# A safe & hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide.

For special elections conducted in 2021, all registered voters will be mailed a ballot. Visit sdvote.com to see if you're eligible to vote in an upcoming special election.

Voting by mail will help to reduce exposure to COVID-19 while allowing you to exercise your right to vote. To protect the health and welfare of all San Diegans, we encourage you to vote your mail ballot from the safety and comfort of your home.

Here are a few strategies to help make the voting process not only safer, but more convenient.

## **VERIFY YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION**

Have you moved or changed your name? Whether you are new to San Diego County or just moved down the street you need to re-register to vote.

Make sure the Registrar of Voters mails your ballot to the correct address. Verify your residence address and, if different, your mailing address. You can verify your voter information, register or re-register to vote online. Act now!

# **VOTE SAFER AT HOME**



Mail ballots will be sent to eligible registered voters no later than 29 days prior to Election Day. If you have kept your voter information up to date you should expect to receive your ballot within a few days of mailing.

You can track your mail ballot by signing up for "Where's My Ballot?" Sign up now. Voting by mail is:

**SIMPLE.** Your ballot along with your "I Voted" sticker arrives in your mailbox nearly a month before Election Day.

**SAFER.** Make voting decisions and complete your ballot comfortably at home.

**SECURE.** Seal your completed ballot in your postage paid envelope, sign it, date it and return it by mail promptly so it is received well before Election Day. Your signature is required for your ballot to count!

You may also deposit your sealed ballot at one of the Registrar's convenient mail ballot drop-off locations. Or, you may drop it at the Registrar's office or at any polling place. Visit sdvote.com for a list of locations and dates.

**Tip:** Mail Ballot Voters who decide to vote at their polling place should BRING their mail ballot to be SURRENDERED, then a new ballot will be issued.

### **WILL THERE BE POLLING PLACES?**

**Yes.** You will be assigned to a polling place open on Election Day for special elections conducted in 2021. Be prepared. There will be fewer locations than in prior elections, so your polling place has most likely changed. Be sure to go to your assigned polling location. Visit sdvote.com or look inside your mail ballot packet to find your assigned poll.

Be Vote Ready. Mark your selections on your sample ballot in advance so when you go inside the voting booth, you can quickly fill in the official ballot.

If you need to vote in person, you can take advantage of early voting at the Registrar's office.

Polling places and the Registrar's office will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for special elections.



**Bring your mask.** The Registrar of Voters is adhering to the County's public health orders and will make reasonable accommodations when needed to ensure the health and safety of all election workers, voters and observers to our office and polling places.

# YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHOICE. YOUR HEALTH.

Waiting until Election Day can be a hectic time of last-minute decisions. Or with a little preparation, you can vote early, and the experience can be not only safer but more convenient and easier for all. Either way, we will ensure every eligible vote is counted.

