

**BAY AREA
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Clerk-Auditor-Recorder



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County Clerk



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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FROM: Bay Area Election Officials

Vote by Mail Voting is Safe & Secure

Your local election officials would like you to know that sending Vote by Mail ballots to all eligible voters is the law in California, and it is safe, secure and convenient.

Official ballots were mailed by May 9th and all registered voters throughout California, including in the Bay Area, should start receiving their ballots soon for the upcoming June 7, 2022 California Statewide Primary Election.

While permanent Vote by Mail has been in place in California since 2002, Assembly Bill 37, passed by the California State Legislature and signed into law by the governor in 2021, requires counties to mail a ballot to every active, registered voter in California. All eligible voters will receive Vote by Mail ballots, and the return envelope is postage paid. Put your completed ballot in the envelope, seal it, sign it, and mail it to your local election office. Voted ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received within seven (7) days of the election to be considered timely.

Vote by Mail is a highly regulated process. It is nearly impossible to cheat the system due to the number of multiple factors, checkpoints, people, and systems that coordinate to keep your vote safe. "Over the past 20 years, California has steadily applied measures such as pre-paid postage, drop boxes, and a "cure" process for challenged ballots, ensuring Vote by Mail is a robust sound process for voters to cast their ballots," said Shannon Bushey, County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters.

Voters can track their ballot to know when they are mailed, received, and processed by the county election office by signing up at the Secretary of State's office (<https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov>). It's a great way for voters to know when to expect their ballots and when the election office receives your voted ballot, thereby providing increased transparency.

For more local information, go to your local county election official, who is your trusted source of nonpartisan election information. Information on this topic as well as direct links to local elections offices can be found on our website, BayAreaVotes.org, or our Facebook page, Bay Area Votes.

A more detailed article and a Fact Sheet on Vote by Mail are attached.

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