



Registrar of Voters

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Consideration of Public Comment and Adjustment of Polling Places** **2020 Presidential General Election**

On Tuesday, September 1, the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters posted a list and map of 204 proposed polling places for a 10-day public review and comment period, pursuant to California Elections Code section 1602(f).

By the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 48 public comments were submitted to the Registrar of Voters. Each of the comments may be viewed at

<http://www.sbcountyelections.com/Elections/2020/1103/PublicReview.aspx#pcppp>.

About 80 percent of comments requested an additional polling place or expressed a concern with the reduction of polling places from the 396 used in the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. A few also questioned the data used to evaluate the suitability of each census tract in the county for a polling place.

As was indicated in the September 1 Public Notice, the Registrar of Voters worked diligently over the past several months to secure the use of public, community, educational, religious, and private spaces for polling places. The goal was to have at least the same number of polling places used in the Primary Election.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, many of the polling places used in past elections are not available to the Registrar of Voters for this election. The Registrar of Voters increased its efforts, contacting every city, town, school district and special district that did not provide a facility in March. This was a collaborative effort with the County Administrative Office, County Real Estate Services Department, County Superintendent of Schools, city officials, and community religious leaders helping the Registrar of Voters with outreach.

Elections Code section 1602(e) mandated the criteria that the Registrar of Voters must use to evaluate whether the polling places it secured were located where they were needed. Eight data sets from voter registration records and the U.S. Census Bureau best met the State criteria. Esri of Redlands and County Information Services Department used this data to create the Proposed Polling Places map that was posted for the 10-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

The Registrar of Voters reviewed each public comment as it was submitted, exploring new suggested locations. As a result of these suggestions and continued outreach through Monday, September 14, the Registrar of Voters was able to add 13 more polling places.

- Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, 121 Palomino Dr., Big Bear City 92314
- Bryn Mawr Elementary School, 11680 Whittier Ave., Loma Linda 92354
- Chautauqua High School, 525 Maple Ln., Sugarloaf 92386
- Cram Elementary School, 29700 Water St., Highland 92346
- Del Rosa Elementary School, 3395 Mountain Ave., San Bernardino 92404
- Fire Station #36, 6715 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92252

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- Heritage Neighborhood Center, 7350 W. Liberty Pkwy., Fontana 92336
- Mission Elementary School, 10568 California St., Redlands 92373
- Mt. Baldy Village Church, 6757 Bear Canyon Rd., Mt. Baldy 91759
- Oleander Elementary School, 8650 Oleander Ave., Fontana 92335
- St. Joseph Catholic Church, 17020 Arrow Blvd., Fontana 92335
- Upland High School, 565 W. 11th St., Upland 91786
- West End Educational Service Center, 8265 Aspen Ave., Rancho Cucamonga 91730

Some of the suggested locations did not make the list for a number of reasons including: the facility's owner declined a polling place request, the facility was not available all of the required days, the facility was being renovated, the facility was being used for COVID-19 testing, the facility was too small, or the facility did not meet State polling place requirements. It is also possible that a community identified in a written comment does not traditionally have a polling place, because it has less than 250 registered voters.

The Registrar of Voters thanks every person who submitted a comment and helped improve services to the 1.1 million voters in the county.

During the 10-Day Public Review and Comment Period, the following four facilities notified the Registrar of Voters that they could no longer be used as polling places for the 2020 Presidential General Election:

- Juniper Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7347 Juniper Ave., Fontana 92336
- Mt. Baldy Fire Department, 6736 Mt. Baldy Rd., Mt. Baldy 91759
- St. Richards Episcopal Church, 28708 State Highway 18, Skyforest 92385
- Arden Hills Seventh Day Adventist Church, 5801 Arden Ave., Highland 92346

Additionally, the following three proposed polling places were replaced by three larger facilities from the list of new polling places above. The name of the replacement polling place is identified in parentheses.

- Immanuel Baptist Church, 28355 Baseline St., Highland 92346 (Cram Elementary School)
- Loma Linda Civic Center, 25541 Barton Rd., Loma Linda 92354 (Bryn Mawr Elementary School)
- Upland Brethren In Christ Church, 845 W. Arrow Hwy., Upland 91786 (Upland High School)

The number of polling places that will be used for this election is 210, which is double the minimum of 105 polling places required by Elections Code section 1602(b)(1). A complete list of polling places can be viewed at www.sbcountyelections.com/Portals/9/Elections/2020/1103/List_CompletePollingPlaces.pdf.

State law requires polling places used in this election to be open for four days rather than only on Election Day as is traditional. They will be open during the following days and hours:

- Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polling place assignments will be printed on the back cover of the Voter Information Guides that will be mailed to voters in late-September/early-October. At that time, voters will also be able to find their assigned polling places using My Elections Gateway or the Polling Place Look-up tool on the Registrar of Voters' website at **SBCountyElections.com**.