

REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATA

Confidential Voter File

Pursuant to Elections Code Sections 2187(g), 2188 and 2194, voter registration information is available to persons or groups for election, scholarly, journalistic or political purposes, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Each written request to view, purchase, or use voter registration information must be submitted in person and with identification on an application available at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department.

Permissible Usage

The California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19003, specifies permissible uses for any data obtained from voter registration files.

Permissible usage includes, but is not limited to:

- ❖ Using registration information for purposes of communicating with others in connection with any election;
- ❖ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings which campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election;
- ❖ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or in behalf of any political party; provided however, that the content of such communications shall be devoted to news and opinions of candidates, elections, political party developments and related matters;
- ❖ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative, or referendum petition;
- ❖ Sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office;
- ❖ Conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign;
- ❖ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any government agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes;
- ❖ Conducting an audit of voter registration lists for the purposes of detecting voter registration fraud;
- ❖ Soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure;
- ❖ Any official use by any local, state, or federal governmental agency.

Prohibited Usage


Prohibited usage includes:

- ❖ Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose;
- ❖ Solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support or opposition of a ballot measure;
- ❖ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by Section 19003.

California Elections Code §18109 states:

- "(a) It is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 2180) of Chapter 2 of Division 2, or Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law.
- (b) It is a misdemeanor for any person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information referred to in subdivision (a) without first complying with Section 2188."

Election Data For Sale From Santa Cruz County

 **YOU WANT IT WHEN?** Orders will be completed within 2 working days except for absentee voter information if previously requested to be received on a daily basis.

\$\$PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF ANY PURCHASE.

Candidates may set up an account with the Elections Department by writing a check “Not to Exceed” a certain dollar amount. Purchases will then be subtracted from that amount until the cap is reached. At that time the check will be cashed. If total purchases are less than the amount of the original check, candidates will be asked to write a check for the specific amount due and the original check will be returned.

Walking Lists

These lists are by consolidated voting precinct, in alphabetical order by street, and are available sometime after the 54th day prior to the election and after the 29th day prior to the election. (Elections Code §2184)

- Per thousand names 50¢

Printed Voter Indexes by Street or Alpha

Special order computer jobs (other than the 54 or 29-day indexes) can be requested at any time. Indexes can be sorted by street or alphabetical by voter’s name.

- First 15,000 names..... \$30
- Each additional 1,000 names \$2

Voter Lists on 3 ½” Floppy Disk

Voter lists, including names and addresses of voters and voter history, names of voters who have requested absentee ballots, are available on 3 ½” floppy disk.

- 1 disk..... \$50
- Each additional disk \$30
- Absentee voter lists on disk for five consecutive days..... \$200

Voter Lists on CD

The voter lists described above may be purchased on CD.

- Under 50,000 records..... \$60
- 50,000 to 100,000 records \$85
- 100,000 records or more \$125

All Other Computer Generated Print Jobs

Any other request for a computer generated print-out, such as a list of streets by district costs:

- Per computer job \$25
- Per page over 100..... 50¢

Mailing Labels of Voters or Households

Please check with the Elections Department for pricing and availability.

List of Polling Places / List of Candidates on the Ballot

A list of the polling places in an election (ranges from 163 to 170 for countywide elections) and a list of candidates' names and addresses is available for purchase.

- Each list..... \$15

Maps

The county Planning Department produces computer-generated maps. Maps are available for purchase or viewing in the Elections Department during regular office hours.

Individual precinct maps: These maps are 8 1/2" x 11" with one general registration precinct per page. Maps cost \$.75 each and 390 maps comprise Santa Cruz County.

- Each map 75¢

Supervisory maps: 11" x 17" map of each supervisory district.

- Each map \$4

Countywide and district maps: Various other wall-size maps of districts and the county are also available. Maps measure approximately 33" x 43" .

- Each map \$16

Daily Absentee Voter Printout

A daily list of who has requested, issued and then returned a vote-by-mail ballot may be purchased.

- First page \$6
- Each additional page..... \$1

Photocopying

Copies of candidate's campaign reporting documents (Forms 410, 460, etc.) are available.

- Each page 10¢

An additional \$5 retrieval fee is charged if the item requested is more than five (5) years old. (Gov. Code §81008)

Photocopying of all other items:

- Each of the first five (5) pages..... 50¢
- Each additional page..... 10¢

Secretary of State's CALVOTER

The Secretary of State also has voter file information available for purchase. The file is distributed on a CD in a plain text-file format (tab-delimited.) The first record contains field headings to interpret the data.

It can be ordered for voters statewide or by specific counties or districts.

Please be advised that each county is actually responsible for maintaining its own voter registration data. The currency of the data in the statewide CALVOTER database varies from county to county as not all counties update us on a regular basis. Therefore, the counties are always your best source for the most current data.

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