

Voter Registration for the CA Democratic Primary June 7th

Highlights from the 27 page instruction pamphlet *and training* offered by
Santa Cruz County Elections, County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street, Room 210,
(at Water Street), Santa Cruz, 95060. Phone: 831-454-2060. Website: www.votescount.com.

WHO:

- * You must be registered *as a Democrat* to vote for Bernie Sanders (or see **Note #1** below). (California Open Primary rules apply to all races **except** President.)
- * **Not sure** if you're registered as a Democrat? You may call County Elections, 454-2060. Or go to www.votescount.com and click on "Am I Registered to Vote?" under "Voter Registration." (See **Note #2**.)
- * If you've moved you must re-register.
- * Deadline to register for the Primary is **May 23rd**.
- * You must be 18 years old to vote. If you'll be 18 by the June 7th election, you can register now.

WHERE:

Pick up a Voter Registration Form at:

- * All Post Offices, all branch Libraries throughout the county, County Elections, and Watsonville City Clerk.
- * Or register online at: www.votescount.com. **Note:** Bernie Campaign recommends we promote use of paper registration forms instead of online, which can be prone to user entry errors.

WHEN:

- * **Voting early is highly recommended by the campaign.** You may mail in your Voet-By-Mail Ballot as soon as you receive it, which will be after May 9. **Don't forget to stick on the correct postage.**
- * **You can vote in person May 9th to June 7th** at County Elections, 701 Ocean St., Room 210, Santa Cruz, **AND in Watsonville** at the City Clerk, Watsonville City Hall, 275 Main St., Suite 400.
- * **Weekend voting** is available June 4th and 5th at those same two places.

HOW:

The Registration form is mostly self explanatory and is bilingual (English and Spanish).

You might have questions about these lines:

- * Residence & Mailing addresses: **UCSC students ALERT: See the **important** information on page 3.**
 - * Party Preference: Choose Democratic Party for the Primary. (You can change back after June 7th.) (See **Note#1** below.)
 - * Vote-By-Mail: **May 31st** is the deadline to request a *Vote-By-Mail Ballot*. Better to request it much earlier.
 - * Prior Registration: It's OK to leave your previous party blank if you're not sure.
 - * Green Box: A registrar who keeps the form must print their name and phone number on both parts.
 - * Voter must **sign** and **put the date in the box outlined in red**. Mail it within 72 hours of that date.
 - * Mail in the top 2/3rds within **72 hours**. To mail, fold in half on the crease and tape on both sides to keep it from flopping open in transit. Keep the bottom part until you receive a Voter Notification card in the mail. You're done!
- (New voters registering by mail or online may have to show ID at the polling place the first time they vote.)

Note #1: A voter can register as "No Party Preference" (NPP) but in that case they have remember to ask at the polls for a Democratic Ballot to be able to vote for Bernie in the Primary. And it's tricky for an NPP voter to get a Democratic ballot by mail. *Careful!* While No Party Preference refers to voters who are "independent" of any party, it should not be confused with the American Independent Party, which is an official (right wing) party. Bernie's organizers recommend people just register as a Democrat; voters can change back after the Primary, June 7th.

Note #2: Reports from Arizona and other states indicate that when some people went to the polls they were not allowed to vote because the voter database showed them registered in a different party than they thought. Good idea to double check your own registration to be sure you're still registered as a Democrat. And **VOTE EARLY!**

To: All Volunteers

SantaCruz4Bernie Tablers, Flyer-ers, Canvassers and Event organizers:

Bernie's California Voter Registration Drive

California's vote will be pivotal in this most crucial election!

The national organizers tell us that the California Voter Registration Drive is now underway. We ask that all volunteers at Tables, Flying and Events please read the instructions line by line and inform yourselves about registering voters:

Every Vote Counts!

- * All tablers please take a careful look *in advance* at the form and read through the instructions on page 1.
- * Call the County Clerk/Elections, 831-454-2060, if you have other questions about how to register voters.
- * All Tablers please remember to ask each person if they're *sure* they're registered to vote - as a Democrat. They can check at www.votescount.com
- * Encourage the person to complete the form correctly *before they leave*. We are already seeing that MANY voters neglect to put the date beside their signature! Those would all be Bernie votes lost! If not then at least try to point out the possible *sticking points on page 1* (**date**, 72 hours, UCSC address instructions, May 23rd deadline, "No Party Preference", etc.).

Lead Tablers:

- * Lead Tablers – You can pick up the Voter Registration forms at Mary's (marygraydonfontana@gmail.com) or at the places listed on page 1. Mary will also give you paper copies of the Instructions (page 1) so that you always have a copy handy at your table. Or print out your own copy.

Please be sure all of your tablers have a copy and are *thoroughly* trained, using the instructions on page 1. **Training classes** are offered at the County Elections Department.

FYI

For Bernie Tablers in Santa Cruz County

Most of the Voter Registration forms you have, and will get from Mary, were picked up from the County Elections Clerk. All Voter Registration forms have a serial number on them and these numbers are on file as having been picked up by SantaCruz4Bernie members, so *we're responsible*. Let's try our best to see that they are filled out correctly. *Every Vote Counts!*

It is perfectly legal to register voters at a Bernie table and while wearing a Bernie button. However, *I guess it goes without saying, but I'm going to say it anyway: We must give a Voter Registration form to anyone requesting it, not just to Bernie supporters. And that presents a great opportunity to start a conversation about Bernie with skeptics.*

(Rev. April 17, 2016)
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UCSC STUDENTS

Student Voter Registration Guidelines **Vote Early!**

You can mail in your Absentee Ballot as soon as you receive it – around May 9.
Or you can vote in person at the County Elections office during normal business hours from May 9 through June 7, at 701 Ocean Street, Room 210, Santa Cruz 95060. Phone: 831-454-2060.
Weekend voting at that same location **June 4th & 5th**.

For On-Campus Residence Address:

List the COLLEGE NAME, followed by a dash, and then the student's APARTMENT OR DORM ROOM NUMBER. Note: College Nine and Crown Merrill students must provide a four-digit room number or the registration card cannot be added to the Elections system. A district line goes through the building.

For On-Campus Mailing Address:

Use the mailing address, followed by a dash, and then the student's MAIL BOX NUMBER.
The mailbox number for Oakes MUST be provided or the voter's record cannot be added to the system.

College Residence Mailing Address:

COL VIII	356 College Eight Rd – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
COL IX	702 College Nine Rd – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
COL X	710 College Ten Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
CROWN COL	628 Crown Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
COWELL COL	501 Cowell Service Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
KRESGE COL	510 Porter-Kresge Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
MERRILL COL	641 Merrill Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
OAKES COL	231 Oakes Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
PORTER COL	411 Porter-Kresge Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
STEVENSON COL	551 Stevenson Service Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
CROWN MERRILL	620 Crown Rd. – [3 digit box number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
FARM PROJECT	CASFF, 1156 HIGH ST, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
UNIVERSITY TOWN CTR	1101 Pacific Ave #[apartment number], SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

Other University Residences

There is no mailing address for the housing complexes listed below, unless the voter obtained his/her own independent post office box or has identified another address where he/she gets mail.

Housing Complex Residence Address

Camper Park	[unit number] Leonardo Lane, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
Faculty Housing Community	[unit number] DICKENS WAY, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
Family Student Apartments	[unit number] KOSHLAND WAY, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
Graduate Housing	645 HELLER DRIVE, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
Ranch View Terrace	[unit number] RANCH VIEW ROAD, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064

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