

Franklin County Voter Information Guide

General Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Polls open from 7am to 8pm

Your polling place location is on the back cover.



Franklin County Elections Department

Mary Cuevo,
County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

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中文: 1-222-555-1214

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Language assistance is available in Spanish
and Chinese.

Esta guía también está disponible en español.

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Mary Cuevo
Registrar of Voters

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Registrar of Voters
Franklin County

Dear Voter,

November 6, 2012, is Election Day. You will be voting for local officials in Franklin County as well as state and national offices. There are also both local and California state ballot measures. This voter guide has a sample ballot and information for you to review before you vote.

Vote by Mail. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 29. To return your ballot:

- Mail your ballot in time for it to reach our office by 8pm on Election Day, November 6, 2012.
- Drop off your ballot in the secure drop-off boxes around the county. See page 4 for a map of locations.
- Take your ballot to any polling place in Franklin County before 8pm on Election Day.

Check that we have received your vote-by-mail ballot on our website at www.franklinvotes.org.

Vote Early. You can vote at the Registrar of Voters' office from October 7 through November 4 (except for holidays) on Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm. You can also vote there on Election Day, November 6, from 7am to 8pm.

Saturday Voting. You can vote on Saturday, October 26, at the Franklin Central Library and on Saturday, November 3, at the Registrar of Voters' office from 9am to 4pm.

Vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. Your polling place location is on the back of this pamphlet or you can look it up on our website at www.franklinvotes.org/myvoter.

Please contact us anytime, so we can help make your voting experience a positive one. Thank you for being a voter.

Your vote counts!

Mary Cuevo
Registrar of Voters

What's in this guide?

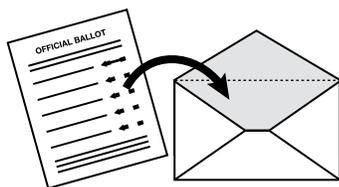
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Voter Bill of Rights

- **You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.** A valid registered voter means a United States citizen who is a resident in this state, who is at least 18 years of age and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who is registered to vote at his or her current residence address.
- **You have the right to cast a provisional ballot** if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.
- **You have the right to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.**
- **You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.**
- **You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.** If at any time before you finally cast your ballot, you feel you have made a mistake, you have the right to exchange the spoiled ballot for a new ballot. Vote-by-mail voters may also request and receive a new ballot if they return their spoiled ballot to an elections official prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.
- **You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot,** if you are unable to vote without assistance.
- **You have the right to return a completed vote-by-mail ballot** to any precinct in the county.
- **You have the right to election materials in another language,** if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.
- **You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and observe the election process.** You have the right to ask questions of the precinct board and elections officials regarding election procedures and to receive an answer or be directed to the appropriate official for an answer. However, if persistent questioning disrupts the execution of their duties, the board or election officials may discontinue responding to questions.
- **You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity** to a local elections official or to the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights or you are aware of any election fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-8683.

3 ways to vote



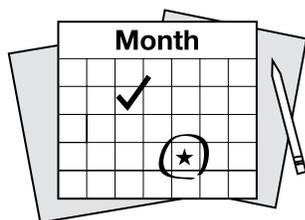
Vote by mail

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **October 29**.

Return it by mail, drop it off at one of the secure ballot drop-off locations, or deliver it on **November 6** to any polling place.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received at the elections office or a polling place by 8pm on **November 6**.

For more details, see Page 4.



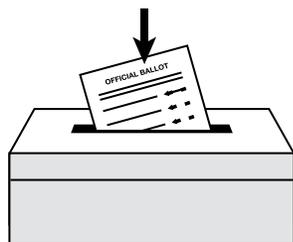
Vote early in person

You may vote early at the elections office, or at the voting centers listed on page 5.

October 7 until November 5
Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm

Franklin County Elections Department
4321 Franklin Avenue
Franklin, CA

For more details, see Page 5.



Vote at the polls in person

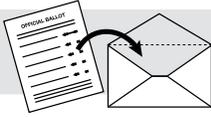
Polls are open on Election Day:
November 6, from 7am to 8pm

The location of your polling place is printed on the back cover of this guide.

Or, you can look up your polling place:

- On the web: www.franklinvotes.org
- Using the automated phone service: 1-222-555-1216

For more details, see Page 6.



How to vote by mail

You can vote by mail before Election Day

To vote by mail, you have to request a ballot. Then you can mark the ballot and send it back or drop it off at any polling place.

How to get your vote-by-mail ballot

You can request a vote-by-mail ballot starting on October 7. You must request a vote-by-mail ballot by **October 29**.

Apply by doing one of the following:

- Tear off and mail back the application on the back cover page of this booklet.
- Visit www.franklinvotes.org and submit a request.
- Send a letter signed by the voter that includes your address and where to send the vote-by-mail ballot:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
4321 Franklin Avenue, Franklin, CA 99999

After you apply to vote by mail, you will receive your ballot within ten business days.

How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

Place your ballot in the official envelope, following the instructions on the vote-by-mail packet.

Then, you can:

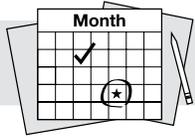
- Send it by mail to:
Franklin County Elections Department
123 Main Street, Franklin, CA
- or
- Drop it off at the secure ballot drop-off location, any time between **October 7 and November 6**:
Franklin County Elections Department
123 Main Street, Franklin, CA
- or
- Drop it off at any polling place on Election Day, **November 6, from 7am to 8pm**

Your ballot must be at the Elections Office or a polling place by 8pm on Election Day, November 6, to be counted.

