

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment August 26, 1920

100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

- Women's Suffrage movement was born July 1848
- Suffragists worked for 70+ years
- 19th Amendment was signed into law August 26, 1920
- This law enfranchised 26 million women, more than any other single group in history



Abigail Bush, local suffragette and abolitionist activist

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- Women would be corrupted by politics.
- 2. If women became involved in politics, they would stop marrying, having children, and the human race would die out.
- Women were emotional creatures, and incapable of making a sound political decision.



100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote



The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Shall have power to enforce this article by any state legislation.





National Voter Registration Day September 22, 2020



Be ready to vote!

- Register or check your registration at cocovote.us
- Stay healthy voting amid COVID
 - Know your options
- Know what's on the ballot
- Learn about voting by mail if you are unfamiliar
- Learn about voting in-person options
- Questions? voter.services@vote.cccounty.us or 925-335-7800

National Voter Registration Day September 22, 2020



- Created in 2012
- Thousands of diverse organizations participate
 - Coordinated effort to spread awareness
- Since 2012, over 3 million citizens have registered on this day
- Citizen participation is essential to democracy
- Technology is removing barriers to registering and voting
- Encourage all eligible citizens to register and vote











VOTING DURING THE 2020 PANDEMIC

Debi Cooper Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar



What's changed (and what hasn't)



- All voters will receive a vote by mail ballot
 - Over 75% of CCC voted by mail in March new experience for the other 25%
- Personal distancing and safety protocols will be in place
 - Lines may seem longer vote early and by mail to avoid the lines
- Expanded programs for ballot return and in-person early voting
 - 37 secure ballot drop boxes available 24/7 (Oct. 6 Nov. 3)
 - 17 early voting sites open Oct. 30 (Fri., Sat., Mon. and Election Day)
- Ballots postmarked by Election Day have an additional 17 days
- First-Class postage is prepaid for all returned ballots
- All ballots will include an "I voted" sticker!
- Vote by mail ballots may take more time to process



Secure Ballot Drop Boxes

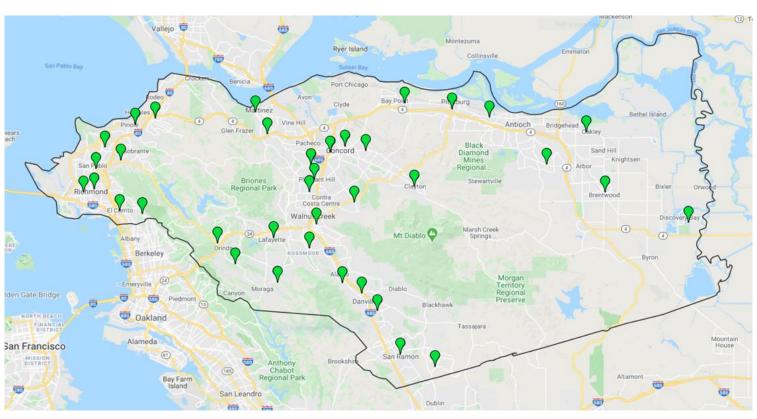


- For Nov. 2020, expanded from 12 to 37 secure ballot drop boxes
- Available 24/7
- High security design
- Serviced daily by 2 Elections staff
- List of specific locations:
 - · cocovote.us
 - Voter Information Guide



37 Secure Ballot Drop Boxes





Early Voting Locations

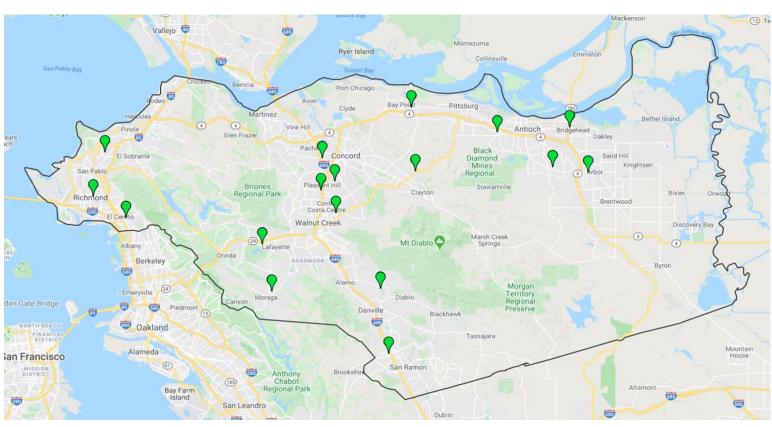


- For November 2020, expanded from 3 to 17 locations
- Open 4 days (Friday, Saturday, Monday and E-Day)
- Indoor and outdoor locations
- 11 located in large tents with generator power
- All services provided
 - Registration
 - Voting for all voters



17 Early Voting Locations





Election Day Polling Places



- Every voter is assigned to one of ~150 Polling Places
 - Assigned location is noted on the Voter Information Guide
- PPE and distancing protocols will be in place
- Precinct layout/protocols approved by Risk Mgmt. & Public Health
- · Hand-marked and machine-marked paper ballot options
- Electronic check-in will eliminate most Provisionals Ballots
- "Trader Joe Effect"

Our volunteer poll workers are American heroes!



Important Dates



- September 24th Voter Information Guides mailed to each voter
 - Includes locations of all secure ballot drop boxes and early voting sites
- October 5th Official ballots mailed to all voters registered as of Sept. 9
 - · In-person voting begins in Martinez
 - · Secure ballot drop boxes opened
- October 19th If haven't received a ballot, contact the Elections Office
 - Via email at ballot@vote.cccounty.us or by phone at 925-335-7800
- October 30th 17 early voting sites open
 - · Fri., Sat., Mon. and Election Day
- November 3rd Election Day!
 - · Ballot postmark deadline
- November 20th Last day to receive ballots postmarked on or before Election Day

Be sure you are ready to vote.



We want every vote to count. Please do your part to be ready.

- Check your registration or register to vote at: <u>cocovote.us</u>
 - Be sure your mailing address is correct
- Vote the ballot we send you; return it by mail or secure drop box
- Keep in-person locations for in-person services
 - Lost ballot
 - Conditional voter registration
 - Language needs or ADA issues
- Track your ballot through the State's "WheresMyBallot" program:
 - Sign up at https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/
- Confirm that we have issued or received your ballot:
 - Use the "My Voting Information" tool at www.contracostacore.us

November 2020 Stay in Touch



Website: https://www.contracostacore.us/

Facebook: Contra Costa County Elections

Twitter: @cocoelections

YouTube: Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department

Nextdoor: Contra Costa Elections – Community Outreach

Stay Safe! Vote by mail!

