



SOLANO COUNTY **Voter Information Guide**



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City of Vacaville District 2 - Vacancy Election Tuesday, May 4, 2021 Vote by Mail Election

This is your official voter information guide. It has information on local candidates, voting by mail, and answers to common voter questions.

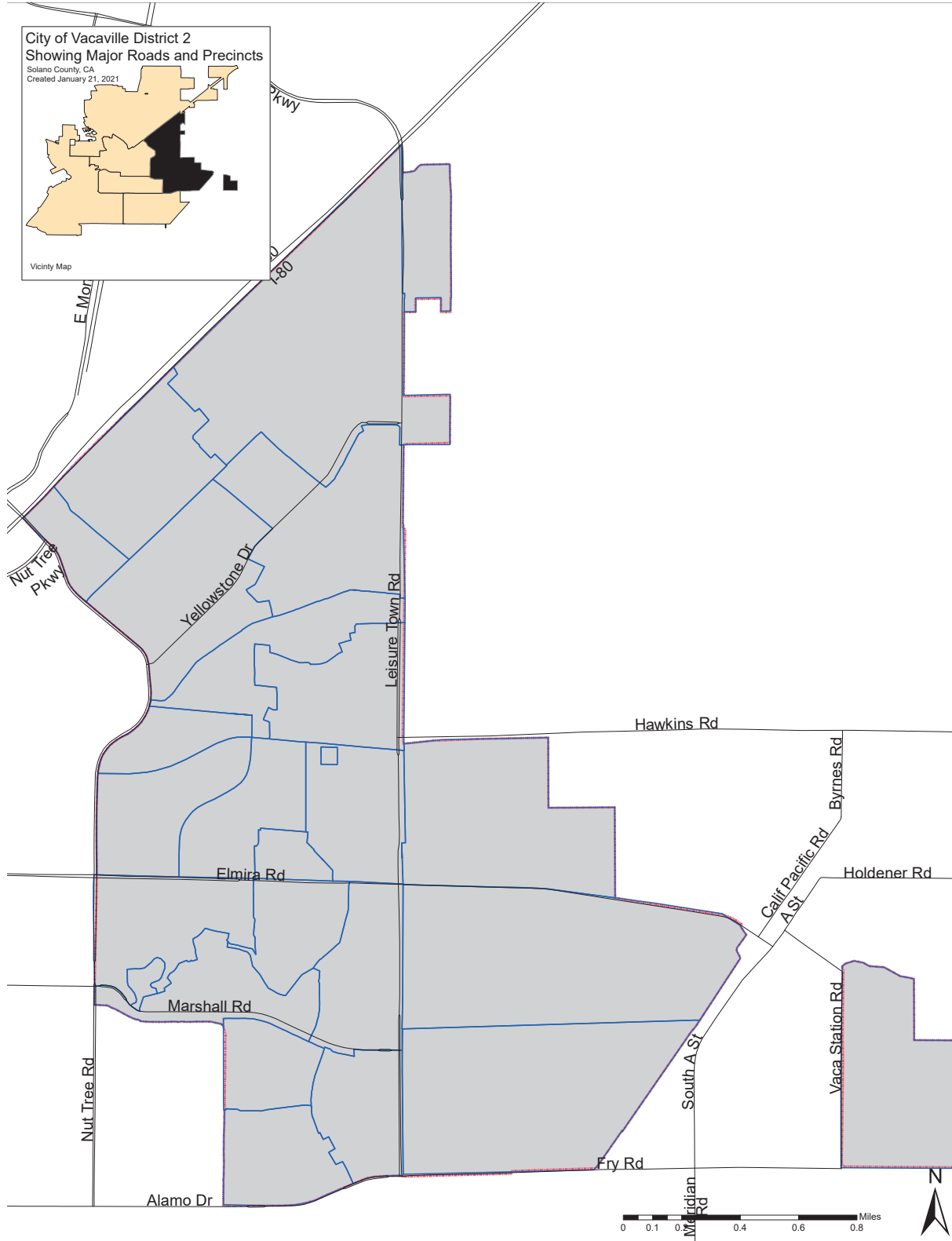


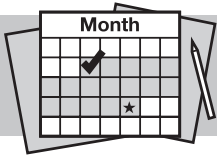
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Map Of Vacaville District 2

This is a special election to fill the vacancy in the Vacaville City Council - District 2. All voters receive the same ballot, no matter what political party you are registered with (or if you have no party preference). Only voters registered in Vacaville District 2 will receive a ballot.