How to vote by mail in every election

You can request a ballot to be mailed to you automatically every time there is an election. This is called Permanent Vote-By-Mail status. California law allows a voter to declare that they want to automatically vote by mail every election.

You can download an application at www.franklinvotes.org or check the "Permanent Vote-By-Mail" box on the vote-by-mail application on the back cover of this booklet.



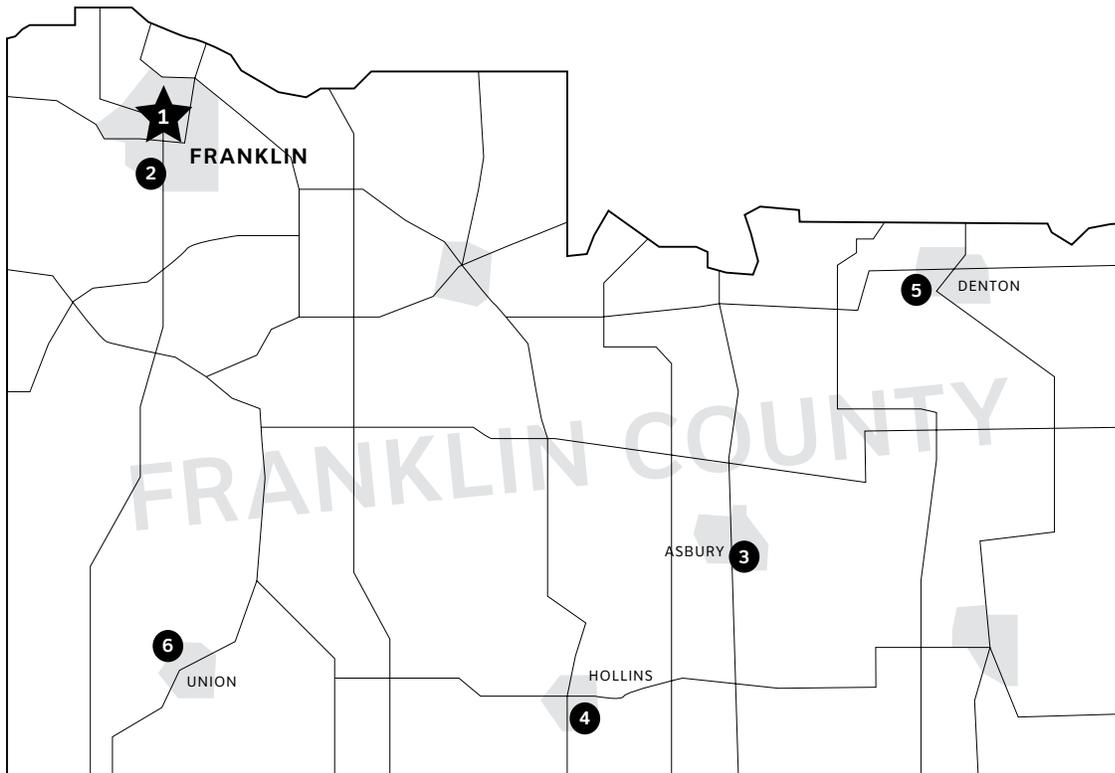
How to vote early in person

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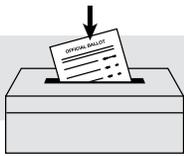
You can vote in person before Election Day, from **October 7 through November 5**

You may vote at any of the locations shown below from **October 7 until November 5, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm**. You may vote at any early voting location, regardless of your registered address. You do not need to make an appointment.

Early voting locations:



- 1. Franklin County Elections Department**
123 Main Street, Franklin, CA
(222) 555-3254
- 2. Glen Gardner Town Clerk**
122 Smith Street, Franklin, CA
(222) 555-3853
- 3. Asbury Public Library**
556 Mayne Street, Asbury, CA
(222) 555-3435
- 4. Hollins City Clerk**
203 Clinton Avenue, Hollins, CA
(222) 555-0034
- 5. Denton Town Administrator**
110 Denton Street, Denton, CA
(222) 555-2389
- 6. Union City Hall**
790 Ballot Circle, Union, CA
(222) 555-7704



How to vote in person at the polls

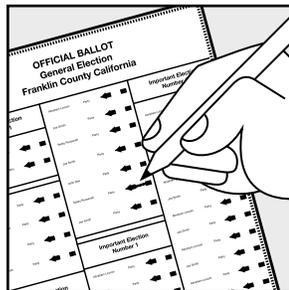
Polling places are open from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 6

The location of your polling place is printed on the back cover of this guide. You can also look up your polling place on the web at www.franklinvotes.org, or using the automated phone service by calling 1-222-555-1216.

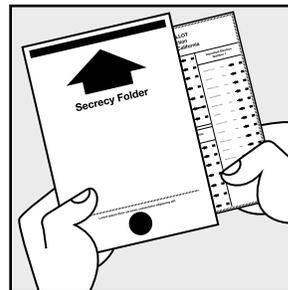
At the polling place:



