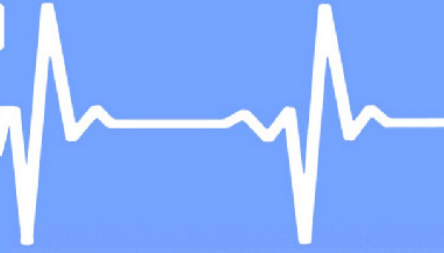


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INTRODUCING HELEN NOLAN



"I am excited and honored to have become a part of this amazing Contra Costa team, and I'm looking forward to being a part of the next chapter of elections. I can't wait to see the great things we can do together!"

-Helen

The Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department is pleased to announce Helen Nolan as the new Assistant Registrar.

Helen comes to us from San Luis Obispo County, where she has been the Acting County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar. Prior to her time as Acting Clerk-Recorder-Registrar, Helen was Deputy Director for the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department under Tommy Gong. Now she will be working for Contra Costa under Tommy as our Assistant Registrar!

Helen Nolan is a seasoned veteran of county government, with more than 20 years of experience. She has worked in the Clerk-Recorder, Registrar, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and Assessor offices in San Bernardino, Mono and San Luis Obispo Counties. The last five years have been spent directly overseeing various levels of the elections processes and managing staff.

Her focus is on voter outreach and she firmly believes that open communication with the public builds trust and is the foundation of good relationships.

She is looking forward to this new chapter in her career and serving the voters of Contra Costa County.

We are gearing up for 3 elections in 2022. Please ensure your information is up to date in your worker account.

We will be communicating by email with further details soon!

If you are in the East County area and would like to volunteer for the Special Election in April, please let us know as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATES

- X *Tuesday, April 5, 2022*
Assembly District 11 Special Primary Election
(East County Only)
- X *Tuesday, June 7, 2022*
Governatorial Primary Election
(County/Statewide)
- X *Tuesday, November 8, 2022*
Governatorial General Election
(County/Statewide)

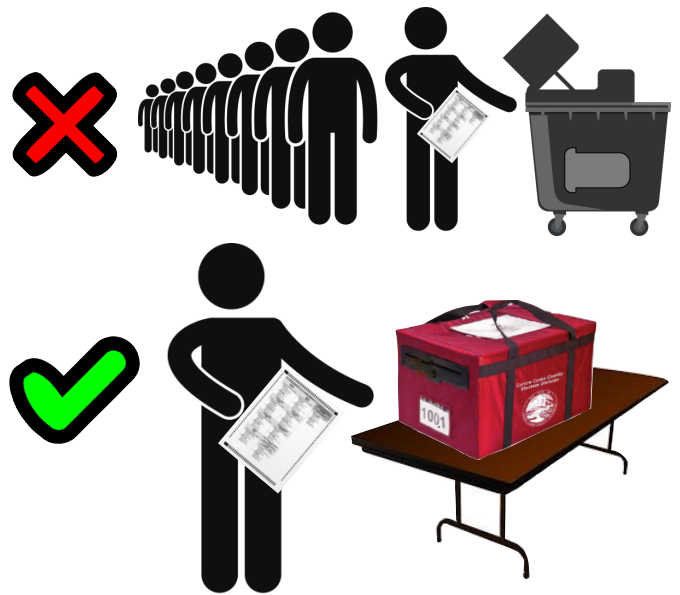
Changes at Election Day Polling Places

..that you will love!

Goodbye Polling Place Scanners

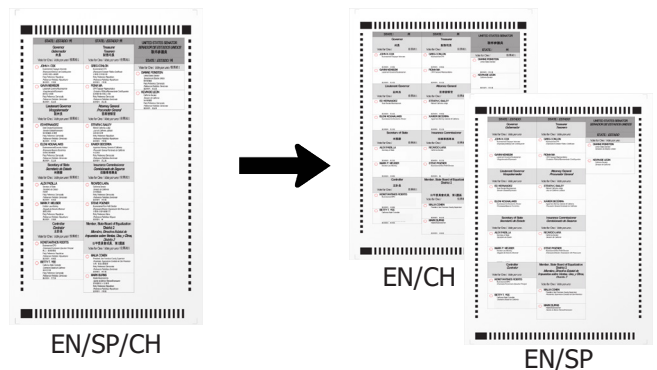
Recently, there has been a steady decrease in the number of voters casting their ballots at polling places on Election Day. In September 2021, 94% of ballots were cast by mail, with just 6% cast at the polls. We anticipate this trend will continue, because every voter will continue to be mailed a ballot for every election. Because of these changes, we will count ballots from the polling places at our office, rather than locally at each polling place. Every ballot--whether cast in person or by mail--will be counted on the same equipment, providing uniformity to the handling, processing, security, and counting of all ballots.

This means that poll workers no longer have to worry about setting up, closing down, or troubleshooting scanners. The polling place scanner will be replaced with a secure ballot box. At the end of the night, poll workers will remove the ballots, seal them in the green transport boxes, and take them to the depot. From the depot, ballots will be transported to our office where they will be counted by the same high speed equipment that counts ballots that have been returned by mail. Polling place results will be reported as ballots are scanned.



Ballots and Ballot Issuing

To make the ballot easier to read and handle for voters and poll workers, we are moving to a bilingual ballot. Instead of a single trilingual ballot with English, Spanish, and Chinese, there will be two ballots—one in English and Spanish and the other in English and Chinese. English is on every ballot. Voters will indicate their language preference when they sign in on the poll pad. Poll workers will note their selection on the Ballot Selection Ticket.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.