Important Information & Dates

- ★ **Early voting starts Monday, April 5, 2021.** Visit us at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600, Fairfield to pick up a ballot. Our office is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ★ Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to you is **Tuesday, April 27, 2021.**
- ★ Any changes to your registration must be received by **Monday, April 19, 2021.** Visit registertovote.ca.gov or call (707) 784-6675 to have a form mailed to you.

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 In-Person Vote by Mail period begins. Ballot drop boxes available for next 30 days.	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Last day to register or update registration for this election.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to you.	28	29	30	5/1
<u>Curbside Ballot Drop-off Locations Available:</u> * Solano ROV, Fairfield * Vacaville City Hall * Mission Church, Vacaville *						

May 2021

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2	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6	7	8
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Voting Options For All Voters

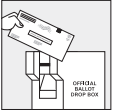


In an effort to reduce the impact of the Coronavirus spread, the Solano County Registrar of Voters has prepared several voting options for all voters. You have received a Vote by Mail ballot for the election in this packet.

Below is a description of the different options you have for voting to help provide a safe voting environment for all voters, our staff, and our community partners:

No Contact Voting:

As an alternative to in-person voting, you can vote from the safety of your home using the enclosed ballot. Ballots can be returned to our office in one of three ways:



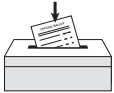
Ballot Drop-Off:

Starting April 5 (29 days) - 3 drop-off locations are available (drop box is inside an office building)



Curbside Drop-Off:

Starting April 29 (5 days) - 3 Curbside drop-off locations are available (stay in your car, hand ballot to poll workers)



Election Day:

Election Day May 4 (1 day) - all locations are open 7am to 8pm

All ballots must be received or post-marked by May 4. All postage is paid by the Registrar of Voters Office for voters mailing ballots back to our office. Voters do not have to vote this ballot, and can still choose to vote in-person using one of the options listed below.

Limited Contact Voting:



Starting April 29, voters can return ballots via curbside drop-off from their vehicle. This option is available through Election Day at the locations identified on the next page.

In-Person Voting:



Starting April 5, in-person voting is available at the ROV office.



Starting April 29 (5 days) - a satellite office with in-person voting and all voter services will be open at Mission Church

Please be prepared: with current COVID requirements, in-person voting may require additional time to process each voter.

COVID-19 INFO:

Poll workers and Staff:

All poll workers will be required to wear masks and shields. Additionally the Registrar of Voters will provide gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes.

Voters:

Voters will be required to wear face coverings as required by state law. Face coverings will be available to any voter needing one. Hand sanitizer and disposable pens will be provided to all voters. Voters without face coverings will be encouraged to vote from the safety of their vehicles or wait for staff to clear the area for the safety of other voters.

We encourage all citizens to follow the mandated health requirements to help protect our staff and community partners. Without our staff and volunteers we cannot successfully execute an election! Please help us minimize the risk to those helping to administer your voting rights!

The following pages outline the specific addresses and hours available for each of the options on this page. Look for the icons next to the type of voting described based on your preferred option.

Ballot Return & Voting Addresses



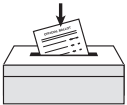
April 5 to May 4, voters can drop off ballots at the following locations. (Drop Boxes are inside office buildings).

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St. Suite 2600	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	M-TH 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. (closed Fridays)
Vacaville	Mission Church	6391 Leisure Town Rd.	TU-F 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. (closed Mondays)



April 29, 30, May 1, 3, and 4, voters can drop off ballots “Curbside” at the following locations. (Stay in your car, hand ballot to poll workers)

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St. Suite 2600	All Locations are open 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., including Saturday, plus 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. on Election Day.
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	
Vacaville	Mission Church	6391 Leisure Town Rd.	



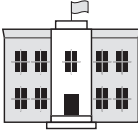


On May 4, ballots can be dropped off at any location listed above.






Who Is On The Ballot For This Election?

This is a special election to fill the vacancy in the Vacaville City Council - District 2. All voters receive the same ballot, no matter what political party you are registered with (or if you have no party preference). Only voters registered in Vacaville District 2 will receive a ballot.

 Presidential Nominated by party	 California Top-Two Primary Nominated by voters	 County and Local Primary Nonpartisan candidates
Not applicable for this election.	Not applicable for this election.	Municipal offices
		A candidate must receive at least 50% plus 1 vote to be elected to the office listed.
		You can write-in a candidate for these offices.
		Candidates for nonpartisan offices do not have a party preference listed on the ballot.