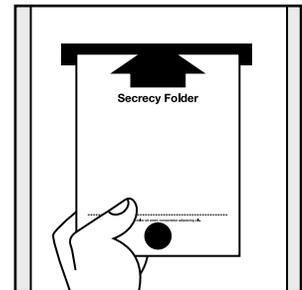
1. Sign roster



2. Mark ballot

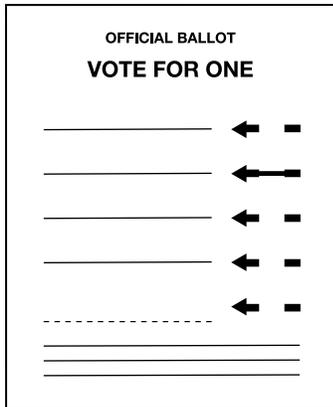


3. Place ballot in secrecy folder.

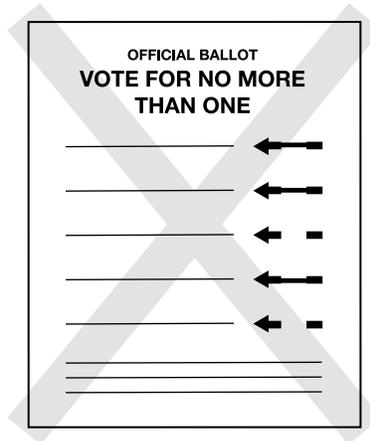


4. Take ballot to ballot box

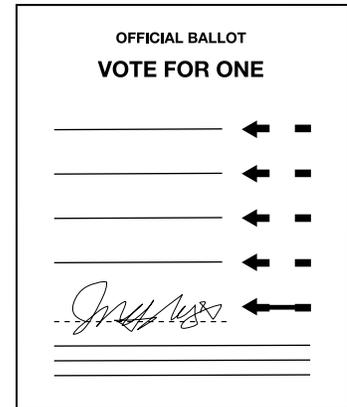
Check your ballot carefully



Vote for the number allowed



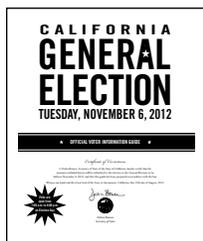
Don't vote for too many



Always connect the arrow, even on a write-in

What's on the ballot for this election?

You will receive two voter information guides for this election:



Franklin County Guide

Offices (see pages 12–15)

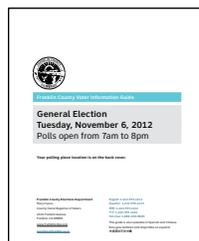
Member of the State Assembly

Member of the Board of Supervisors

Local Measures (see pages 16–22)

E. Community College District Bond

F. Renewal of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program



California State Guide

Offices

President and Vice President

United States Senator

United States Representative

State Propositions

30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

31 State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

32 Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute.

33 Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute.

34 Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.

35 Human Trafficking. Penalties. Initiative Statute.

36 Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties. Initiative Statute.

37 Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling. Initiative Statute.

38 Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute.

39 Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute.

40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum.

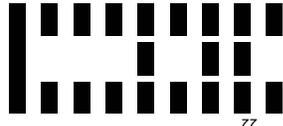


Official Ballot

Consolidated Statewide General Election
Franklin County, California
Tuesday, November 06, 2012

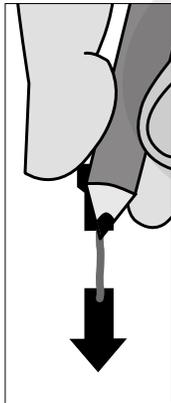
Boleta Oficial

Consolidado Estatal Elección General
Condado de Franklin, California
Martes, 06 de noviembre 2012



Instructions to voters

- Use only the marking pen provided or a ball point pen with black ink.
- **To vote for a candidate**, completely connect the arrow to the right of the name, as shown in the illustration. Where two or more candidates for the same office are to be elected, completely connect the arrow to the right of each of your choices.
- **To vote on a measure**, completely connect the arrow next to YES or NO.
- **To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot**, print the name on the blank line for that office labeled "write in," and connect the arrow for that candidate.
- **If you make a mistake**, damage your ballot, or you want to change a vote, take your ballot to an election worker and get another. All distinguishing marks are forbidden and void the ballot.



Instrucciones a los votantes

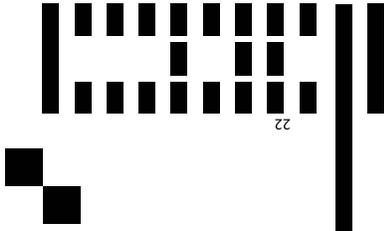
- Utilice sólo el lápiz de marcar provisto o un bolígrafo con tinta negro.
- **Para votar por un candidato**, conectar completamente la flecha a la derecha del nombre, como se muestra en la ilustración. Cuando dos o más candidatos para el mismo cargo se elegirán, conecte completamente la flecha a la derecha de cada una de sus opciones.
- **Para votar por una medida**, conectar completamente la flecha junto a SI o NO.
- **Para votar por un candidato cuyo nombre no aparece en la boleta electoral**, imprimir el nombre en la línea en blanco para que la oficina de la etiqueta "escribir", y conecte la flecha por ese candidato.
- **Si usted comete un error**, dañar su boleta, o si desea cambiar un voto, tome su papeleta a un trabajador electoral y conseguir otro. Todos los signos distintivos están prohibidos y anular la boleta.

