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Tuesday is the Last Day to Vote in the Presidential General Election



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Tuesday, Nov. 5, is the final day to cast your ballot in the Presidential General Election. But voters can still vote early today at any one of more than 200 vote centers or drop off their ballot at any of the Registrar's 150 official ballot drop boxes around the county.

All will be open on the final day of voting, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any voter who is in line at a vote center or an official ballot drop box at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote. However, no one can join the line after the 8 p.m. deadline.

If you're not registered to vote and want to participate in the election, you may visit any vote center to conditionally register and vote provisionally through Nov. 5.

Once the voter registration is processed and the Registrar's office confirms the voter did not vote elsewhere in the state, the voter registration becomes active and the provisional ballot is counted.

In preparation for the increased voter turnout, the Registrar's office has added more vote centers, including six super centers, equipped with additional check-in stations, voting booths, and poll workers.

Chula Vista: MAAC Community Center, 1387 3rd Ave.

El Cajon: Wells Park, 1153 E. Madison Ave.

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If you plan to vote in person, be prepared. Read your voter information pamphlet and mark your selections on the sample ballot in advance. When you go inside the voting booth at the vote center, you can refer to your choices on the sample ballot to conveniently mark your selections on your official ballot.

You can visit any vote center in the county. Find a location near you at sdvote.com.

Vote centers have replaced polling places and provide more services. You can:

Vote in person or drop off a mail-in ballot

Vote using an accessible ballot marking device

Receive assistance and voting materials in multiple languages

Register to vote or update your voter registration and vote on the same day

Voters can use a touch screen to make their selections on ballot marking devices. When finished, the voter will print out the official ballot, review it, place it in a secrecy sleeve, and hand it to a poll worker to insert it in the ballot box to be counted at the Registrar's office. The ballot marking device does not store, tabulate or count any votes.

Remember that campaigning or electioneering within 100 feet of a

vote center or official ballot drop box is not allowed. This includes the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate, measure, or proposition on the ballot. Additionally, an individual may not circulate any petitions, including those for initiatives, referenda, recall or candidate nominations.

Don't delay! With a significant number of contests on the ballot, the voting process may take longer than usual.

If you have been holding onto your ballot, act now.

Vote from home. Sign and date your return envelope, seal your completed ballot inside.

Mail ballots postmarked on or before Nov. 5 and received by the Registrar's office no later than Nov. 12 will be considered timely cast.

Or return it to one of 150 official ballot drop boxes. The secure stand-alone boxes feature the Registrar's logo along with the County seal and are labeled "Official Ballot Drop Box."

Go to a vote center. You can bring the official ballot you received in the mail, check in at the vote center, sign the electronic roster and cast your ballot free of its return envelope.

Find an official ballot drop box close to you through the Registrar's locator map, your voter information pamphlet or online at sdvote.com. Most of these drop boxes are available 24/7. The rest

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depend on the hours of operation of the location. Check each location’s hours of operation before heading out to return your ballot. All will close at 8 p.m., Nov. 5.

The sooner the Registrar’s office receives your ballot, the sooner it is processed for the first release of election night results.

If you already returned your mail ballot, you can confirm when it was received by the Registrar’s office at sdvote.com or you can track it through the U.S. Postal Service by signing up for “Where’s My Ballot?”.

Learn more about voting in the November Presidential General Election at sdvote.com , or call (858) 565-5800 or toll free at (800) 696-0136.

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Over 200 Vote Centers Available Saturday

Additional vote centers and six super centers open Saturday allowing voters to cast their ballot early at any one of more than 200 vote centers in the county. These locations will be open for four days leading up to and including the final day of voting, Nov. 5.

The hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Monday, Nov. 4. On the final day of voting, Tuesday, Nov. 5, all vote centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Law Enforcement Work to Keep Election Day Safe, Secure

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in San Diego County are working together to make sure Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, is a safe experience for all voters.

The San Diego County Sheriff’s Office is working with law enforcement partners to monitor intelligence and information related to any possible threats on Election Day. Currently, there are no known credible threats to our communities. However, the Sherriff’s Office and its law enforcement partners are prepared to handle any safety challenges that may arise.

“In anticipation of the November 5 election, the Sheriff’s Office has been proactive in working with our local, state, and federal partners to evaluate potential threats and risks. The Sheriff is the regional coordinator for mutual aid response. Over the last year, we have held multiple internal and external trainings in preparation for any event that might take place related to election activities,” said Sheriff Kelly A. Martinez.

“The Sheriff’s Office will have the Sheriff’s Operation Center staffed next week to

quickly react and respond to any incident that could happen. We will be connected to all areas of the county to quickly understand and assess any incident that occurs. We respect everyone’s right to express their opinion under the First Amendment and urge members of the public to behave in a way that is respectful of others. Finally, we want to relay to the public that we are prepared for any contingency and will ensure the safety of our communities.”

Regionally, the Sheriff’s Office communicates regularly with other law enforcement agencies and have developed systems of information sharing, and a strategy of large incident management to keep communities safe.

