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## Voter Information Guide

## Guía de Información para el Votante

# Scotts Valley Unified School District Election

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

Ballots will be mailed September 25 to all voters.

# Elección del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Scotts Valley

**Martes, 24 de octubre de 2023**

Las boletas se enviarán por correo el 25 de septiembre a todos los votantes

← **In-person voting locations and hours with ballot.**

← **Lugares de votación en persona y horas con la boleta.**

### **Santa Cruz County Elections Department**

701 Ocean Street, Room 310, Santa Cruz  
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Dear Voter,

In this guide you will find the information for Measure V. You will also find information on how to return your vote-by-mail ballot or how to vote in-person.

In this packet you will also find two cards, the first has instructions and the second card is your official ballot.

While we want to encourage you to vote from home using the ballot we mail you, you may need to vote in-person. Our office will be open for voting starting on September 25 and we will have another location that will be open Tuesday, October 24. At these locations you can obtain a second ballot, drop off your voted ballot, vote an accessible ballot on the tablet, vote a Spanish ballot on the tablet, register and vote on the same day, vote provisionally, or any other voter service.

Additionally, postage is paid on the vote-by-mail ballot envelopes. Or instead of returning your ballot by mail, we encourage you to drop it off at one of the ballot drop boxes available 24/7 – locations are listed in this guide and on our website at **[www.votescount.us](http://www.votescount.us)**.

We are here to help and answer your questions. Please call us at 831-454-2060 or email **[info@votescount.us](mailto:info@votescount.us)**.

Your vote counts! Thank you for being a voter!

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department

Estimado votante,

En esta guía encontrará la información para la Medida V. También encontrará información sobre cómo devolver su boleta de voto por correo o cómo votar en persona.

En este paquete también encontrará dos tarjetas, la primera tiene instrucciones y la segunda tarjeta es su boleta oficial.

Si bien queremos alentarle a votar desde su hogar utilizando la boleta que le enviamos por correo, es posible que deba votar en persona. Nuestra oficina estará abierta para votar a partir del 25 de septiembre y tendremos otro lugar que abrirá el martes 24 de octubre. En estos lugares puede obtener una segunda boleta, dejar su boleta votada, votar una boleta accesible en la tableta, votar una boleta en español en la tableta, registrarse y votar el mismo día, votar provisionalmente o cualquier otro servicio electoral.

Además, gastos de envío para votar por correo son prepagados. O en lugar de enviar su boleta por correo, lo animamos a dejar su boleta en uno de los buzones para boletas electorales disponibles las 24 horas, 7 días de la semana – las localidades se enumeran en esta guía y en nuestra página web en **[www.votescount.us](http://www.votescount.us)**.

Estamos aquí para ayudarlo y responder sus preguntas. Llámenos al 831-454-2060 o envíe un correo electrónico a **[info@votescount.us](mailto:info@votescount.us)**.

¡Tu voto cuenta! ¡Gracias por ser un votante!

Departamento de Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elecciones

# 2 ways to vote

## Vote using the ballot mailed to you

County elections will mail a ballot to all active registered voters by September 25. If you spoil your ballot, see back cover on how to obtain a replacement. You may also sign up to have your ballot emailed to you.

To return your ballot, mail it, drop it off at any drop box or voting location or deliver it to the County Elections office by 8pm, Tuesday, October 24.

If you mail it, make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before **October 17**. Mail it early or walk it into the post office and get your ballot envelope postmarked.

For more details, see **page 4**.

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## Vote in person

You may vote in person beginning on **September 25**.

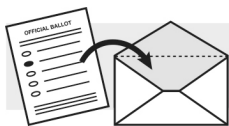
Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office  
701 Ocean St Room 310, Santa Cruz

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Tuesday, October 24: 7am to 8pm

You may also vote in person at the VoteMobile on October 24, 7am to 8pm

Cavallero Transit Center (Scotts Valley Metro)  
246 Kings Village Rd, Scotts Valley

Any voter can go to either location to: obtain a second ballot, drop off your ballot, register and vote on the same day, use the tablet to vote an accessible ballot or Spanish ballot, or any other voter service.



