



## **SOLANO COUNTY**

### **Voter Information Guide**

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Benicia Unified School District,  
Trustee Area 5 Special Vacancy Election  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
Polls Open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

**VOTING IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY?**  
**Your Polling Place May Have Changed!**

Refer to Official Ballot Instructions or check  
[www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections) for your new  
assigned polling place.



Text **Solano** to 2VOTE  
(28683) to download your sample  
ballot or voter information guide.  
(Msg & Data rates may apply)

# VOTING OPTIONS FOR ALL VOTERS



In an effort to provide a safe voting environment, the Solano County Registrar of Voters has prepared several voting options for all voters. All voters 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:

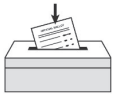
## **No Contact Voting:**

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



### **Ballot Drop-Off:**

Starting 29-days before the election through Election Day - Drop-off times and locations are identified on the next page (drop box is inside an office building).



### **Election Day Drop-Off:**

Election Day (1-day) - Poll Place drop-off locations are available on Election Day- all locations are open 7a.m. to 8p.m.

All ballots must be received or post-marked by Election Day. 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.

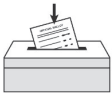
## **Limited Contact Voting:**



At your assigned poll place, all voters can request to vote "curbside" from the comfort of your vehicle. Look for the blue cone outside of your polling place, and call the number listed on the cone. Poll workers will come out to your vehicle with your ballot and will securely deposit it for you.

This same curbside option is available if you want to drop off your Vote by Mail ballot. It may be preferable for you to remain in your vehicle and we support that option.

## **In-Person Voting:**



Traditional polling places are still available. Your assigned location is included on the cover sheet with your official ballot. Some voters may experience additional wait times due to the need to provide social distancing within the voting location. Please be prepared: it may take longer than usual to vote at your polling place.

### **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.

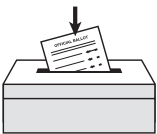
Bilang botante, maaari kang magkaroon ng hanggang dalawang tao sa iyong lugar ng botohan o presinto upang matulungan kang i-record ang iyong balota, hangga't ang mga taong ito ay hindi kinakatawan ng iyong tagapag-empelo o iyong unyon. Magkakaroon ng mga kopya ng iyong balota na isinalin sa Tagalog sa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

# BALLOT RETURN & VOTING ADDRESSES



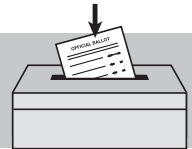
March 13 to April 11, voters can drop off ballots at the following locations. (Drop Boxes are inside office buildings.)

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Benicia	Benicia Pedrotti Ace Hardware	830 Southampton Rd.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Sat 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Sun 9:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St. Suite 2600	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. 24-hour drop box on Union Ave.



On Election Day, ballots can be dropped off at any location listed above, plus the poll place location listed below from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

## POLLING LOCATION



**BENICIA**

**TURNER ELEMENTARY**  
540 ROSE DRIVE

## VOTER INFORMATION

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

- Candidates' Statements
- Candidates' Statements are printed exactly as filed

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)

### COVID-19 INFO:

Poll Workers and Staff: All poll workers will be provided masks and shields, additionally the Registrar of Voters will provide gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. Voters: Face coverings will be provided to any voter requesting/needing one. Hand sanitizer and disposable pens will be provided to all voters. Voters without face coverings may vote from the safety of their vehicles as described above. The Registrar of Voters encourages 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, dates and hours available for each of the options on this page.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
Benicia Unified School District, Trustee Area No. 5**

**Amy C. Hirsh**

**Occupation:** Parent/Attorney

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a product of Benicia schools, having attended kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades at Robert Semple, Joe Henderson, BMS, and BHS. After graduation, I attended UCLA and UCLA Law School. My husband and I moved back to Benicia to start our family because of Benicia's great public schools and wonderful sense of community.

As a proud parent of two boys attending Matthew Turner Elementary and BMS, I understand the issues facing our students and parents. I serve on the Matthew Turner Site Council, volunteer in classrooms, and attend field trips. I have volunteered in the broader community as a Cub Scout leader and for Benicia Arsenal F.C. If elected, I will be the only current BUSD parent on the school board.

I am an employment law attorney. I counsel employers and employees through tough decisions and help them navigate complicated laws. I understand the workplace challenges of today's world and the importance of high ethical standards in serving as a trustee. I believe this experience is an asset for the school board.

