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NEW VOTE CENTERS OPEN STARTING FEBRUARY 22 FOR MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

More Days and More Ways to Vote - Over 100 Early Voting Locations

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – Full-service early voting locations will begin opening this weekend throughout Santa Clara County, giving voters 10 days to cast a ballot in person before the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. That's a total of 11 days -- including two weekends – to provide voters greater convenience and flexibility in how and where they cast a ballot.

Under the new Voter's Choice Act being implemented for the first time in Santa Clara County this year, voters from anywhere in the County can visit any one of approximately 110 Vote Center locations, as well as the Registrar of Voters' Office to cast a ballot, drop off a Vote by Mail ballot, receive a replacement ballot, register to vote, get language or accessibility assistance, or receive any of the services usually available at the Registrars' Office.

"We understand that many voters prefer to cast a ballot in person, and are committed to providing that option," said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. "Now, voters residing anywhere in Santa Clara County may vote near where they live or near where they work, and at a time and place to match their busy schedule."

Early voting in Santa Clara County began February 3 at the Registrar of Voters' Office. Beginning on the same date, the Registrars' Office mailed every registered voter in the County a Vote by Mail ballot with a postage-paid return envelope.

Approximately 22 of the new Vote Centers will open on Saturday, February 22, 10 days in advance of Election Day. The remaining 88 Vote Centers will open on Saturday, February 29, three days in advance of Election Day. All voting locations will be open on Election Day, for a total of approximately 110 locations.

In addition to the staffed Vote Centers, nearly 100 drop boxes are available -- many open 24 hours -- for voters to return completed Vote by Mail ballots.

Vote Center and ballot drop box locations, including dates and hours of operation, are available online at www.sccvote.org under the Vote in Person, Vote Center and Official Ballot Drop Box Sites Information tab. For a searchable database of Vote Centers, Ballot Drop off locations, to track your ballot and more information go to our e-services site.

Members of the media who would like to cover the Early Voting Centers opening this weekend should call the ROV Media Line at (408) 282-3008 or email rov.media@rov.sccgov.org to facilitate interviews.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at (866) 430-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sccvote.org.