For more information you can:

-  Call the Elections Department at (707) 784-6675
-  Visit our website at www.solanocounty.com/elections
-  The California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov

Voter Information



The following pages contain information relating to your ballot, which may include:

- Candidates' Statements
- Arguments
- Analyses
- Ballot Measures

This information guide may not contain a statement for each candidate. Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. (EC 13312)

* All Candidates' Statements are printed exactly as filed.

Vacaville District 2 Vacancy Election

Precinct 56010-BT-1
May 4, 2021

Solano County, California

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

- **To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot**, mark the voting target next to the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than the number listed at the top of each contest.
- **To vote for a qualified write-in candidate**, mark the voting target next to the write-in line, and write the person's name in the blank space provided for that purpose after the names of the other candidates for the same office.
- **Marking the ballot outside of the designated space to vote for a candidate or measure may compromise the secrecy of the ballot.**
- **Mark this ballot with pen or pencil.**
- **If you make a mistake, wrongly mark, tear or deface this ballot**, you can get a new ballot from a poll worker or call the Registrar of Voters Office at (707) 784-6675 for instructions.

Fill in the rectangle (■) that appears next to your choice.



Nonpartisan Offices:

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

CITY

MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2, CITY OF VACAVILLE

Vote for ONE (1)

- GREGORY RITCHIE II**
Small Business Owner
- CURTIS HUNT**
Retired Public Administrator
- JOE DESMARAIS**
Director, Emergency Management
- _____
Qualified Write-in

END OF BALLOT

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Vacaville, District No. 2**

GREGORY RITCHIE II

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: I was born and raised in Vacaville. I attended elementary, middle, and high school in Vacaville where I developed lifelong friendships. My participation in athletics taught me that hard work, pursuing constructive goals, and striving to attain positive end results are paramount in life.

My real estate financial career began immediately following graduation from California State University Long Beach where I majored in Business & Sociology. I met my wife Melissa while in the Los Angeles area, and returning to Vacaville to open own mortgage brokerage in downtown Vacaville in 2012. The mortgage brokerage company, Citizen's Financial, now includes three locations and employs over 19 people. My company serves all Californians, with a unique focus on working with public safety providers, peace officers, firefighters and educators.

In my spare time, I serve as a Board member for Kairos Public Schools, volunteer with the Vacaville Veterans Hall American Legion Post 165, and enjoy coaching youth sports for my 2 children Joslyn (8) and Jadon (6). As a small business owner, I support and understand the needs of the Vacaville business community. As a life-long resident, I know that promoting public safety and community connectivity is essential for Vacaville's growth.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Vacaville, District No. 2**

CURTIS HUNT

Occupation: Retired Public Administrator

Education and Qualifications: Last November the voters elected four new people to the City Council in Vacaville's first district election. These good people bring their unique experiences and views to the role. I am optimistic that they will be effective as they learn more about the City's complex policies, finances, etc. I am running for District 2 Council to use my experience to ensure that my neighbors have an effective voice immediately for their concerns and to assist the new Council during this transition period.

Here are some of the qualifications I bring to the office:

Councilmember/Vice Mayor 2007 to 2018
Elected to Board of Directors, League of California Cities
Chair, North Bay Division of League representing 31 cities and 4 counties
Statewide Homelessness Task Force
28 years with City of Fairfield and Solano County as Youth and Family Counselor, Probation Officer, and Community Service Manager
6 years independent consultant preparing community strategic plans
Masters Degree, Clinical Psychology
District 2 Vacaville resident, 21 years
Sunrise Rotary, Board Member Boys and Girls Club
Married 46 years, two adult children.

I was honored to represent the citizens of Vacaville in my prior service on the City Council and am eager to ensure the residents of District 2 are fairly considered.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL
Ciudad de Vacaville, Distrito No. 2**

CURTIS HUNT

Ocupación: Administrador Público Jubilado

Educación y Cualificaciones: En noviembre pasado, los votantes eligieron a cuatro nuevas personas para el Concejo Municipal en la primera elección de distrito de Vacaville. Estas buenas personas aportan sus experiencias y puntos de vista únicos a sus funciones. Soy optimista de que serán efectivos a medida que aprendan más sobre las complejas políticas, finanzas, etc. de la Ciudad. Me estoy postulando para el Concejo del Distrito 2 para usar mi experiencia a fin de asegurarme de que mis vecinos tengan una voz efectiva de inmediato sobre sus preocupaciones y para ayudar al nuevo Concejo durante este período de transición.

