

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**





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## INPUT SOUGHT FOR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES

The County of Santa Cruz invites community members to take part in a series of meetings on local voting and elections administration, including providing input on the voting preferences and ways to increase voter participation in future elections.

As elections evolve under the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), the County Clerk/Elections is seeking to better understand voter behavior and preferences. While the VCA model offers flexibility including increased early voting and the option to cast a ballot at any vote center, many voters are still choosing to vote near home and close to Election Day similar to the traditional polling place model. These meetings are an opportunity to hear directly from voters about when and how they cast their ballots, what accessibility services matter most to them, and how they prefer to receive information about upcoming elections. Feedback helps ensure services are effective, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of our community.

Light snacks and bilingual staff will be available at each meeting. For more information email info@votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov OR call (831) 454-2060.

## IN-PERSON COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Monday, June 16

4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Aptos Public Library 7695 Soquel Dr. Aptos Monday, June 23

6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Simpkins Swim Center,
979 17th Ave.
Santa Cruz

Tuesday, July 1

4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Scotts Valley Library 251 Kings Village Rd., Scotts Valley