My Benicia education prepared me well for success and I want the same for my sons and every child attending Benicia schools.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
Benicia Unified School District, Trustee Area No. 5**

**Ali Mansouri**  
**Occupation:** Physician

**Education and Qualifications:** My credentials include: Three UC Berkeley degrees with nuclear engineering PhD, chemistry BS, and applied mathematics BA; MD degree from Albany Medical College; Family Medicine residency at St Louis University; Nuclear medicine residency at Stanford; Honorable service as US Air Force officer. I have 2 children in Benicia schools. I live in Area 5. I am a hospital medicine physician locally where I treat acute and critical illnesses requiring hospitalization.

I believe an educated populace is the cornerstone of our democracy, and I want all our children to get the best education and become the best citizens. My life experiences include engineering, military, academia, and medicine, and in all these settings, I have worked with diverse groups of people in constructive and respectful ways to achieve results. I believe that as parents we need to be heard while maintaining respect for our educators. We should all come together in nonantagonistic ways to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

I learned of this position after a mass text was sent by the superintendent in December and realized only then that there were no candidates in November. After careful consideration, I respectfully and humbly ask for your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA  
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Benicia, Área Sindical N.º 5**

**Ali Mansouri**  
**Ocupación:** Médico

**Educación y Competencia:** Mis credenciales incluyen: Tres títulos de la UC Berkeley con Doctorado en ingeniería nuclear, Licenciatura en química y Licenciatura en matemáticas aplicadas; título de Médico del Albany Medical College; residencia en medicina familiar en la Universidad de San Luis; residencia en medicina nuclear en Stanford; servicio honorífico como oficial de las Fuerzas Aéreas de EE. UU. Tengo 2 hijos en las escuelas de Benicia. Vivo en el Área 5. Soy médico de medicina hospitalaria a nivel local, donde trato enfermedades agudas y críticas que requieren hospitalización.

Creo que una población educada es la piedra angular de nuestra democracia y quiero que todos nuestros niños reciban la mejor educación y se conviertan en los mejores ciudadanos. Mis experiencias de vida incluyen la ingeniería, el ejército, el mundo académico y la medicina, y en todos estos entornos he trabajado con diversos grupos de personas de forma constructiva y respetuosa para lograr resultados. Creo que, como padres, debemos ser escuchados sin dejar de respetar a nuestros educadores. Todos debemos unirnos de forma no antagónica para lograr los mejores resultados para nuestros niños.

Me enteré de esta posición después de que un texto masivo fue enviado por el superintendente en diciembre y solo entonces me di cuenta de que no había candidatos en noviembre. Tras considerarlo detenidamente, pido respetuosa y humildemente su voto.

**PAHAYAG NG KANDIDATO PARA  
MIYEMBRO NG NAMAMAHALANG LUPON  
Pinag-isang Distrito ng Paaralan ng Benicia, Lugar ng Katiwala Blg. 5**

**Ali Mansouri**  
**Trabaho:** Doktor

**Edukasyon at Kuwalipikasyon:** Ang aking mga kredensiyal ay kinabibilangan ng: Tatlong digri sa UC Berkeley na may PhD sa nukleyar na inhinyeriya, BS sa kemistri, at BA sa iniaaplay na matematika; MD mula sa Albany Medical College; paglilingkod sa Pampamilyang Medisina sa St Louis University; Paglilingkod sa nukleyar na medisina sa Stanford; Marangal na serbisyo bilang opisyal ng Hukbong Panghimpapawid ng US. Ako ay may 2 anak sa mga paaralan ng Benicia. Ako ay naninirahan sa Area 5. Ako ay isang doktor ng medisina sa lokal na ospital kung saan gumagamot ako ng malulubhang sakit na nangangailangan ng pagpapaospital.

Naniniwala ako na ang isang marunong na populasyon ay ang panulukang bato ng ating demokrasya, at gusto kong makakuha ang lahat ng ating bata ng pinakamahusay na edukasyon at maging pinakamahusay na mga mamamayan. Ang aking mga karanasan sa buhay ay kinabibilangan ng inhinyeriya, akademya ng militar, at medisina, at sa lahat ng kapaligirang ito, nagtrabaho akong kasama ng iba't ibang grupo ng mga tao sa nakabubuo at magalang na mga paraan upang magkamit ng mga resulta. Ako ay naniniwala na bilang mga magulang kailangang marinig tayo habang nagpapanatili ng paggalang para sa ating mga edukador. Dapat tayong magsama-samang lahat sa mga paraang hindi antagonistiko upang makamit ang mga pinakamahusay na kahihinatnan para sa ating mga anak.

