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Weekend Voting Available in Santa Cruz and Watsonville

Voting can be added to your list of things to do this weekend since the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department and Watsonville City Clerk's Office will be open for voting from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4.

"Weekend voting offers busy voters a convenient time to vote," County Clerk Gail Pellerin said.

In California, voting begins 29 days before an election. Both the Santa Cruz County Clerk's Office and Watsonville City Clerk's Office have been operating as vote centers during regular business hours.

Both offices offer special Saturday and Sunday hours on the weekend prior to the election. Voters may vote from 9am to 5pm this weekend at the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department, 701 Ocean Street, 3rd floor in Santa Cruz or at Watsonville Civic Plaza, 275 Main Street, top floor, in the Community Room.

For voters who missed the voter registration deadline of October 22, they can still register and vote up to and including election day at the Santa Cruz County Elections Office, Watsonville Civic Plaza, and UCSC Bay Tree Conference Center (UCSC is open Saturday to Tuesday only). Same Day voter registration is only available at these three locations.

Santa Cruz County voters who have obtained a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 6 General Election may return their ballot to any polling place in the State of California no later than 8pm, Tuesday, November 6. Ballots may also be dropped off at one of several drop boxes in the county available 24/7 up to 8pm Tuesday, November 6. Drop box locations are:

- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, in front of the County Government Center
- 212 Church Street, Santa Cruz, public parking lot
- 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley City Hall parking lot
- 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola City Hall parking lot
- 316 Rodriguez Street, Watsonville public parking lot 14
- UCSC Quarry Plaza, next to the Bookstore
- Cabrillo College parking lot R near the stadium
- Felton Covered Bridge Park, Mt. Hermon and Graham Hill roads
- Aptos Polo Grounds near the dog park
- County Health Center, 1430 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville

As of today, more than 108,590 vote-by-mail ballots have been issued to voters in the November 6 Election, and just over 13,658 have been returned.

Postage is paid for voters who are returning their ballot by mail. Ballots postmarked on or before Tuesday, November 6, and received by the elections official by Friday, November 9 will be considered received on time.

However, voters should be aware that mail delivery is taking anywhere from 3 to 10 days, so voters are encouraged to mail their ballots no later than Thursday, November 1.

Voters may also drop off their voted ballot at either the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department or the City Clerk's Office in Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Capitola, or Scotts Valley.

For more information, please call the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 831-454-2060 or email info@votescount.com, or visit our website at www.votescount.com. The Watsonville City Clerk can be reached at 831-768-3040.

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