

# Santa Clara City Clerk's Office Now Vote By Mail Ballot Drop-Off Location



*City employees Jose Armas, Alana Cardoso, Robert Loader, Katy Kay, Jennifer Yamaguma, and Rod Diridon, Jr. during a training session done by Katy Kay from the Registrar of Voters*

In support of the upcoming June 3rd California Primary election, the Santa Clara City Clerk's Office has partnered with the Registrar of Voters to provide a convenient drop-off location for Vote By Mail ballots. Sometimes referred to as "absentee ballots," vote by mail ballots can be dropped in a ballot box at the City Clerk's Office any time during normal business hours.

"Engaging the people in the elections process is a cornerstone of democracy," said Santa Clara City Clerk Rod Diridon, Jr. He went on to explain that this new ballot box option is especially important during the last few days of the election. "VBM ballots must be physically received by the Registrar of Voters or a

polling location by the close of the polls on election day. So, late in the cycle many voters may choose to drop their ballots off instead of putting them in the mail."

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is partnering with all 15 City Clerk Offices in the county to provide drop-off sites for Vote by Mail ballots in the June 3rd Primary Election. These drop-off sites will make it easy and convenient for voters to return their voted ballots on or before Election Day. Registrar of Voters Jesse Durazo applauds the City Clerks for taking this step.

"The City Clerks' involvement shows they understand the importance of helping their residents become active participants in the democratic process," said Durazo.

For a VBM ballot to be

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valid, voters must remember to sign the back of the return envelope so their ballot can be signature verified and tallied.

All ballots must be received by the Registrar of

Voters or a polling location before 8 p.m. on Election Day (postmarks are not accepted). Or, voters can drop-off their VBM ballots at any City Clerk's Office during regular business

hours, up to the close of business on election day.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 408-615-2220 or the Registrar of Voters' Office at (408) 299-VOTE.