Nalaman ko ang posisyong ito pagkatapos ipadala ng isang superintende ang pangmaraming teksto noong Disyembre at noon lamang naunawaan na walang mga kandidato sa Nobyembre. Pagkatapos ng maingat ng pagsasaaalang-alang, magalang at mapagkumbaba kong hinihingi ang inyong boto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
Benicia Unified School District, Trustee Area No. 5**

**Ariana A Martinez**

**Occupation:** Social Services Staff Development Specialist

**Education and Qualifications:** Throughout my life I have dedicated my time and education to serving children, families, and communities. As a former Benicia High School student, I have experienced the difficult issues students face daily, this strengthened my career path to advocate for children. In college I studied psychology and took education classes which allowed me to advocate for my sister's special education needs. After graduating from the University of Southern California with a Master of Social Work, I began working for Contra Costa County Children and Family Services and became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

As a Social Worker, I have helped foster and at-risk youth and their families, strengthening my understanding of the importance of equity in education. I have established successful working relationships with stakeholders including school staff, service providers, parents and community members to assess needs and support sustainable change in the lives of children and families.

Through collaboration, transparency, and a solution-focused approach, I will support our public schools to ensure our students achieve their highest potential. My experience, enthusiasm and devotion as an advocate for children and their families will ensure that all my decisions will be based on the wellbeing of every student in our district.

# 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](mailto:elections@solanocounty.com); place the words “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” in the subject line for faster processing;



On our website: [www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://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](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections).

## ATENCIÓN VOTANTES



Se requiere que el Condado de Solano provea a los votantes una copia de la traducción de la boleta electoral oficial en español y Tagalog. Cualquier votante en el condado de Solano puede pedir una copia de esta boleta electoral en cualquier distrito electoral durante las elecciones. Puede solicitarla en cualquier momento. Las boletas traducidas se entregarán al menos 10 días antes del día de las elecciones.

Para pedir su copia de una boleta electoral traducida al español o a Tagalog, por favor hágalo de alguna de las siguientes maneras:



Por teléfono – Llame al 707-784-6675 en horario de oficina, de lunes a viernes de 8am a 5pm.



Por correo electrónico – [elections@solanocounty.com](mailto:elections@solanocounty.com); para que procesen su solicitud más rápidamente, indique “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” en la línea de Asunto;



En nuestro sitio web: [www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections) - haga click en el enlace “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST”



En todos los locales de votación en el condado de Solano, se ofrecen copias de la boleta electoral traducida a español y Tagalog. Para ver la lista completa de los locales de votación, por favor visite [www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections).

## TINATAWAG ANG PANSIN NG MGA BOTANTE



Ang Solano County ay inatasang magbigay sa mga botante ng mga opisyal na kopya ng balota na isinalin sa mga wikang Kastila / Espanyol at Tagalog / Filipino (Spanish and Tagalog). Ang sinumang botante sa Solano County ay maaaring humiling ng kopya ng balotang ito para sa alinmang presinto / lugar ng botohan sa eleksyon. Maaaring gawin ang mga paghiling sa anumang oras. Ang isinaling mga balota sa naturang mga wika ay ihahatid nang hindi bababa sa 10 araw bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon.

Para humiling ng kopya ng isinaling balota sa wikang Kastila o Tagalog, mangyaring gamitin ang isa sa mga sumusunod na pamamaraan:



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



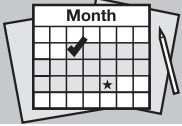
Sa pamamagitan ng E-mail – ipadala sa [elections@solanocounty.com](mailto:elections@solanocounty.com); ilagay ang mga salitang “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” sa linya ng paksa para sa mas mabilis na pagproseso;



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



Ang lahat ng lugar ng botohan sa Solano County ay nagbibigay ng mga kopya ng mga balotang isinalin sa mga wikang Kastila / Espanyol at Tagalog / Filipino. Para sa kumpletong listahan ng mga lugar ng botohan, mangyaring bumisita sa [www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections).



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DATES

- ★ **Early voting starts Monday, March 13, 2023.** 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 4, 2023.**
- ★ Any changes to your registration must be received by **Monday, March 27, 2023.** Visit [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov) or call (707) 784-6675 to have a form mailed to you.

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 In-person Vote by Mail period begins. Ballot drop boxes available for next 29 days.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Last day to register or update registration for this election.	28	29	30	31	

## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to you.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15