

Make your vote-by-mail ballot count! Follow these simple steps.

Vote It

- Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen.
- *Do not* use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.
- Make **one single line** to connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice.
- Keep the ballot clean – do not write any other marks or comments.
- If you make a mistake, the best option is to get a new ballot. You may call the Elections Department at 831-454-2060 or send an e-mail to 2ndballot@votescount.com



Sign the Envelope

- After you have voted your ballot, remove the top stub from your ballot by tearing at the perforated line.
- Fold the ballot along the same folds as it came to you.
- Place the ballot in the return envelope provided. This envelope has identification information unique to you that we use in processing your returned ballot.
- Write the address where you live in Santa Cruz County on the envelope in the space provided. Do not write your P.O. Box or work address.
- **SIGN** your name on the envelope to the right of the **X**. If you do not sign your envelope, we can not count your ballot.
- **Do not let someone else sign your name for you.**

Signature of Voter Only / Firma del Votante Solamente

X _____

Print Your Name (Imprima su nombre)

Date (Fecha)

Mail It On Time!



Ballots have to be received by 8 p.m. Election Day – regardless of postmark.

So, we suggest you mail it no later than Wednesday, October 29.

Postage?

Make sure you use the correct postage.

Postage for the November ballot is **49¢**.



Or, Return It in Person - No later than 8 p.m. Election Day!

You may personally drop it off at one of the locations below or you can have a relative or someone who lives with you drop it off.

- Santa Cruz County Elections: 701 Ocean St., Room 210, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Ph: 831-454-2060.
- Watsonville City Clerk: 275 Main St., 4th Floor (6th floor of the parking garage) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., M - Th. Ph: 831-768-3040.
- Extended Weekend Hours – November 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at either location listed above.
- Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Scotts Valley City Clerks Offices during regular business hours on weekdays.
- Any polling place in Santa Cruz County on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Or, Drive Up and Drop It Off

Available 24/7 until the deadline - 8 p.m. Election Day!

- 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. There is a white mail box receptacle in front of the County Building.
- 215 Union Street, Watsonville. The green box, typically reserved for payments to the City, is located in the parking lot behind City Hall in front of the Police Department.

Vote at the Polls Instead? Or Lost your ballot?

You may surrender your vote-by-mail ballot at your assigned polling place, and you may then vote a ballot at the polls. If you do not have your ballot to surrender, you may vote a provisional ballot. Your ballot will count once the elections official confirms you did not mail a ballot in as well.