## How to return the ballot mailed to you

### Ballots will be mailed to all voters for this election.

County elections will mail a ballot to all active registered voters by September 25. Once you get your ballot:

1. Mark it by filling in the bubble to the left of your choice. Voting is not a test, you do not have to vote on every issue.
2. Sign the envelope with your name and address on it in your own handwriting and print your name, address, and a way to contact you, and
3. Drop it off or mail it.

### How to return your vote-by-mail ballot



Drop it off at one of the 24/7 drop boxes.

Scotts Valley City Hall Parking Lot – 1 Civic Center Dr. Scotts Valley  
County Government Center Parking Lot – 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz



Deliver your ballot to the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office.  
701 Ocean St. Room 310 Santa Cruz



Drop off your ballot at any voting location open October 24.

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office, 701 Ocean St. Room 310  
Santa Cruz

Cavallero Transit Center (Scotts Valley Metro)  
246 Kings Village Rd



Mail your ballot, so that it is postmarked on or before Election Day,  
October 24.



## How to vote in person

All voters will be mailed a ballot for the October 24, 2023, Scotts Valley Unified School District Election.

However, in-person voting locations will be available for voters to:

- Obtain a replacement ballot
- Register and vote on the same day
- Vote an accessible ballot on the tablet
- Vote a Spanish ballot on the tablet
- Drop off their voted ballot
- Any other voter service

Starting September 25, the Santa Cruz County Elections Office will open for voting and other voter services.

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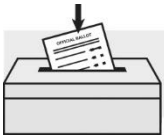
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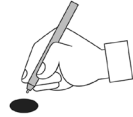
Any voter can go to any location.



## How to vote a paper ballot

### Mark your ballot

Fill in the bubble to the left of your choice.



Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.

**Do not sign your name** on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

### Check your ballot carefully

If you make a mistake, and you are voting from home, call us at 831-454-2060 or email us at [2ndballot@votescount.us](mailto:2ndballot@votescount.us) and we will mail you a new ballot. If you are voting in person, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

- Vote for only one replacement candidate.
- Always fill in the bubble on a write-in vote.

### Return your voted ballot

Deposit your ballot into the ballot box. Your ballot will be scanned and counted at the Elections Office located at 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, in Santa Cruz.



## How to vote with the tablet to mark your ballot

At the voting location, you can choose to use the tablet to mark a paper ballot or use a pen to mark a paper ballot.

The tablet serves as a marking device that will print the voter's choices on a piece of paper that is the ballot. All voters – including those with disabilities – can vote privately and independently.

### 1. Tell the election officer you want to use the tablet

- The election officer will give you a ticket.
- Take it to the tablet area.
- When it is your turn, an election officer will activate the tablet so you can vote.



### 2. Mark your ballot

- Touch the box to the right of your choices. A check mark will appear in the box.
- To change your vote, touch the box again.



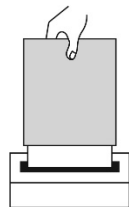
### 3. Print your ballot

- Touch the screen to print your ballot.
- Your choices are printed on the ballot for you to review.



### 4. Deposit your ballot in the ballot box

- Take your ballot to the ballot box station.
- Deposit your ballot into the ballot box.







## Accessible Voting

### **At the voting location**

In some voting locations, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props are used to improve access to the facility.

### **Curbside voting**

If the voting location is not accessible, you may vote on a paper or an electronic ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. An election officer will qualify you to vote and will return the voted ballot to the voting location.

To request curbside voting assistance, you can:

- call in advance to coordinate a time and place
- have an assistant make the request inside the voting location

### **Accessible voting system**

Each voting location in the county has a tablet with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- a universal plug for personal assistive device
- large print (24 points)
- a choice of English or Spanish

### **A ride to your voting location**

We can arrange to have an accessible van pick you up and take you to a voting location in Santa Cruz County to vote. Please call 831-454-2060 by Friday, October 17 to make an appointment.

### **Ballot delivery to your home**

We can deliver a ballot to your home and return it to the Elections Department. Please call 831-454-2060 before Election Day so there will be enough time to assist you.

## Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail Ballot (RAVBM)

The RAVBM system allows voters to download and mark your ballot privately and independently using your own assistive technology, select the language for your ballot, print your marked ballot, sign your return envelope, and return it to the Elections Office to be counted.