He aquí algunas cualificaciones que aportaré al cargo:

Concejal/Vicealcalde 2007 a 2018
Elegido para la Junta de Directores, Liga de Ciudades de California
Presidente, División Norte de la Bahía de la Liga representando a 31 ciudades y 4 condados
Grupo de Trabajo a Nivel Estatal para Personas Sin Hogar
28 años con la Ciudad de Fairfield y el Condado de Solano como Consejero Juvenil y Familiar, Oficial de Libertad Condicional y Gerente de Servicios Comunitarios
Consultor independiente durante 6 años preparando planes estratégicos comunitarios
Maestría, Psicología Clínica
Residente del Distrito 2 de Vacaville, 21 años
Rotario de Sunrise, Miembro de la Junta del Club de Niños y Niñas
Casado por 46 años, dos hijos adultos.

Tuve el honor de representar a los ciudadanos de Vacaville en mi servicio anterior en el Concejo Municipal y estoy ansioso por asegurar que los residentes del Distrito 2 sean considerados de manera justa.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Vacaville, District No. 2**

JOE DESMARAIS

AGE: 42

Occupation: Small Business Owner/Director of Security and Emergency Management

Education and Qualifications: Veteran, former Police Officer, former Special Agent with the U.S. Department of State, Director of Security and Emergency Management, Small Business co-owner, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration from the University of Washington, Master's degree from New England College in Public Policy.

With two decades of experience in public service leading large teams and managing complex budgets, I am uniquely prepared to help our city develop and implement an economic strategy that helps our city bounce back rapidly.

I will prioritize development projects like the Green Tree area and Eleanor Nelson Park that have the potential to provide recreational spaces, affordable housing for seniors and commercial opportunities that benefit our District. Before moving forward, I commit to first working with our Seniors and community advocates to ensure their needs and interests are fairly represented in any final plan.

I will be a vocal advocate for our small businesses to protect them from unfair policies that only benefit big business and push our Council to waive fees that provide immediate relief and keep them open.

As a former law enforcement officer, I commit to supporting our public safety professionals, and to being transparent, accountable and accessible on every issue.

www.desmarais4vacaville.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL
Ciudad de Vacaville, Distrito No. 2**

JOE DESMARAIS

EDAD: 42

Ocupación: Propietario de Pequeña Empresa/Director de Seguridad y Gestión de Emergencias

Educación y Cualificaciones: Veterano, ex Oficial de Policía, ex Agente Especial del Departamento de Estado de EE. UU., Director de Seguridad y Manejo de Emergencias, copropietario de Pequeña Empresa, Certificado de Posgrado en Administración de Empresas de la Universidad de Washington, Maestría en Políticas Públicas de New England College.

Con dos décadas de experiencia en el servicio público dirigiendo equipos grandes y administrando presupuestos complejos, estoy especialmente preparado para ayudar a nuestra ciudad a desarrollar e implementar una estrategia económica y lograr su rápida recuperación.

Daré prioridad a proyectos de desarrollo como el área de Green Tree y el Parque Eleanor Nelson que tienen el potencial de proporcionar espacios recreativos, viviendas asequibles para personas mayores y oportunidades comerciales que beneficien a nuestro Distrito. Antes de seguir adelante, me comprometo a trabajar primero con nuestros adultos mayores y defensores de la comunidad para asegurar que sus necesidades e intereses estén representados de manera justa en cualquier plan final.

Seré un firme defensor de nuestras pequeñas empresas para protegerlas de políticas injustas que solo benefician a las grandes corporaciones y presionaré a nuestro Concejo para que elimine tarifas, lo cual brindará un alivio inmediato para que continúen abiertas.

Como ex oficial del orden público, me comprometo a apoyar a nuestros profesionales de la seguridad pública y a ser transparente, responsable y accesible en todos los temas.

www.desmarais4vacaville.com

Attention Voters



Solano County is required to provide a translated copy of the official ballots to voters in both Spanish and Tagalog. Any voter in Solano County can request a copy of this ballot for any precinct in the election. Requests can be made at any time. Translated ballots will be delivered at least 10 days before the Election Day.

To request a copy of a translated ballot in Spanish or Tagalog, please use one of the following methods:



By Phone – Call 707-784-6675 during office hours Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.



