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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **POLL WORKERS URGENTLY NEEDED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR MARCH 3 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

*Deadline to Register to Vote is Tuesday, February 18*

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – Poll worker training for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is starting Tuesday, February 18 throughout the county, yet the Registrar of Voters office announced it is in need of 26 volunteers to serve as clerks in south county, and more countywide as back-up in case of last minute cancellations.

As to why people should volunteer, Joseph E. Holland, County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor & Registrar of Voters said, “Poll workers are on the frontline of democracy; without them voting does not happen.” Community participation is key to staffing the nearly 170 precinct boards for the election. Large employers in the county can show support by allowing and encouraging their employees to participate.

Poll workers who work at a polling place receive a stipend of \$180 to \$240 for Election Day and to attend training. Each polling place has one or more Precinct Boards comprised of one inspector and two to four clerks. Each polling place has a coordinator and if needed, a traffic clerk. To be a poll worker, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a registered voter in the State of California or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, as specified, and who is otherwise eligible to register to vote, except for his or her lack of United States citizenship.
- Be able to follow written and verbal instruction.
- Be available to serve Election Day (March 3) from approximately 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. or until all of the closing procedures have been completed.
- Must be available to attend a mandatory training class.

To learn more about the poll worker program and training process, go to <http://sbcassessor.com/Elections/Pollworker.aspx>. To sign up, call 1 (844) 259-0348, or email to (Santa Barbara/Goleta/Carpinteria area) [sbpolls@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:sbpolls@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) or (Santa Maria/Lompoc/Santa Ynez area) [smpolls@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:smpolls@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

### **Deadline to Register to Vote is Tuesday, February 18**

For eligible citizens, the deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, February 18 to be eligible to vote in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

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**POLL WORKERS URGENTLY NEEDED & EXTENDED HOURS TO REGIST  
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If a voter has moved or changed their name, they must update their registration by completing a new voter registration form. Voters can verify their voter registration online at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>.

Citizens can register online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov> prior to midnight on February 18 or complete a mail-in voter registration form available at any Santa Barbara County Elections Office, local libraries, post offices or DMV offices. Voter Registration Cards that are postmarked on or before February 18 will be accepted for the March 3, 2020 election.

All three election offices in the county will be open Saturday, February 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 18 until 6 p.m. for voter registration and ballot issuance. **The offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day.**

Office locations and regular business hours:

**Santa Barbara**, 4440-A Calle Real

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays

**Lompoc**, 401 E. Cypress St, Room 102

9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays

**Santa Maria**, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 134

8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays

In order to vote for nominees for President for the Green Party, Peace and Freedom Party or Republican Party voters must be registered with those parties. Voters who are registered as “No Party Preference” or are not registered with one of the six major parties have the option to cross over and vote for the American Independent, Democratic or Libertarian Party nominee for President. For more information on “how to vote for President,” go to <https://countyofsb.org/care/president.sbc>.

For additional information on registering and voting, please contact the County Elections Office at 1-800-SBC-VOTE or 1-800-722-8683.