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COUNTY PLACES BALLOT DROP-BOXES AT COLLEGE CAMPUSES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The County of Santa Clara announced a new partnership with local colleges and universities to place Vote by Mail ballot drop-boxes at area campuses. This is a new program being implemented for the first time in the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election.

"We are proud to be working with these schools to encourage more students to participate in the election," said County Supervisor Ken Yeager, who led a recent effort to enhance voter outreach. "They are the next generation of voters and decision-makers in our democracy."

Ballot drop-boxes have been set up at San Jose State University, De Anza College, and Foothill College. A box will also be set up at Evergreen Valley College starting on Monday, October 15. The boxes are placed at central locations, such as administration buildings and student unions, where they are easily accessible to students, faculty, staff, and visitors. They will remain on campus through Election Day.

The campus drop-boxes are one of many alternatives that the Registrar has provided for voters to return their ballots early. With over 68% of registered voters requesting a Vote by Mail ballot in the November election, it is important to get them in as soon as possible. All voted ballots must be received by the Registrar's office by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

"Returning their ballots early is good for the voters because they don't have to worry about meeting the deadline, and it's good for our office because it allows us to have more ballots processed and counted by the time we begin reporting results on Election Night. Also, if there's a problem with the ballot, such as the voter forgetting to sign the return envelope, we have more time to contact the voter and get it fixed," explained Barry Garner, Registrar of Voters.

The participating schools are responsible for ensuring the security of the boxes to the Registrar's requirements, including designating campus staff to monitor the boxes through the day and secure

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them overnight. The boxes themselves are locked and can only be opened by the Registrar's staff during periodic ballot collections.

In addition to the college drop-boxes, the Registrar's office has a 24-hour drop-box in the parking lot, and ballots can also be returned at all fifteen city halls as well as the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street. Additional ballot drop-off sites will be available during the last two weekends before the election. Of course, voters who wait until Election Day can bring their ballots to any polling place in Santa Clara County.

More information about returning Vote by Mail ballots, including a full list of drop-off sites, is available at the Registrar's web site, www.sccvote.org. To contact the Registrar of Voters' Office, call (408)299-VOTE [8683] or toll-free (866) 430-VOTE [8683].

COLLEGE BALLOT DROP-OFF SITES	
De Anza College 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd Cupertino 95014	Flagpole near the Administration Building
Evergreen Valley College 3095 Yerba Buena Rd San Jose 95135	Gullo Student Center
Foothill College 12345 El Monte Rd Los Altos Hills 94022	Flagpole near the Administration Building
San Jose State University 1 Washington Sq San Jose 95192	1. Martin Luther King, Jr Library 2. Clark Hall 3. University Police Department 4. Associated Students House 5. Campus Village

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