By E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; place the words “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” in the subject line for faster processing;



On our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - click the link for “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST”



All polling places in Solano County provide copies of ballots translated in Spanish and Tagalog. For a complete list of polling places, please visit www.solanocounty.com/elections.

ATENCIÓN VOTANTES



El Condado de Solano tiene la obligación de proporcionarles a los votantes una copia traducida de las boletas electorales oficiales en español y tagalo. Cualquier votante en el Condado de Solano puede solicitar una copia de esta boleta electoral para cualquier distrito electoral en la elección. Las solicitudes pueden realizarse en cualquier momento. Las boletas electorales traducidas serán entregadas al menos 10 días antes del Día de la Elección.

Para solicitar una copia de la boleta electoral traducida al español o tagalo, por favor use uno de los siguientes métodos:



Por Teléfono – Llame al 707-784-6675 durante el horario de atención regular, de lunes a viernes de 8am a 5pm.



Por Correo Electrónico – elections@solanocounty.com; coloque las palabras “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” (SOLICITUD DE BOLETA ELECTORAL TRADUCIDA) en la línea del asunto para un procesamiento más rápido;



En nuestro sitio web: www.solanocounty.com/elections - haga clic en el enlace “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” (SOLICITUD DE BOLETA ELECTORAL TRADUCIDA)



Todos los lugares de votación en el Condado de Solano proporcionan copias de boletas electorales traducidas al español y tagalo. Para una lista completa de lugares de votación, por favor visite www.solanocounty.com/elections.

TINATAWAG ANG PANSIN NG MGA BOTANTE



Ang County ay inaatasang magkaloob ng isang isinaling kopya ng mga opisyal na balota sa mga botante sa pareho ng Kastila at Tagalog. Sinumang botante sa County ng Solano ay makahihiling ng isang kopya ng balotang ito para sa alinmang presinto sa halalan. Ang mga paghiling ay magagawa anumang oras. Ang mga isinaling balota ay ihahatid ng hindi bababa sa 10 araw bago ang Araw ng Halalan.

Upang humiling ng isang kopya ng isang isinaling balota sa Kastila o Tagalog, mangyaring gamitin ang isa sa mga sumusunod na paraan:



Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono – Tumawag sa 707-784-6675 sa mga oras ng opisina Lunes hanggang Biyernes 8am hanggang 5pm.



Sa pamamagitan ng E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; ilagay ang mga salitang “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” (PAGHILING NG ISINALING BALOTA) sa linya ng paksa para sa mas mabilis na pagproseso;



Sa aming website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - i-click ang link para sa “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST”



Lahat ng mga lugar ng botohan sa County ng Solano ay nagkakaloob ng mga kopya ng mga balota na isinalin sa Kastila at Tagalog. Para sa isang kumpletong listahan ng mga lugar ng botohan, mangyaring bisitahin ang www.solanocounty.com/elections.

Tips and Assistance for Voting in-person



Your vote is important to us and we want to do all that we can to make the whole in-person voting experience enjoyable. Below you will find a few tips that you may find helpful.

Before you go...



Take note of your Voting Locations. Your voting location may have changed since our last election. You can find the address and quick reference map to voting locations on the enclosed voter flyer. You can also find voting locations on the Registrar of Voter's website: www.solanocounty.com/elections.



Practice marking your ballot. We have provided a sample of your ballot for you to make selections before heading to the polls. Use it as a guide when you vote your official ballot on Election Day. To request a sample ballot, you can download one from our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections or call our office at 707-784-6675.

On Election day...



Check your time. Many voters vote on their way to work, on their lunch hour, or after work. If you have flexibility in your schedule consider visiting us midmorning or mid-afternoon to miss the crowds.



If you have questions, please ask. Your poll workers will have the answers to many of your questions. You can also give us a call at (707) 784-6675 and we will be glad to help.

If you need assistance...

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot, as long as those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place will have copies of the ballot in Spanish and Tagalog and may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak Spanish and Tagalog.

Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación quizá mantenga copias en español de la papeleta de votación y emplee trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

Bilang botante, maaari kang magkaroon ng hanggang dalawang tao sa iyong lugar ng botohan o presinto upang matulungan kang i-record ang iyong balota, hangga't ang mga taong ito ay hindi kinakatawan ng iyong tagapag-empleyo o iyong unyon. Magkakaroon ng mga kopya ng iyong balota na isinalin sa Tagalog sa iyong lugar ng botohan. Maaaring may mga taong nagtatrabaho na nagsasalita ngtagalog sa lugar ng botohan.