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ALAMEDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES NEW BALLOT DROP-OFF S

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters is setting up specially-designed and secure drop-boxes in each of the County's 14 incorporated cities to accommodate voters who wish to drop off their Vote-By-Mail ballots, without having to pay postage, in the weeks leading up to the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on June 7. These new drop-boxes will be available to receive Vote-By-Mail ballots right up until the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 7.

In addition, the Registrar will set up a drive-through "Ballot Drop Stop" outside the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse on Fallon Street in Oakland to allow voters to drop off Vote-By-Mail ballots without even having to leave their vehicles. The "Drop Stop" will operate during the two weekends prior to the Primary Election – May 28-29 and June 4-5 – as well as on Election Day.

Thanks to the cooperation of each of Alameda County's 14 incorporated cities, new 24-hour drop boxes are available to receive vote-by-mail ballots outside the City Halls in:

- Alameda

- Dublin
- Fremont

- Albany
- Berkeley
- Emeryville
- Hayward
- Livermore

- Newark
- Oakland
- Piedmont
- Pleasanton
- San Leandro
- **Union City**

Ballots will be picked up from the drop-boxes once each day leading up to Election Day. The drop-boxes – specially designed with a slot that prevents tampering – will be closed up immediately when the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day. These new drop-off sites are in addition to three 24-hour drop-boxes that the Registrar has set up around the County government complex in downtown Oakland. Those drop-boxes are located in the lobby of the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street; outside the Courthouse on the northeast corner of 12th and Oak Streets; and outside the Alameda County Administration building at 1221 Oak Street.

To better meet the expected rush of submitted ballots in the days before the Primary Election, the "Drop Stop" will be set up on Fallon Street outside the Courthouse on the two weekends prior to the election and on Election Day, June 7. The "Drop Stop" will be operated by Registrar staff members who will assist voters dropping off their ballots. Alameda County Sheriff's deputies will provide security at the "Drop Stop." Voters may request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot at any time from now until May 31st for the June 7 Presidential Primary Election by completing the application on the back of their sample ballot, by sending a written request to the Registrar of Voters or by completing the online Vote-By-Mail application at www.acgov.org/rov.

Please note that Vote-By-Mail Ballots submitted via the drop-boxes or the "Drop Stop" must be sealed in their Vote-By-Mail envelopes and signed by the voter on the signature line on the outside of the envelope. For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters at 510-272-6973.