RAVBM is not “internet voting.” You must print and return your marked ballot. RAVBM used to be limited to military/overseas voters and voters with disabilities, but due to a new law any voter may request a RAVBM.



**You must request your RAVBM ballot by 7pm on October 24.**

### How to vote from home (accessibly!) with RAVBM:

- 1. Request an RAVBM ballot access link by 7pm on October 24**  
Request a RAVBM ballot online at [www.votescount.us](http://www.votescount.us) or contact the elections office by phone at 831-454-2060, or by email at [vbm@votescount.us](mailto:vbm@votescount.us).
- 2. Mark your ballot**  
Use the access link to open your ballot. Review and mark the ballot on your own computer, with your own assistive technology if needed.
- 3. Review and print your ballot**  
Check your ballot and make corrections. Download and print your ballot.
- 4. Seal and sign the ballot envelope**  
Put your RAVBM ballot in the envelope you received in the mail. Sign the voter's declaration (punched holes tell you where to sign). Seal the envelope. If you don't have the envelope we sent you, use your own envelope and sign the outside, print your name, write your address, and provide a way to contact you. You can use a second envelope if you don't want your information exposed.
- 5. Return your ballot – see page 4.**

### How to request assistance

To request any of these options, or for assistance with accessible voting:



Phone Santa Cruz County Elections: 831-454-2060



Disability Rights California operates a statewide Voting Hotline year-round 1-888-569-7955 TDD: 711



## Language services

The Santa Cruz County Multilingual Voter Services program was established to provide services to voters who need language assistance.

The following election materials will be translated into Spanish and will be available at all our voting locations:

- A copy of the ballot
- Voting Instructions
- Voter Bill of Rights
- As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your voting location to help you cast your ballot if those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your voting location may have election officers ready to assist you who speak Spanish.

### Spanish ballot will be mailed to you

Since all voters will be mailed a ballot for this election, we will also mail you a copy of your ballot in Spanish. It will be in a separate mailing from your official ballot.

### Background

California law requires the Secretary of State, in January before the primary election for Governor, to identify which precincts have 3% or more of the voting-age residents who are members of a single language minority and lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance.



For more information in English, please call 831-454-2060

Para más información en español, por favor llame al 831-454-2060

若需更多中文資訊，請致電 831-454-5137

Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 831-454-5135

# 2 formas de votar

## Vote usando la boleta que se le envió por correo

Las elecciones del condado enviarán por correo una boleta a todos los votantes registrados activos el 25 de septiembre. Si estropea su boleta, vea la contraportada sobre cómo obtener un reemplazo. También puede inscribirse para que le envíen su boleta por correo electrónico.

Para devolver su boleta, déjela en cualquier buzón o lugar de votación, entréguela en la oficina de Elecciones del Condado antes de las 8 pm del martes 24 de octubre.

Si la envía por correo, asegúrese de que su boleta tenga el matasellos del **17 de octubre** o antes. Envíela temprano o camine hasta la oficina de correos y obtenga el matasellos en el sobre de la boleta.

Para obtener más detalles, vea la **página 12**.

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## Votar en persona

Puede votar en persona a partir del **25 de septiembre**.

La oficina de Elecciones del Condado  
701 Ocean St Room 310, Santa Cruz

25 de septiembre a 20 de octubre: lunes a martes de 8am a 5pm.

Sábado, 21 de octubre: 9am a 5pm

Domingo, 22 de octubre: 9am a 5pm

Lunes, 23 de octubre: 8am a 5pm

Martes, 24 de octubre: 7am a 8pm

También puede votar en persona en VoteMobile el 24 de octubre, de 7am a 8pm

Cavallero Transit Center (Scotts Valley Metro)  
246 Kings Village Rd, Scotts Valley

Cualquier votante puede ir a cualquier lugar para: obtener una segunda boleta, entregar su boleta, registrarse y votar el mismo día, usar la tableta para votar en una boleta accesible o en una boleta en español, o cualquier otro servicio electoral.