President and Vice-President of the United States Presidente y vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos	Vote for 1 pair Voto por 1 par
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U.S. Senator Senador de EEUU	Elizabeth Emken Businesswoman Mujer de negocios
Vote for 1 Voto por 1	Republican Republicano

Member of the Assembly, 4th District Miembro de la Asamblea, Distrito 4	Vote for 1 Voto por 1
John Munn Taxpayer Association President Presidente de la Asociación Republicana	Republican Republicano

<p>Mitt Romney President / Presidente Republican Republicano</p>	<p>Paul Ryan Vice-President / Vicepresidente</p>	<p>Gary Johnson President / Presidente Libertarian Libertario</p>	<p>James P. Gray Vice-President / Vicepresidente</p>	<p>Roseanne Barr President / Presidente Peace and Freedom Paz y Libertad</p>	<p>Cindy Sheehan Vice-President / Vicepresidente</p>	<p>Barack Obama President / Presidente Democratic Democrático</p>	<p>Joseph Biden Vice-President / Vicepresidente</p>	<p>Jill Stein President / Presidente Green Verde</p>	<p>Cheri Honkala Vice-President / Vicepresidente</p>	<p>Thomas Hoefling President / Presidente American Independiente</p>	<p>Robert Ornelas Vice-President / Vicepresidente</p>	<p>Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senator Senador de EEUU Democratic Democrático</p>	<p>or write-in</p>	<p>Member of the Board of Supervisors Miembro de la Junta de Supervisores</p>	<p>Vote for 1 Voto por 1</p>	<p>Mike Thompson U.S. Representative Representante de EEUU Democratic Democrático</p>	<p>or write-in</p>	<p>Karen Mitchoff County Supervisor Supervisora del Condado</p>	<p>Robert Jones Business executive Ejecutivo de la empresa</p>	<p>or write-in</p>	<p>Marikyo Yamada California State Assemblyman Asambleista Estatal de California Democratic Democrático</p>	<p>or write-in</p>
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<p>Measure E Ley E</p>	<p>Vote yes or no Voto sí o no</p>
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Franklin Community College District

To upgrade educational facilities at Diablo Valley, Franklin, and Los Medanos Colleges, and the San Ramon and Brentwood centers, and help prepare students for jobs and college transfer by modernizing classrooms and labs, building facilities for health, medical, science, and technology training, and implementing earthquake safety, accessibility, and infrastructure improvements, shall the Franklin Community College District issue \$450 million of bonds at legal interest rates with independent oversight, audits, and all funds spent on local sites?

Franklin Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios

Para mejorar las instalaciones educativas en Diablo Valley, Franklin y Los Medanos Colegios, y la de San Ramon y centros de Brentwood, y ayudar a preparar a los estudiantes para el empleo y la transferencia de la universidad por las aulas y los laboratorios, la modernización de las instalaciones del edificio para la salud, medicina, ciencia, tecnología y capacitación y la implementación de la seguridad contra terremotos, accesibilidad y mejoras en la infraestructura, la cuestión deberá Distrito Franklin Community College \$450 millones de bonos a tasas de interés legales con supervisión independiente, auditorías, y todos los fondos gastados en sitios locales?

Yes
Sí

No
No

**Measure F
Ley F**

Vote yes or no
Voto sí o no

Franklin County Vehicle Abatement Program

Should the Franklin County Vehicle Abatement Program and vehicle registration fees (one dollar per vehicle and an additional two dollars for certain commercial vehicles payable upon registration of a vehicle) be renewed for a ten-year term beginning July 1, 2013, for the abatement and removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles?

Programa de Eliminación de Vehículos del Condado de Franklin

En caso de que el Programa del Condado de Franklin Vehículo Reducción y cuotas de inscripción de vehículos (un dólar por vehículo y un período adicional de dos dólares, para determinados vehículos comerciales exigibles a la matriculación de un vehículo) ser renovados por un período de diez años al 1 de julio de 2013 para la reducción y eliminación de abandonado, destruido, desmantelado, o vehículos que no funcionan??

Yes
Sí

No
No

Who are the candidates?

Information about candidates for United States Senator are in your California General Election Official Voter Information Guide, mailed to you by the Secretary of State.

Member of the Assembly, 4th District

John Munn

Republican
Taxpayer Association
President

JohnMunn@gmail.com

Marikyo Yamada

Democratic
California State
Assemblyman

www.yamadaforca.org

Member of the Board of Supervisors

Karen Mitchoff

County
Supervisor

Karen.Mitchoff@gmail.com

Robert Jones

Business executive

www.RobertJones-for-Franklin.com

CANDIDATE

PERSONAL STATEMENT

TOP PRIORITIES

As a business owner, public official, and a single father who raised two sons in Franklin County, I understand the issues that matter most to Franklin County families. I treasure our democracy and pledge to put our common good above partisanship and special interests.

I have served our community as a public school teacher and Franklin County Supervisor, and California State Assemblymember. I am running for re-election to build on my record of legislative results, and to continue working as a strong advocate for our residents, families, and small business owners.

My focus during my first term has been to maintain and then improve our county financial structure in order to provide vital, quality public and safety net programs for our vulnerable citizens (pre-school; after school tutoring; computer literacy classes; funding a Veterans Services Representative).

Customer service to citizens is my top priority. I possess the qualifications, leadership, and high ethical standards required to serve the citizens of Franklin County, continuing my work to manage and protect taxpayers' dollars. I would be honored to earn your continued trust and support.

Improve our economy and restore fiscal discipline.

Secure our borders and forge a humane immigration policy.

Improve healthcare and protect Social Security.

Give school districts more control of their budget.

Make college more affordable for middle class families and provide funding for training technology.

Create jobs in high unemployment areas hurt by the economic downturn.

Provide fire protection and emergency medical response with reduced fiscal resources.

Provide protection from elder and child abuse; containment of communicable disease; protection to ensure water and food safety.

Ensure property tax refunds are promptly issued when assessed values are reduced.

Establish sound fiscal policies for the county.

Candidate statements are provided by the candidate and printed at their expense.

State Assembly, 4th District

Statement of John Munn

Preference: Republican

Occupation: Taxpayer Association President

For over twelve years, I have served the central coast, first as a school board member and now as a county supervisor and coastal commissioner.

School Board Member: As an educator, I know that California's future depends on top quality education at all levels. I have worked with teachers, parents, students and administrators to achieve measurable improvement. That work has earned me support from dozens of local school board members, teachers and parents.

