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COUNTY CLERK -RECORDER

DEVELOP A SAFE VOTING PLAN

To keep voters and election workers safe and limit the spread of COVID-19, voters are encouraged to vote the VBM ballot sent to them in the mail. The public health situation is serious, and the virus is expected to remain disruptive throughout this election season. By voting from home, you will ensure safety for not only yourself but others as well.

You can help keep voting locations safe for voters and election workers in these three ways:

1 Skip the Line

Return your voted Vote By Mail ballot **by mail** (no postage necessary), at a secure **VBM Ballot Drop Box**, or at a **Voter Service Center**, which will have separate lines for voters dropping off completed ballots.

Voters who can Vote By Mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations.

2 Vote Early

Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance for four days from October 31st to November 3rd, Election Day.

If you visit a voting location in person, **go before Election Day** to help maintain physical distancing and avoid lines.

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Follow Safety Procedures

Protect your health and the health of other voters and election workers at voting locations by taking the following precautions:

VOTING LOCATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Wear a face covering** while at the voting location.
- Keep 2 arms' length distance** from other people.
- Use hand sanitizer** before entering and after leaving a Voter Service Center.
- Bring your own ballpoint pen** to avoid touching high-contact surfaces.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS

The Help America Vote Act requires first time voters to show identification when voting. If you registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003 and have not previously voted in San Luis Obispo County you may be required to show your current valid photo I.D. or a copy of one of the following that shows your name and address when you go to the polls on election day: Current Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Government Check, Government Paycheck or a Government Document. The same requirement applies if you are voting by mail. You will be required to send a copy of one of the above with your voted Vote By Mail ballot. If you have questions about your status as a First Time Voter, contact us.