


SAN BENITO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT



California Voter's Choice Act



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About the California Voter's Choice Act (VCA)

What is the Voter's Choice Act?

Under the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail weeks before Election Day. They then have **3 ways to return** their completed ballot:



Mail it in the postage paid envelope included with the ballot.



Use a county Dropbox starting 28 days before Election Day.



Visit a Vote Center, beginning 10 days before Election Day. More Vote Centers will open three days before Election Day.
Some county Elections Offices will open as Vote Centers 29 days before E-Day.

Most old neighborhood polling places will no longer be open. Instead, voters can **vote in person** at any Vote Center in the county.

At any Vote Center, voters can vote in person, drop off a completed ballot, get a replacement ballot, vote using an accessible voting machine, and get help and materials in other languages.

Not registered to vote? No problem. Now voters can register and vote the same day at any Vote Center - all the way through Election Day.³

Approved by the California State Legislature in 2016, and it was established by Senate Bill 450.

San Benito County implement a hybrid VCA model in 2020 and 2021 elections.



Election Administration Plan (EAP)

To implement the Voter's Choice Act as outlined, the Elections Department produce an Election Administration Plan (EAP) to guide outreach to underserved groups and the community at-large in preparation for implementation.

The first draft EAP was published on July 29, 2021. A public consultation for voters with disabilities and language minority groups was held on December 8, 2021. Initial meetings of the Language Advisory Committee and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee were held on December 28, 2021. This process allowed for the public to provide input on the EAP and its proposed outreach program.

The final draft was published on January 24, 2022.



VCA Participating Counties



San Benito County is 1 of 27 Counties approved to adopt the VCA model.

San Benito County will conduct the June 7, 2022 Primary Election under the VCA model.

Drop Box Services



- 6 ballot drop boxes
- 24/7 video surveillance
- Daily pick up, twice a day
- Open for 29 days

Ballot drop box criteria: proximity to public transportation, communities with historically low vote by mail usage, population centers, language minority communities, voters with disabilities, low rates of household vehicle ownership, and low-income communities.

Vote Center Services



- 4 Vote Centers
- 2 opened 10 days before Election Day from 8am-5pm
- 2 opened 3 days before Election Day from 8am-5pm
- Total of four vote Centers open 3 days before Election Day
- No assigned location for voter, **OPEN to ALL VOTERS**

Vote Center Services: In-person Voting, Mail Ballot Drop-off, Bilingual Assistance, Accessible Voting, and Same Day Registration.

Outreach & Engagement

To increase awareness, elections staff will be establishing partnerships with nonprofit groups like Disability Rights California, Youth Alliance, Hope Services, San Benito County Chamber of Commerce & Foundation, and San Benito County High Schools.

Each partner will be leading an element of the voter outreach and engagement program.



Vote Center Services



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★ **VCA** ★

**VOTER'S CHOICE ACT
KICK-OFF CELEBRATION**



**SATURDAY,
APRIL 2, 2022**

**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
BUILDING PATIO
11:00AM - 2:00PM**

**ALL SAN BENITO COUNTY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED.
FAMILY, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

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