County Supervisor: For the last eight years, I have worked every day to ensure that social services, healthcare and public works are provided effectively and within our budget constraints. That is why I have such broad support from community leaders and local elected officials.

Coastal Commissioner: The coast is the natural resource that ties us together. My work to protect our watersheds, coast and ocean, and ensure appropriate development, has earned me support throughout California.

I know small businesses are the heartbeat of our central coast economy. As a former professional in the high tech industry, I personally understand the challenges facing employers and employees.

It is an honor to have the support of the California Democratic Party, Congressmembers Sam Farr and Anna Eshoo, Senator Joe Simitian, Assemblymembers Bill Monning and Luis Alejo, Sheriffs Phil Wowak and Scott Miller, respected business leaders, health care professionals and scores of dedicated environmentalists.

I hope that I have earned your personal support and look forward to representing you in the State Assembly.

Declaración de John Munn

Preferencia de Partido: Republicano

Ocupación: Presidente de la Asociación de los Contribuyentes

Durante más de doce años, he servido a la costa central, primero como miembro

del consejo escolar y ahora como supervisor del condado y comisionado costero.

Miembro de la Junta Escolar: Como educador, sé que el futuro de California depende de la educación de alta calidad en todos los niveles. He trabajado con maestros, padres, estudiantes y administradores para lograr una mejor mensurable. Ese trabajo me ha dado el apoyo de decenas de miembros de juntas escolares locales, maestros y padres.

Supervisor del Condado: Durante los últimos ocho años, he trabajado todos los días para garantizar que se brinden los servicios sociales, de salud y obras públicas de manera efectiva y dentro de nuestras limitaciones presupuestarias. Es por eso que tengo un apoyo tan amplio de los líderes comunitarios y funcionarios electos locales.

Comisionado Costero: La costa es el recurso natural que nos une. Mi trabajo para proteger nuestras cuencas hidrográficas, la costa y el mar, y garantizar un desarrollo adecuado, me ha ganado el apoyo de toda California.

Sé que los negocios en pequeña escala son el corazón de nuestra economía central costera. Como ex profesional en la industria de alta tecnología, personalmente comprendo los desafíos que enfrentan los empleadores y empleados.

Es un honor contar con el apoyo del Partido Demócrata de California, los Congresistas Sam Farr y Anna Eshoo, el Senador Joe Simitian, los Asambleístas Bill Monning y Luis Alejo, los Alguaciles Phil Wowak y Scott Miller, líderes respetados de negocios, profesionales de la salud y decenas de ecologistas dedicados.

Espero haberme ganado su apoyo personal y espero representarlo en la Asamblea Estatal. Candidate Statements

Candidate statements are provided by the candidate and printed at their expense.

State Assembly, 4th District

Statement of Marikyo Yamada

Party Preference: Democratic
Occupation: California State Assemblyman

My thanks to the thousands of you that voted to put Marikyo Yamada into the "Top Two."

Californians have lost faith and trust in government. Can we really blame them? State Parks officials are being investigated for mishandling over \$54 Million with special accounts. Public Pensions are totally out of control and unsustainable. And finally, we have local officials leisurely swimming Lake Tahoe and even the English Channel when homeowners are totally underwater on their mortgages, and the State of California is drowning in debt.

It's time for change in Sacramento! Please visit: www.MarikyoYamada4assembly.com

My life has been dedicated to working as a strong protector for the rights of our fellow citizens without regard to their ethnicity, gender, creed, party affiliation, sexual orientation, or financial status. We are all equal under the law.

I moved to the Santa Cruz Mountains from the Midwest where I was an executive for People & Runner's World magazines. Over the past decade, I have served as Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Senior Coalition. Together, we have worked to:

Repeal the regressive Santa Cruz County Utility Tax. Require refunds for thousands of overcharged Cable TV customers. Establish Senior & Disabled person exemptions for school parcel taxes. Act as a "government watchdog" over politicians and their office excesses.

As Mother of five children, I understand how difficult it has become to earn a decent living and get a good, affordable education. Our families must do better.

Vote Marikyo Yamada for Assembly. Telephone me anytime: (831) 685-7432

Board of Supervisors

Statement of Karen Mitchoff

Occupation: Supervisor, Franklin County

My focus during my first term has been to maintain and then improve our county financial structure in order to provide vital, quality public services : public protection (police, fire, road safety) and health and human services (protection from elder and child abuse; containment of communicable disease; protection to ensure water and food safety); and safety net programs for our vulnerable citizens (pre-school; after school tutoring; computer literacy classes; funding a Veterans Services Representative). I made difficult fiscal decisions, which included having public employees pay more towards rising pension and health care costs (myself included) so that these vital programs could be delivered during the county's recovery from the worst recession in decades. Because of those decisions, we have a balanced budget with healthy reserves and the county recently regained its AAA credit rating.

These next four years require my experienced leadership to address the ongoing concern around how to provide fire protection services and emergency medical response in a continued environment of reduced fiscal resources. Additional priorities include attracting new jobs, transportation improvements to ease congestion, drought relief, and continued promotion of literacy and maintenance of libraries.

I am fighting in Sacramento to protect our main water supply, the Delta, which faces the biggest threat in 30 years. There are solutions to ensure both a healthy ecosystem and a reliable water source for all of California that don't require underground tunnels that move our water south.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Voluntary campaign spending limits

Candidates for legislative office who voluntarily agree to limit their campaign spending may have a Candidate's Statement included in the Sample Ballot Pamphlet.

