

A weighty proposition: Nearly 100K votes already cast in San Joaquin County in special election

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The San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters expects another smooth election next week as voters decide whether or not to draw new congressional district boundaries.

Registrar Olivia Hale said her staff is currently reviewing all final details for election night and addressing any final items.

Staff is also ensuring all ballots that are in-house are processed and ready to be tabulated by 8 p.m. on Nov. 4.

When polls close, the ROV will begin reporting results of for vote-by-mail ballots received through Saturday, Nov. 1 promptly at 8 p.m.

Early voting ballot results will also be reported that night, providing a snapshot of those who voted ahead of Nov. 4. Results will then be updated every two hours until all ballots cast at polling places are counted.

Hale said as of Thursday, there were 95,846 vote-by-mail ballots processed and ready for tabulation.

After election night, the ROV will release its next round of results by 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7. Subsequent updates will be made each Monday, Wednesday and Friday by 7 p.m. until the election canvass is complete.

The process includes verifying and counting all remaining vote-by-mail and provisional ballots, as well as any other ballots requiring additional verification to ensure every vote is counted.

The ROV plans to certify results on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

“Our primary goal is to conduct an election that is both accurate and transparent,” Hale said. “We understand the importance of timely updates, but we also emphasize the need for careful and thorough counting procedures. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring that every vote is counted and that the results reflect the will of the voters.”

There will be 128 polling locations, across the county, with 14 in Lodi and three in Acampo. Lockeford, Thornton and Clements will each have one polling place.

In addition, there are 20 drop boxes across the county, two of which will be in Lodi at the Grape Festival grounds at 413 E. Lockeford St. and Lomeli Gardens at 10968 Highway 99 Frontage Road.

There will also be drop boxes at Viaggio Estate and Winery, 100 East Taddei Road in Acampo; Clements Country Market at 18830 East Highway 88 in Clements; and Young's Payless IGA, 18980 N. Highway 88 in Lockeford.

Each drop box location will be monitored by EarthCam, which will provide 24-hour live streaming, Hale said.

The Nov. 4 election asks voters to cast ballots in favor of or against Proposition 50, which authorizes temporary changes to the state's congressional district maps to give five additional seats to Democrats.

Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed redrawing district boundaries this summer in response to President Donald Trump's push to implement a similar effort in Texas to give Republican five more congressional seats.

If approved, the new boundaries would split the county into five districts for the June 2, 2026 election.

The new 9th District would include the cities of Manteca, Tracy, Pittsburg, Antioch and Oakley, and a portion of north Stockton north of Mormon Slough and west of Wilson Way.

A chunk of north and central Lodi bordered by Kettleman Lane in the south, Cherokee Lane in the east and Lower Sacramento Road in the west would be in a new 7th District, along with Galt, Elk Grove, Wilton, Sloughouse, Clements, Linden, Farmington and West Sacramento.

The remainder of Lodi would be in a new District 8 with Isleton, Rio Vista, Dixon, Vacaville, Fairfield, Vallejo, Richmond and Hercules.

The southeastern portion of the county would be included the the 5th District with Calaveras, Amador, Alpine, Mono, Inyo, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and eastern Madera and Fresno counties.

Residents can visit sjgov.org to view real-time results and updates beginning at 8p.m. on Nov. 4. For more information contact the ROV at Registrar@sjgov.org or 209-468-8683.

"The San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters office thanks all voters, volunteers, and staff for their participation and hard work in upholding democracy," Hale said. We look forward to a successful election and the timely reporting of results."