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DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Monday, October 19 is the deadline to register to vote in California. Registering by this deadline ensures that voters receive all the voter material they will need. Voting in California has never been easier and registering to vote is the first step, according to Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters Joe Holland. All California residents are eligible to vote as long as they are a United States citizen and at least 18 on or before Election Day, November 3.

There are several ways to register to vote:
- Register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov
- Paper applications can be found at most U.S. Post Offices, or the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- To assist voters meet the registration deadline, County Elections Offices listed below will be open Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and during regular business hours.

What if a voter misses the October 19 deadline?
Eligible citizens may use the conditional voter registration process through Election Day, available only at the County Registrar of Voters offices or a polling place to register and vote. Ballots cast conditionally will be processed once the Registrar of Voters Office has completed the voter registration verification process.

“I highly recommend that voters register by the October 19 deadline,” says Holland. “It ensures that the voter has the opportunity to receive, review and mark his or her ballot safely and securely at home. If a voter is unsure about their voter registration status or needs to change registration information like address, visit our website at sbcvote.com.”

The three county election offices are open for voting, voter registration and voter questions through Election Day, November 3.

Santa Barbara, 4440-A Calle Real
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays

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Lompoc, 401 E. Cypress St, Room 102
8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays
NOTE: To better serve voters, the Lompoc Office will move to the Lompoc Veteran’s Memorial Building at 100 E. Locust starting October 22, 2020.

Santa Maria, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 134
8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays

Ballot Tracker
Voters can sign up for ballot tracking at https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/ to get automatic notifications by text message (SMS), email, or voice message about the status of your vote-by-mail ballot. Voters will be notified once the local Elections Office has received the ballot, once it has been counted, and if there are any issues with the ballot.

The Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters Office wants to help make the voting process as easy as possible. Resources for Santa Barbara County voters are available at SBCVote.com. The Secretary of State also has resources for California voters at vote.ca.gov.

For questions or assistance, please go to www.SBCvote.com or call (805) 568-2200.

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