## Cómo devolver la boleta que se le envió por correo

### Las boletas se enviarán por correo a todos los votantes para esta elección.

Las elecciones del condado enviarán por correo una boleta a todos los votantes registrados activos el 25 de septiembre. Una vez que obtenga su boleta:

1. Márquelo llenando el óvalo a la izquierda de sus opciones. Votar no es una prueba, no tienes que votar en todos los temas.
2. Firme el sobre con su nombre y dirección con su propia letra e imprima su nombre, dirección y una forma de contactarlo, y
3. Déjelo o envíelo por correo.

### Cómo devolver su boleta de voto por correo



Déjelo en uno de los buzones de entrega 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana.

Scotts Valley City Hall Parking Lot – 1 Civic Center Dr. Scotts Valley  
County Government Center Parking Lot – 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz



Entregue su boleta a la oficina de Elecciones/Secretario del  
Condado de Santa Cruz. 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz



Entregue su boleta en cualquier lugar de votación abierto del 24 de  
octubre.

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Office, 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz  
Cavallero Transit Center (Scotts Valley Metro)  
246 Kings Village Rd.



Envíe su boleta de manera que tenga matasellos del 24 de octubre o  
antes del día de las elecciones.



## Como votar en persona

Todos los votantes recibirán por correo una boleta para las 24 de octubre de 2023, Elección de Scotts Valley Unified School District.

Sin embargo, habrá lugares de votación en persona disponibles para que los votantes:

- Obtenga una boleta de reemplazo
- Regístrese y vote el mismo día
- Vote una boleta accesible en la tableta
- Vote una boleta en español en la tableta
- Entregar su boleta votada
- Cualquier otro servicio electoral

A partir del 25 de septiembre, la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz y estará abierta para la votación y otros servicios para los votantes.

La oficina de Elecciones/Secretario del Condado de Santa Cruz  
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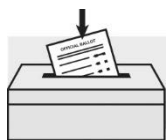
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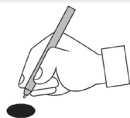
También puede votar en persona en VoteMobile el 24 de octubre, 7am a 8pm.

Cavallero Transit Center (Scotts Valley Metro)  
246 Kings Village Rd., Scotts Valley

Cualquier votante puede acudir a cualquier lugar.



# Cómo votar por boleta electoral de papel



## Marque su boleta

Rellena la burbuja a la izquierda de su elección.

Use un bolígrafo con tinta azul o negra solamente. No utilice bolígrafo de tinta roja, Sharpies, marcadores o ningún otro tipo de bolígrafo.

**No firme su nombre en su boleta**, no escriba sus iniciales, no escriba otras palabras o hacer algún otro tipo de marca en la boleta que ha completado.

## Revise su boleta cuidadosamente

Si comete un error y está votando desde casa, llámenos al 831-454-2060 o envíenos un correo electrónico a [2ndballot@votescount.us](mailto:2ndballot@votescount.us) y le enviaremos una nueva boleta por correo. Si está votando en persona, pídale a un trabajador electoral una nueva boleta.

- Vote solo por uno candidatos sustitutos.
- Siempre rellene la burbuja incluso en un “voto escrito”.

## Devuelva su boleta votada

Deposite su boleta en la urna. Su boleta será escaneada y contada en la Oficina de Elecciones ubicada en 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, en Santa Cruz.



## Cómo votar por boleta electrónica

En el lugar de votación usted puede elegir usar la tableta para marcar una boleta de papel o usar un bolígrafo para marcar una boleta de papel.

La tableta sirve como un dispositivo de marcado que imprimirá las elecciones del votante en un papel que es la boleta. Todos los votantes, incluyendo aquellos con discapacidades, pueden votar de forma privada e independiente.

### 1. Dígale al trabajador electoral que quiere usar una tableta para votar

- El trabajador electoral le entregará un boleto.
- Llévelo al área de la tableta.
- Cuando sea su turno, el trabajador electoral activará la tableta para que usted pueda votar.



### 2. Marcar su boleta

- Toque la casilla junto a la derecha de sus elecciones. Aparecerá una marca de verificación en el cuadro.
- Para cambiar su voto, toque el cuadro nuevamente.



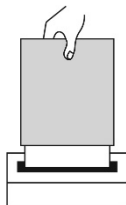
### 3. Imprima su boleta

- Toque la pantalla para imprimir su boleta.
- Sus elecciones están impresas en la boleta junto para que las revise.