This is a list of all candidates for legislative districts in Franklin County who are running for State Senate and Assembly who have agreed to limit their spending according to state law.

State Senate

Dan Logue
Jim Nielsen

State Assembly

Charles Rous
John Munn
Mariko Yamada

Political party endorsements

Proposition 14, approved by the voters in 2010, authorizes political parties to endorse candidates for voter-nominated offices. This pamphlet contains the official endorsements submitted by political parties.

Candidate	American Independent	Democratic	Republican	Peace and Freedom
Elisabeth Emlian, US Senator			X	
Dianne Feinstein, US Senator		X		
John Garamendi, US Representative, District 3		X		
Dan Logue, State Assembly, 3rd District	X		X	
John Munn, State Assembly, 4th District	X		X	
Charles Rouse, State Assembly, 3rd District		X		X
Kim Varnn, US Representative, District 3			X	
Mariko Yamada, State Assembly, 4th District		X		X

E**Measure E Franklin Community College District****Summary**

To upgrade educational facilities at Diablo Valley, Franklin, and Los Medanos Colleges, and the San Ramon and Brentwood centers, and help prepare students for jobs and college transfer by modernizing classrooms and labs, building facilities for health, medical, science, and technology training, and implementing earthquake safety, accessibility, and infrastructure improvements, shall the Franklin Community College District issue \$450 million of bonds at legal interest rates with independent oversight, audits, and all funds spent on local sites?

What your vote means

YES	NO
A “yes” vote on this measure authorizes the issuance of the bonds and the levy of taxes as estimated in the Tax Rate Statement to repay the bonds. Fifty-five percent (55%) of those voting on the ballot measure must approve the measure for it to pass.	A “no” vote on this measure disapproves the issuance of the bonds and the levy of taxes.

For and against Measure E

FOR	AGAINST
<p>Linda Best, Fmr. CEO, East Bay Leadership Council (Retired)</p> <p>J. Dale Hudson, Former Chair, Franklin Community College District Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee</p> <p>Cynthia Egan, 2013 Franklin County Teacher of the Year (San Ramon Valley USD)</p> <p>Jim Russey, Fmr. Local Fire Captain (Retired)</p> <p>Kitty Guptill, Healthcare Executive</p>	<p>Alex Aliferis, Executive Director, Franklin Taxpayers Association</p>

Argument in favor of Measure E

Diablo Valley College, Franklin College, Los Medanos College, and the San Ramon and Brentwood education centers are essential safety nets providing affordable education and job training to over 55,000 students locally – many of whom cannot afford four year colleges and universities. YES on E ensures OUR local students have the opportunity to continue their education and be ready to compete in today's competitive job market!

Local community college students are the backbone of our Franklin County workforce. YES on E updates classrooms and labs to maintain high quality career training programs in fields including healthcare, sciences, technology, and public safety.

YES on E improves our colleges, helping students prepare for 21st century jobs and careers or transfer to 4-year universities.

YES on E updates facilities and classrooms for science, technology, and training programs in nursing, dental hygiene, and health administration.

YES on E makes college buildings, classrooms, and facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

YES on E updates and maintains technology for modern, hands-on career training. Too many core academic classes are currently conducted in overcrowded, deteriorating facilities.

YES on E monies will be managed with the highest levels of accountability, consistent with practices that have saved local taxpayers \$14.5 million recently.

YES on E funds are legally required to be spent in Franklin County to improve our local community colleges. An Independent Oversight Committee and regular audits will ensure the monies are spent as promised, consistent with our College's prudent, fiscally responsible practices.

YES on E is supported by a broad coalition of local employers, educators, students and community leaders.

Please join us. For questions or to volunteer, please visit www.OURColleges2014.com.

Linda Best, Fmr. CEO, East Bay Leadership Council (Retired)

J. Dale Hudson, Former Chair, Community College District Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

Cynthia Egan, 2013 Franklin County Teacher of the Year (San Ramon Valley USD)

Jim Russey, Fmr. Local Fire Captain (Retired)

Argument against Measure E

Bonds are an expensive form of debt. As with a home mortgage, bonds are repaid with interest, over time. Since 2002, District voters have approved bonds totaling \$406.5 million that will cost taxpayers OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS.

Now the District is asking for \$450 million in NEW DEBT that will cost taxpayers ANOTHER BILLION DOLLARS. This bond is TOO BIG and TOO EXPENSIVE, especially given today's taxpayer burdens.

Residents OPPOSE this bond because:

- Many people are unemployed, underemployed, or financially stretched and CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE.
- As compensation for District employees has grown, resources for care of buildings and grounds have become scarce. BORROWING MONEY to repair neglected buildings is FINANCIALLY IRRESPONSIBLE.
- Numerous government agencies are asking for new taxes and bond debt because RISING PENSION COSTS CROWD OUT OTHER SPENDING. Residents are being nickel-and-dimed to death.
- District construction policies reduce competition. WITHOUT WIDE COMPETITION, work is done by the "FAVORED FEW" at HIGHER COST.

The District SAYS it wants a community partnership, but REFUSES to make changes or RESPOND to public concerns. We believe that success comes when we work together in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. Residents expect and deserve to get the best value for every tax dollar.

Vote NO on Measure E!

