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INFORMATION ON
June 5, 2018
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please visit **www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx**
for information on the June 5 election,
including the City of Santa Clara's Measure A and regional candidates and issues

Please visit us online at:
santaclaraca.gov/MeasureA
for more information on the City of Santa Clara June 5 Special Election

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Information on June 5 Special Municipal Election

Community Update

Election information is being provided as a public service by the City of Santa Clara.
Information provided for educational purposes only.

June 5 Special Municipal Election Information
Please Participate! Here's How:

When Is the Election?

Election Day is June 5, 2018. The last day to register to vote is May 21, 2018. Vote-By-Mail ballots will begin to be sent out on May 7th. The last day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot is May 29, 2018. You must be registered to vote before you can request a vote by mail ballot. You may request a Vote-By-Mail ballot at **www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail**

How Can I Register to Vote?

If you are not registered to vote and you wish to do so, you must register **BEFORE** May 21, 2018. You can find registration forms at Santa Clara City Hall or register to vote online by visiting: **registertovote.ca.gov**

How Can I Vote Early?

Starting May 7th, all registered Santa Clara voters may vote early by visiting the County Registrar of Voters office, located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA 95112, open 8AM to 5PM, Monday-Friday.

Starting May 26th, Santa Clara residents may also vote at Santa Clara's Early Vote Center, located at the Central Park LIbrary, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051 and is open between 10AM and 6PM Monday through Friday.

What About Voting By Mail?

All returned ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, June 5, in order to be accepted. You may also drop off your completed ballot at any official Ballot Drop Box at:

- The Registrar of Voters Office, located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA 95112
- Any precinct polling place in Santa Clara on election day
- Designated Vote-by-Mail Drop-off Site. You may find Drop-off sites at: **www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/vbm/pages/returningmail.aspx**

If voting by mail, please Remember to **SIGN THE BACK OF YOUR BALLOT!**

How Can I Find My Precinct?

You may vote in-person at your local polling precinct on Election day. You may find your precinct by visiting the Santa Clara Registrar of Voters website at: **eservices.sccgov.org/rov/**

Measure A Information:

MEASURE A BALLOT QUESTION	
BY-DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS & VOTING METHOD Shall the City Charter be amended: to establish two districts starting in 2018 to be represented by three council members each; and when available, use ranked choice voting to allow voters to select candidates in order of choice to determine the winners of elections of all city elected officers?	**YES**
	NO

Q: What is Measure A?

A: Measure A is the ballot measure setting forth a proposed charter amendment that updates the way that future local officeholders would be elected.

Q: How was Measure A developed?

A: Measure A was developed after more than a year of grassroots input and community engagement, including two separate committees composed of volunteer City residents who received input from hundreds of residents through 16 public hearings and the City's online platforms. The City Council unanimously voted to place Measure A on the June Ballot.

Q: What does Measure A do?

A: If enacted, Measure A would update the way Santa Clara voters elect local officeholders as follows:

- Establishes two voting districts, with registered voters electing three Council Members per district.
  - Candidates seeking election to the Santa Clara City Council will be required to live within the district. Only voters residing in the district can vote on City Council Candidates from their given district.
  - You may find the draft versions of the maps, including the district where you live, by visiting the City website at: **santaclaraca.gov/MeasureA**
  - The Mayor, City Clerk and Police Chief would remain elected Citywide.
- Establishes a voting process known as "ranked choice voting" for all city candidates for office.
  - The single transferable method of ranked choice voting would be implemented by ordinance.
  - The election by the most votes cast would continue to be used to determine the winner until the Registrar of Voters can implement the new voting method.

Q: What is "Ranked Choice Voting?"

A: If approved by voters, Measure A would implement a form of Ranked Choice Voting, sometimes known as "Instant Runoff Voting." This will allow voters the opportunity to rank candidates in order of preference. Both the numbers of votes and rankings determine the winner. If Measure A is enacted, the City will continue to engage in educational outreach on Ranked Choice Voting. For more information, please visit **santaclaraca.gov/Measure A**.

Q: How does Measure A affect voting for Mayor, Police Chief and City Clerk?

A: The Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Clerk will continue to be elected at large, but would also be elected using ranked choice voting.

For more information about Measure A, please visit the City's website at: santaclaraca.gov/MeasureA