### 4. Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral

- Lleve su boleta a la estación de urnas electorales.
- Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral.







## Como votar por voto accesible

### En el lugar de votación

En algunas mesas electorales, umbrales temporales, rampas, señales, conos, y sostenes para las puertas, se utilizan para mejorar el acceso a las instalaciones.

### Votar en la acera

Si su lugar de votación no es accesible, usted puede votar por boleta de papel o electrónica desde un lugar cercano y accesible, incluyendo de un vehículo. Un trabajador electoral lo calificara para votar y entregara su boleta completa al lugar de votación.

Para solicitar asistencia para votar en la acera, usted puede:

- llamar por adelantado para coordinar la hora y el lugar.
- pedir a un asistente que haga la solicitud dentro del lugar de votación.

### Equipo accesible para votar

Cada centro de lugar de votación en este condado tiene una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar con:

- una opción de audio que lee la boleta para usted
- un enchufe universal para dispositivos de asistencia personal
- letra grande (24 puntos)
- la opción de inglés o español

### Transporte a su lugar de votación

Podemos hacer arreglos para enviar una camioneta con accesibilidad para recogerle a usted y llevarle al centro de lugar de votación para votar. Por favor llame al 831-454-2060 antes del viernes 17 de octubre para programar una cita.

### Entrega de boleta a su domicilio

Podemos entregar la boleta a su domicilio y regresarla al departamento de elecciones. Por favor llame al 831-454-2060 antes del día de la elección para asegurar que haya suficiente tiempo para proveerle asistencia.

## Boleta de voto por correo de acceso remoto (RAVBM)

El sistema RAVBM permite a los votantes con discapacidades descargar y marcar su boleta de forma privada e independiente utilizando su propia tecnología de asistencia, seleccione el idioma de su boleta. imprimir su boleta marcada, firmar su sobre de devolución y devolverlo a la Oficina de Elecciones para que sea contado.

RAVBM no es "votación por Internet". Debe imprimir y devolver su boleta marcada. RAVBM solía estar limitado a votantes militares / extranjeros y votantes con discapacidades, pero debido a la nueva ley cualquier votante puede solicitar un RAVBM.



## Debe solicitar su boleta RAVBM antes de las 7pm del 24 de octubre.

### Cómo votar desde casa (¡de forma accesible!) con RAVBM:

- 1. Solicite un enlace de acceso a la boleta RAVBM antes de las 7pm del 24 de octubre.** Solicite una boleta de votación RAVBM en línea en [www.votescount.us](http://www.votescount.us) o comuníquese con la oficina de elecciones por teléfono al 831-454-2060, o por correo electrónico a [vbm@votescount.us](mailto:vbm@votescount.us).
- 2. Marque su boleta**  
Utilice el enlace de acceso para abrir su boleta. Revise y marque la boleta en su propia computadora, con su propia tecnología de asistencia si es necesario.
- 3. Revise e imprima su boleta**  
Revise su boleta y haga correcciones. Descargue e imprima su boleta.
- 4. Selle y firme el sobre de la papeleta**  
Coloque su boleta de la RAVBM en el sobre que recibió por correo. Firme la declaración de votante (los agujeros perforados le indican dónde firmar). Selle el sobre. Si no tiene el sobre que le enviamos, use su propio sobre y firme el exterior, escriba su nombre, escriba su dirección y proporcione una forma de contactarlo. Puede utilizar un segundo sobre si no desea que se exponga su información.
- 5. Devuelva su boleta – vea a pagina 12.**

### Como solicitar asistencia

Para solicitar cualquiera de estas opciones o para obtener ayuda con la votación accesible:



Teléfono Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz: 831-454-2060



Disability Rights California operará una línea directa de votación en todo el estado durante todo el año: 1-888-569-7955 TDD: 711



## Servicios de idiomas

El programa de Servicios de Votante Multilingüe del Condado de Santa Cruz se estableció para proporcionar servicios a los votantes que necesitan asistencia con el idioma.

Los siguientes materiales electorales se traducirán al español y estarán disponibles en todos nuestros centros de votación:

- Una copia de la boleta
- Instrucciones de votación
- Declaración de derechos del votante
- Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación emplea trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

### Se le enviará la boleta en español

Dado que todos los votantes recibirán una boleta para esta elección, también le enviaremos una copia de su boleta en español. Estará en un envío por correo separado de su boleta oficial.

