California Voter’s Choice Act

OVERVIEW
San Mateo County has been selected by the State Legislature as one of 14 pilot counties statewide authorized to conduct All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center elections under SB 450, the California Voter’s Choice Act.

On September 12, 2017, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chief Elections Officer to proceed with the implementation of the California Voter’s Choice Act and conduct the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election as the first election held under the Act.

PURPOSE
The California Voter’s Choice Act, was enacted to increase voter participation, enlist public engagement, and expand voting options for all voters. The law fundamentally changes the manner in which future elections are to be conducted, by establishing an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center election model, utilizing Vote Centers and Ballot Drop-Off locations strategically placed throughout the county.

Under the Voter’s Choice Act, all voters will be mailed a ballot 29 days before the election with a postage-paid envelope to return the ballot.

YOUR VOTING OPTIONS
Voters will be able to cast their ballots by choosing one of three methods:

Vote by Mail
You can vote and mail your ballot in the postage-paid return envelope on or before Election Day.

Drop Off Your Voted Ballot
You can vote and return your ballot into a secure Ballot Drop-off Box. Ballot Drop-off Boxes will be located throughout San Mateo County starting 28 days before the election.

Vote in Person at a Vote Center
Vote Centers look and feel like polling places, but provide additional services and options for voters. You can go to any Vote Center in San Mateo County to:
• Vote on an accessible voting machine
• Vote on a paper ballot
• Access multilingual election materials and receive assistance from English, Spanish, Chinese, Filipino or Korean speaking staff
• Drop off your ballot
• Receive a replacement ballot
• Register to vote or update registration information through Election Day

Four Vote Centers will be open 29 days before Election Day.
Four more Vote Centers will be open 10 days before Election Day. These Vote Centers will be open on weekdays and on the two weekends before Election Day for a minimum of 8 hours per day.

An additional 31 Vote Centers will be open three days before Election Day for at least 8 hours daily.

All Vote Centers will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BE PART OF THE PROCESS!
Statewide Direct Primary Election, June 5, 2018
May 7 First day Vote by Mail ballots are mailed to all registered voters in the County.

East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo and South San Francisco Vote Centers open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 8 Ballot Drop-off locations open throughout the County.

May 21 Last day to register or re-register to vote.

May 22 Conditional voter registration and provisional voting available at all Vote Centers.

May 26 Four additional Vote Centers open for a total of eight Vote Centers open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 29 Last day for voters to request a replacement ballot to be mailed.

June 2 31 additional Vote Centers open for a total of 39 Vote Centers open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 5 Election Day – All Vote Centers open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballot Drop-off and Vote Center locations will be mailed with the Vote by Mail ballots and provided in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. Information is also available at www.smcacre.org.