Local law enforcement wants to assure the public that the safety and well-being of everyone who heads to the polls on Election Day is a top priority.

The following are statements from various law enforcement agencies.

FBI San Diego has not received information about any threats to voters or election staff in the San Diego region; however, we are ready to respond in the unlikely event a threat appears. The FBI remains committed to ensuring a safe election process, free from intimidation and violence. Everyone is entitled to their personal views and voices as protected by our First Amendment. Should that devolve into violence, criminal activity, or threaten our national security, the FBI will investigate with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to swiftly bring those accountable to justice.

Exercising your right to vote is one the most fundamental American values. The San Diego Police Department is committed to protecting this process locally and in coordination with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, as well as our federal law enforcement partners. Any issues at polling places will be addressed swiftly if appropriate and after a call for service to law enforcement. We encourage civility before, during and after elections, no matter the outcome.

“While there is no indication of intended disruptions at polling locations in the City of Chula Vista, I want our community to know their safety, especially when exercising their right to vote – as well as their freedom of speech – is

at the top of our list throughout this election season,” said Police Chief Roxana Kennedy. “The law prohibits our officers from staging near election sites, but we will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners in the region to assess and mitigate safety concerns, and our officers will be at the ready to respond to any calls for help.”

The El Cajon Police Department is actively enhancing safety and security measures for Election Day by increasing patrols and collaborating closely with local, state, and federal officials to ensure a safe voting environment. We are committed to protecting the rights of all voters while fostering a sense of community trust and safety throughout the election process.

The Carlsbad Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe and respectful environment for all voters on Election Day and in the days that follow. We are coordinating closely with local officials, as well as our mutual aid partners, and we will actively monitor for any disturbances to ensure every citizen can exercise their right to vote peacefully and securely.

The San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center has been working closely with state, local and federal partners in preparation for the upcoming election. The SD-LECC has an interactive Election Dashboard for law enforcement and governmental emergency managers to share election related issues in real-time. The dashboard has all election polling locations in San Diego and Imperial Counties with emergency contact information and other related data to assist personnel with communications and decision-making. The San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center is not aware of any credible threats to San Diego or Imperial Counties; however, the SD-LECC will be monitoring the situation throughout the election process with its state, local and federal partners.

If you have a concern about a potential Election Day threat or an incident that should be reported to authorities, contact your local law enforcement agency. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Learn more about election security from the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.

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When to Expect Presidential General Election Results

On election night, we all want to know the results right away, but counting ballots takes time. Here are some reasons why:

The County has over 1.98 million active registered voters.

Every active registered voter is sent a mail ballot.

Mail ballots can be counted if postmarked on or before Election Day and received up to seven days after.

Those not registered but otherwise eligible to vote can conditionally register and vote provisionally up to and on Election Day.

So, what can you expect on election night?

The first set of unofficial election night results comes in shortly after 8 p.m. This will include mail ballots received before Election Day and vote center ballots from early voting between Oct. 26 – Nov. 4.

For the latest results update on election night, you can visit sdvote.com or follow the Registrar’s office on X (formerly Twitter).

After that, election night results will include only the vote center ballots cast on Election Day. There will be no more updates to mail ballots on election night.

The Election Day ballots come in after the vote centers close at 8 p.m. There will be a gap in time for the next set of results due to poll workers packing up supplies and driving in from over 200 vote centers located around the county.

Upon arrival to the Registrar’s office, the vote center ballots will be scanned, and results will be periodically updated until all vote center ballots have been counted.

Since there are fewer vote centers compared to the traditional polling place model, the Registrar’s office will provide less frequent result updates.

The final unofficial election night results may not come in until 1 a.m. or later and will only cover the ballots that could be counted immediately.

The counting of ballots does not end election night.

Mail ballots These are ballots dropped off at vote centers, official ballot drop boxes or picked up from the U.S. Postal Service on Election Day.

Ballots mailed right before or on Nov. 5 have seven days to arrive if postmarked by Election Day.

Provisional ballots People who missed the Oct. 21 registration deadline may conditionally register and vote provisionally in person up to and on Election Day.

Once their voter registration is processed and the Registrar’s office confirms the voter did not vote elsewhere in the state, the voter registration becomes active, and the provisional ballot is counted.

The Registrar’s office cannot predict how many residents who are not registered, but otherwise eligible, will take advantage of this.

After election night, the next release of unofficial results is scheduled to be posted by 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 through Saturday, Nov. 9 and again on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Nov. 11 through Nov. 15.

Additional updates are at the discretion of the Registrar of Voters. The Registrar’s

office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Election results must be certified by Dec. 5 and the Registrar expects to use the full certification period to make sure every legally cast vote is added to the count in the most expeditious, yet careful manner available, ensuring accurate results. All updates will be posted on sdvote.com with the final certified results posted by Dec. 5.

Learn more about the November Presidential General at sdvote.com , or call (858) 565-5800 or toll free at (800) 696-0136.