Franklin Taxpayers Association
Alex Aliferis, Executive Director

Reply to argument in favor of Measure E	Reply to argument against Measure E
<p>Until District construction contracts use COMPETITIVE BIDDING, taxpayers should REJECT NEW BONDS. Without competition, contractors have less incentive to deliver QUALITY WORK at a REASONABLE PRICE. Residents oppose this bond because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tax rate statement MISLEADS VOTERS by understating the TRUE COST, which will likely exceed \$1 BILLION. • Every year the District LIVES BEYOND ITS MEANS, spending more than its income. This downhill trend continues because of GROWING SALARIES, PENSIONS AND HEALTH CARE COSTS. • The District fails to care for its campuses by doing regular maintenance and upkeep. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for ROUTINE MAINTENANCE using BORROWED MONEY with EXPENSIVE INTEREST COSTS. • Many people CAN'T AFFORD to DOUBLE their community college TAX BILL. <p>Vote NO to tell District officials you expect HONESTY about bond costs, GOOD STEWARDSHIP of finances and schools, and SOLID VALUE for your tax dollars.</p> <p>Franklin Taxpayers Association Alex Aliferis, Executive Director</p>	<p>YOUR taxpayer dollars have been spent responsibly, improving classrooms and funding critical upgrades at Franklin Community Colleges. YES on E is a fiscally responsible plan supported by Community Leaders, Educators, Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Representatives and Major Employers because it is vital to our area's economy.</p> <p>FACT: Diablo Valley College, Franklin College, Los Medanos College, San Ramon Campus, and Brentwood Center provide essential education and job training – keeping our economy moving forward and local workforce strong.</p> <p>FACT: 55,000 local students rely on Franklin Community Colleges each year for affordable education and job training. YES on E improves academic facilities to help students prepare for 21st century careers and transfer to 4-year universities, and updates classrooms/labs to support job training in important fields including healthcare, sciences, technology, and public safety.</p> <p>FACT: YES on E continues to invest in our local community colleges and will do so consistent with practices that recently saved local taxpayers \$14.5 million through a bond refunding.</p> <p>FACT: By law, no funds can go toward administrator salaries or pensions! Every dime of YES on E is required to be spent in Franklin County to improve facilities at Diablo Valley College, Franklin College, Los Medanos College, San Ramon Campus, and Brentwood Center.</p> <p>FACT: YES on E is fiscally accountable and includes Independent Citizens' Oversight, independent annual audits, and a public expenditure plan to ensure funds are spent as promised.</p> <p>Join a broad coalition of community leaders in Voting YES on E for affordable education and job training.</p> <p>J. Dale Hudson, Fmr. Chair, Franklin Community College District Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee</p> <p>Sandra Castillo, Registered Nurse/Brentwood Resident</p> <p>Matthew Rinn, Business owner/Former Chair, Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Sandy Johnson-Shaw, Mt. Diablo Unified School District Teacher/ DVC Hall of Famer</p>

County counsel's impartial analysis

College District has adopted a resolution proposing to issue and sell general obligation bonds. This ballot measure asks voters to decide whether the District should be authorized to issue and sell bonds in an amount up to \$450,000,000.

The measure provides that proceeds from the sale of the bonds will generally be used to upgrade school sites, school facilities and support facilities at Diablo Valley, Franklin, and Los Medanos colleges and the San Ramon and Brentwood centers. The specific projects are set forth in the Bond Project List attached to the Board's resolution. The proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used only for those purposes. Approval of the measure does not guarantee that all of the projects listed in the Bond Project List will be funded or completed. The Bond Project List states that it includes more projects than the District estimates can be funded with proceeds from the sale of bonds under this measure.

Under State law, interest on the bonds would not exceed 12% per year. Bonds could have a maturity of up to 25 years if issued under authority of the California Education Code, or up to 40 years if issued under authority of the California Government Code.

Approval of this measure authorizes the District to levy a tax on each parcel of taxable real property within the District to generate revenue to repay the bonded indebtedness until all bonds are repaid. The District's Tax Rate Statement estimates that the highest tax rate that would need to be levied to repay bonds issued under this measure would be \$13.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation beginning in fiscal year 2014. The District's Tax Rate Statement states that the amount of the tax would depend on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold, the market interest rate at the time of each bond sale, and the actual assessed valuation of taxable real property within the District during the repayment period. State law requires the District to conduct an annual performance audit, and, as long as any funds remain unspent, an annual independent financial audit, to ensure funds are used only for the purposes described in the measure. The measure also would require the District to establish an independent citizens' oversight committee that would ensure bond proceeds are spent only for the projects listed in the measure.

A "yes" vote on this measure authorizes the issuance of the bonds and the levy of taxes as estimated in the Tax Rate Statement to repay the bonds. Fifty-five percent (55%) of those voting on the ballot measure must approve the measure for it to pass. A "no" vote on this measure disapproves the issuance of the bonds and the levy of taxes.

Tax rate statement for Measure E

An election will be held in the Franklin Community College District (the "District") on June 3, 2014, to authorize the sale of up to \$450,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance community college facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.3 tenths cents per \$100 (\$13.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2014.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.3 tenths cents per \$100 (\$13.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2020.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.3 tenths cents per \$100 (\$13.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2020.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: February 26, 2014.

Helen Benjamin, Chancellor
Franklin Community College District

Full text of Measure E Franklin Community College District

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Franklin Community College District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$450,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List below, and in order to qualify to receive State matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

To provide safe, modern facilities and equipment needed for career and technology education classes so students within the District are prepared for college and good paying jobs in fields like science, technology, and skilled trades, funds from the sale of general obligation bonds issued by the District would be used to finance the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, installation, restoration, rehabilitation, modernization and improvement of school sites, school facilities and support facilities of the District and to provide facilities improvements, upgrades, and related facilities and facilities costs as further described below.

Accountability safeguards

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the District's voters and taxpayers may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following).

