot;
- Provide equal opportunities to participate in the democratic process to all voters; and
- Treat all persons and parties of interest in a fair, neutral, and non-partisan manner, regardless of political affiliation.