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LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

CANDIDATE FORUM

Santa Clara County District Attorney

Thursday, April 28, 7:00pm

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League of Women Voters: Welcome

Good Evening

Sophia Kao, President of LWV
SWSCV

Candidate Forum for
SCC District Attorney

3 Candidates running for this
county-wide office

Voter Service Team:

Sophia Kao - President
Gail Nishimura – Q&A
Tom Picraux - Timer
Amy Vu - IT Director
Eleanor Yick – Moderator



League of Women Voters

The League is a Grassroots Organization!

- **The 5 Local** Leagues in Santa Clara County are co-sponsoring this Candidate Forum:
 - **Cupertino/Sunnyvale**
 - **Los Altos/Mountain View Area** (also includes Los Altos Hills)
 - **Palo Alto**
 - **San Jose/Santa Clara** (also includes Milpitas, Morgan Hill, & Gilroy)
 - **Southwest Santa Clara Valley** (includes Los Gatos, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, and Campbell)
- Bay Area
- State
- National

League of Women Voters

Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy for over **100 years** – **Since February 1920**



- The League has two separate and distinct roles:
 - Voters Service/Public Education
 - Action/Advocacy
- The League is a **nonpartisan** political organization for women and men encouraging informed and active participation in government.
- The League **never** supports or opposes any political party or candidate!

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Voter Service/Education

- Candidates Forums
- Pros & Cons on Ballot Measures
- Voter Registration
- VotersEdge.org: *one-stop shopping*



Basic Election Facts: June 7 Primary



- Ballot mailed to you about May 9.
- Return by Mail, DropBox, or Vote Center (May 28-June 7)
- Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters [SCCVOTE.org](https://www.sccvote.org)
(Track your ballot, Check registration, etc.) OR
- [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://www.wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov)

Voters Choice Act

How to Return a Ballot: 3 Ways

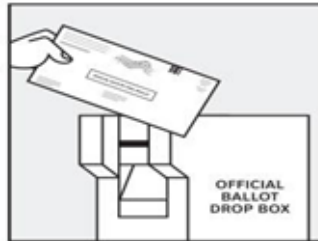
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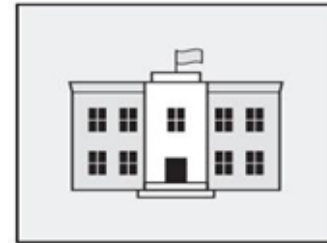
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2. Ballot Dropbox

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3. Vote Center

Anywhere in the county

Where? sccvote.org
Or download app **SCCVOTE**



PRIMARY ELECTION

June 7, 2022

On the primary election ballot, Santa Clara County voters will find:

- candidates for state and federal offices.*
- candidates for 3 county wide offices, regardless of the party preference of the candidates or the voter. **
- a county-wide ballot measure listed as “**Measure A**” (SCV Water Dist.)
- and, perhaps, some local city measures.

*The “**top two**” candidates - those who win the most votes in each state or constitutional office (i.e. governor, lieut. governor, secretary of state, members of the state legislature, members of the U.S. Congress, etc.) - **will advance** to the general election – even if both are in the same political party— and even if one candidate receives more than 50%+1 of the votes.

In the other races, like for **judges, district attorney, and assessor, if one of the candidates receives 50% plus +1 of the votes cast in the primary, that candidate has won the race and that office **WILL NOT** not appear on the General Election ballot in November. But, if none of the candidates receive 50% +1 in the primary, then the top two will appear on the ballot in the General Election.

What are the job responsibilities of the SCC District Attorney?

- **The District Attorney is an elected office responsible for:**
 - all criminal prosecutions,
 - investigations of all major cases
 - and maintenance of the Laboratory of Criminalistics in SCC.
- **The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office is:**
 - the largest prosecutor's office in Northern California.
 - The Office has 640 employees, including 196 prosecutors.
- **The Office prosecutes more than 40,000 criminal cases each year including cases involving:**
 - drunk driving, identity theft, fraud, elder abuse, burglary, robbery, sexual assault, domestic violence, gang violence and murder.

Start the Forum

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- The FORUM BEGINS!!!!

LEAGUE CANDIDATE FORUMS



- **GROUND RULES - CIVIL DISCOURSE**
- **OPENING AND CLOSING STATEMENTS**
- **TIMED RESPONSES**
- **QUESTIONS IN A RANDOMIZED ORDER**

END the Forum

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- The FORUM ENDS – THANK YOUs and add'l Voter Info. !!!!

REMINDER!

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JUNE 7, 2022

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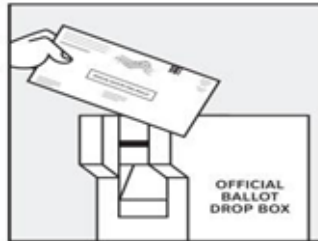
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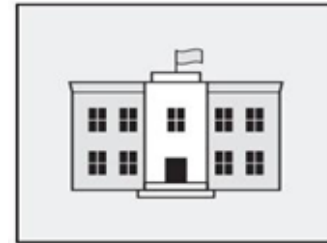
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Candidates Forums in SC County

All forums are recorded and posted to League websites and Youtube sites.

April 28 **SCC District Attorney** 7:00pm

May 3 **US Congress District 16** 7:00pm

May 5 **SCC Assessor** 7:00pm

May 11 **CA Assembly D28** 7:00pm

VotersEdge.org

Get the Facts Before You Vote

Nonpartisan Information on:

- **Candidates**
- **Measures**
- **Campaign Financing**

Just enter your

Street address and Zip



Nonpartisan Election Information

- www.votersedge.org **Your ballot** including contributor info on candidates, measures
- www.lwvc.org
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Please vote on or before June 7th !!!!

DEMOCRACY: 



...IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!!!

***We welcome you to join us
www.lwvsantaclearacounty.org***

SLIDESHOW ENDS

And the show ends!

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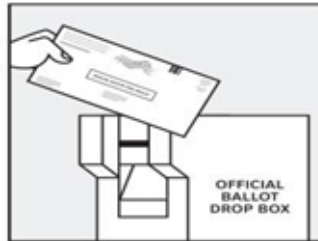
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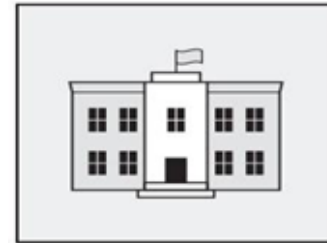
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What Can I Do at a Vote Center?



- Drop off Ballot
- Get a replacement ballot
- Register to vote or update registration
- Vote in multiple languages
- Vote with an accessible voting machine.