Evaluation of Needs. The Governing Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated the facilities needs of the District, and the priority of addressing each of these needs. In the course of its evaluation, the Governing Board took safety, class size reduction and information technology needs into consideration while developing the Bond Project List.

Limitation on Use of Bond Proceeds. The State of California does not have the legal authority to take locally approved school district bond funds for any State purposes. The Constitution allows proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition to be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities listed in this proposition, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff only when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Governing Board shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are spent only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date on which the Governing Board enters the election results on its minutes.

Annual Performance Audits. The Governing Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audits. The Governing Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds (which shall be separate from the District's regular annual financial audit) until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Governing Board shall take actions necessary pursuant to Government Code Section 53410 and following to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Chancellor or the Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services of the District (or such other employee as may perform substantially similar duties) shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 31 of each year, commencing January 31, 2015, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as such officer shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

Further specifications

Specific Purposes. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and shall constitute the specific purposes of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purposes, pursuant to Government Code Section 53410.

Joint Use. The District may enter into agreements with the County of Franklin or other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this proposition hereby specifies and acknowledges that bond funds will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Governing Board shall determine.

Rate of Interest. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding the statutory maximum, payable at the time or times permitted by law.

Term of Bonds. The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds are to run shall not exceed the legal limit, though this shall not preclude bonds from being sold which mature prior to the legal limit.

F Measure F Franklin County Vehicle Abatement Program

Summary

Should the Franklin County Vehicle Abatement Program and vehicle registration fees (one dollar per vehicle and an additional two dollars for certain commercial vehicles payable upon registration of a vehicle) be renewed for a ten-year term beginning July 1, 2013, for the abatement and removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles?

What your vote means

YES	NO
<p>A “yes” vote on this measure continues the current program for 10 years and the county will continue to remove vehicles abandoned on a public street.</p> <p>Two thirds (66%) of those voting must vote “yes” for it to pass.</p>	<p>A “no” vote means that the program will end as of June 30, 2013.</p>

For and against Measure F

FOR	AGAINST
<p>Amarpreet Prakar Mayor, City of Hollis</p> <p>Lynne Smith Mayor, City of Glen Gardner</p> <p>Judy Smith Fresno County</p> <p>David T. Campbell Mayor, City of Union</p>	<p>No argument was filed against Measure F</p>

Become an Election Officer!

Work on Election Day and earn \$95 to \$180!



To sign up by phone, call:
1-222-555-VOTE (8683)



To sign up online, visit:
www.franklinvotes.com



To sign up by mail, complete the form below and mail it to:
**Franklin County Elections
PO Box 071873
Franklin, CA 99999**

To be eligible to be an Election Officer, you must be:

- ✓ At least 18 years old
- ✓ A US citizen and registered to vote
- ✓ A permanent legal resident

Or if you are a high school student, you must:

- ✓ Be at least 16 years old
- ✓ Be a US citizen or permanent legal resident
- ✓ Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

I Want To Be An Election Officer

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Daytime telephone: 1- _____ - _____ - _____

Evening telephone: 1- _____ - _____ - _____

Email address: _____

In addition to English, I am also fluent in: _____

I have my own transportation: Yes No

I am willing to travel to serve another precinct: Yes No

I have a facility for use as a polling place: Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Polling places

The Registrar of Voters strives to provide polling places that are accessible to the elderly and voters with disabilities.



To check polling place accessibility, look for the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of this pamphlet.

If your polling place does not meet accessibility guidelines, call 1-222-555-1212 for alternative methods of voting.

Voting system

Franklin County's voting system includes an electronic ballot marking device that offers voters the ability to cast a secret ballot without assistance. The voting system has an audio option that allows voters to listen to the ballot and make their choices on a keypad. The keypad also includes a "sip and puff" feature.

Voting information

Audiotapes of the "Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet" are available on request. Call 1-222-555-1212 or toll free 1-866-555-1212.



Registration and voting information are available by TTY communication. Call 1-222-555-1222.

You may change your language preference at any time by calling the office or updating your voter registration information using the form at the back of this pamphlet.

Keep your voter information up to date!

Tear off the card at the bottom of this page. Fill in the form on the other side and send it to the Franklin County Elections Department.



Permanent vote by mail	Registration updates	Information preferences
Sign up to vote by mail in every election. You will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot.	Update your name or address to keep your voter registration up to date. Or cancel your voter registration.	You can choose an additional language for voter information materials. Choose to get the official sample ballot by mail, online or by email.

Return address:



Place
1st class
postage
stamp here

Did you sign the other side of your vote-by-mail application?



Franklin County Elections Department
4321 Franklin Avenue
Franklin, CA 99999

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Franklin, CA 99999



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



**You are registered to vote in
Franklin County, California**

Your polling place address:

1234 Terrace Avenue
Suite 201
Franklin, CA 99939

Deliver to voter:

Your Name
17 Highland Terrace
Franklin, CA 99999



**Is this polling
place accessible:**

Yes

Update my voter information

Voter Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: / /

Registered home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

I want to be a permanent vote-by-mail voter
(see page X for more information).

Mailing address (if different from your registered home address)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Country: _____

Please update my voter registration.

My name is misspelled. It should be: _____

I have moved within Franklin County. My new home address is: _____

Please cancel my voter registration.

I have moved out of the state.

The voter named above is deceased.

Other reason: _____

**Change how I get my Sample Ballot & Voter
Information Pamphlet.**

I will get it online. I no longer want to receive it in the mail.

I want to be notified by email: _____

Please send it by mail to my **home address**.

I want my voting materials in this language in addition to the English version.

Spanish (en español)

Chinese (中文)

We must have your signature. Do not print.

I certify under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____