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Red Flag Warning Issued Wednesday and Thursday due to Extreme Fire Danger

The National Weather Service in San Diego has issued a Red Flag Warning, which is in effect from 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov 7. The Red Flag Warning has been issued due to strong gusty winds, low humidity and is in effect for the inland valleys and mountains of San Diego

County.

Meteorologists at National Weather Service Office in San Diego say critical fire weather conditions are expected for the inland valleys and mountains in San Diego County. Any fires that develop will spread rapidly with extreme fire behavior, threatening life and property.

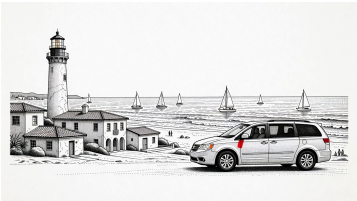
Prepare your family now. Review your emergency plan. Review your evacuation (emergency exit) routes. Be prepared to evacuate if needed. Charge up your phone batteries and be sure your cell phone is registered with AlertSanDiego.org , the notification system used by first responders to alert you. People may also register their VoIP phone numbers or emails. You can get other disaster preparedness tips on the AlertSanDiego.org website.

Strong winds are expected from the Northeast to East during the warning with gusts from 35 to 40 mph in the windier locations. The relative humidity will be as low as 11%. More forecast information and updates are available from the National Weather Service .

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Do you know the ROI of your video marketing?... Are you happy with it?

Campaigns run on strategy,

not just creative. The #1 mistake brands make is not pairing their creative with an actual video strategy.

If you want to start seeing real results from your video marketing you need to use your creative to address the problem your product solves for your audience. Then...

Engage with awareness content to help your audience become aware of an issue they’re facing or an opportunity that’s presenting

itself.

Retarget with consideration content that shows your audience there are solutions to solve their problems or achieve their opportunity.

Convert with decision content that positions your brand as the provider that’s going to fix their issue or help them achieve their opportunity.

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Our focus on solution centric, ROI driven campaigns is what makes us different – not only is your time, energy and creative safe with us.. so is your financial investment!

Get a FREE content strategy (and coffee on us) to see how

you can get real results from your video investment.

We’ll analyze organic and paid media from your brand, identify the gaps and opportunities, and build a content strategy unique to your brand that is guaranteed to generate ROI.

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Tijuana River Valley Pollution Survey Completion Rate Passes 1,000 Mark

A new survey asking San Diegans how Tijuana River sewage pollution has impacted their lives hit a milestone this weekend when the thousandth form was completed.

This signifies the halfway mark, as the goal is to see at least 2,000 respondents complete the survey. The current milestone was achieved sooner than anticipated and those eligible to respond who haven't yet completed the survey are encouraged to act now.

"We are really grateful to the public for this response," said Dr. Seema Shah, County Interim Deputy Public Health Officer. "Teams have been doing outreach door-to-door, at community events, through social media and with our partners in schools,

businesses, health centers and community organizations and asking to share the ACE survey widely. There are still many voices to be heard so I ask anyone who is eligible to please take 20 minutes to share their experiences. We need to gather as much information as possible so that further next steps can be identified and taken to address this crisis."

The Assessment of Chemical Exposures (ACE) survey is for people who work, live or have visited the areas most impacted. It asks about physical and mental health effects from the area's sewage pollution, health services used and medical history. Pet health is also included in the survey.

The County opened the ACE survey on Oct. 21. in partnership with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry which is a branch of the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It followed the CDC's Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response or CASPER , a household survey focused on the Imperial Beach and Nestor communities that took place the weekend of Oct. 17 .

Both surveys examine lifestyle and health effects of people in the southern part of the County.

The CASPER was designed to assess the impact of the sewage crisis by visiting people in their homes in the South Region and doing in-person interviews.

The ACE survey is available online for anyone who lives, works or spends time in the areas around the Tijuana River Valley, Nestor and up to Coronado and allows for anyone who did not have the opportunity to be interviewed during the CASPER to also share their information about exposures

during the crisis.

The ACE survey is open through Nov. 22 and can be accessed at this link. It takes about 20 minutes to complete and is completely confidential and voluntary. Parents and guardians can also take the survey for their children who are minors.

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County Holds Halloween-Themed Wedding Ceremonies

Couples who said "I do" to their 'Boo' Thursday at the County Administration Center were in for a treat with a Halloween-themed wedding ceremony.

San Diego Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC) Jordan Marks offered walk-in "Halloweddings" for Oct. 31 with no appointment required.

Officials at the downtown

office, dressed in Halloween attire, issued marriage licenses and performed ceremonies for couples saying "till death do us part."

On Thursday 98 marriage licenses were issued and 80 wedding ceremonies took place between the four ARCC locations.

On average, the office issues nearly 25,000 marriage licenses and performs more than 11,000 weddings each year. Nearly half of customers who request a marriage license also hold their wedding ceremonies at the ARCC's office.

For more information on how to get a marriage license or reserve a date for a civil wedding ceremony, visit the Marriage License & Civil Ceremony website .

You can find more "Hallowedding" pictures and video here.

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