### Fondo

La ley de California requiere que el Secretario de Estado, en enero antes de la elección primaria del Gobernador, identifique qué precintos tienen el 3% o más de los residentes en edad de votar que son miembros de una minoría de un solo idioma y carecen de las habilidades suficientes para votar en inglés sin asistencia.



For more information in English, please call 831-454-2060

Para más información en español, por favor llame al 831-454-2060

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Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 831-454-5135





# Measure V – Scotts Valley Unified School District Parcel Tax

## Ballot question

To attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff, strengthen programs in math, science, technology, arts, and reading, and maintain counselors and mental health services, shall the Scotts Valley Unified School District measure renewing the expiring school parcel tax be adopted at the rate of \$168 per parcel for seven years, generating nearly \$1M annually of 100% locally controlled Scotts Valley school funding, with senior and disability exemptions, independent citizen oversight, and no administrative salaries?

## Pregunta de Boleta

Para atraer y retener a maestros y personal altamente calificados, fortalecer los programas de matemáticas, ciencias, tecnología, artes y lectura, y mantener los consejeros y los servicios de salud mental, ¿debe adoptarse la medida del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Scotts Valley que renueve el impuesto a las parcelas escolares que se vence la tasa de \$168 por parcela durante siete años, generando casi \$ 1 millón anualmente de fondos escolares 100% controlados localmente en Scotts Valley, con exenciones para personas mayores y discapacitadas, supervisión ciudadana independiente y sin salarios administrativos?

## What your vote means

YES	NO
A “Yes” vote is a vote to authorize a parcel tax of \$168 annually for seven years, from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2031.	A “No” vote is a vote against the parcel.

## For and against Measure V

<p><b>FOR</b></p> <p><b>Roger Snyder</b>, Trustee, Scotts Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees</p> <p><b>Jack Dilles</b>, Mayor of Scotts Valley</p> <p><b>Cheryl Ruyle*</b>, Co-President, Scotts Valley Education Association</p> <p><b>David Hodgin</b>, President, Scotts Valley Senior Life Association</p> <p><b>Lindsey Rice</b>, Past President, Brook Knoll PTO and Co-Leader, SV Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Allyship Community Group</p>
<p><b>AGAINST</b></p> <p><b>No argument against was filed</b></p>

Titles used by argument signers are for identification purposes only and does not necessarily reflect the position of the organization in question. If an asterisk (\*) follows a name, it means the person is signing on behalf of agency/organization.



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Arguments and replies are the opinions of the authors. We print them exactly as submitted, including errors.

### Argument for Measure V

**Measure V allows Scotts Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) to maintain important educational and mental health programs.** This measure supports student success and well-being by enabling SVUSD to:

- Pay competitive wages that attract and retain high quality teachers, staff, and counselors;
- Offer a variety of academic and extra-curricular programs; and
- Provide counseling and mental health supports.

### Adopting Measure V will:

- Enable a seven-year, \$168/year parcel tax;
- Replace our current parcel tax of \$108/year - the increase is only \$5 per month; and
- **Raise nearly \$1M per year of 100% locally-controlled funds for Scotts Valley schools**

**A yes vote on Measure V helps ensure SVUSD students, families, and our community have the strong school system we all want.** This additional local funding is needed because:

- SVUSD is one of the lowest-funded districts in California because it qualifies for very little need-based funding.
- State budget surpluses that recently boosted salaries have run out; and
- SVUSD must compete with nearby school districts that receive more state funding and carry significant local parcel taxes to retain and attract excellent staff and teachers.

**Measure V helps our schools overcome these funding challenges.** Hiring and retaining excellent staff protects our academic programs and mental health supports.

**Voting yes on Measure V is the fiscally responsible choice** because

- Revenue will fund salaries for teachers, staff and counselors - not administrators;
- Those over 65 or receiving disability can apply for exemption;
- Expenditures will be audited by an independent citizen committee; and
- Strong schools protect property values.

High quality schools are a vital community investment, providing support for our youth, as well as athletics and art events for everyone. We ask Scotts Valley



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residents to continue their support for teachers, schools, and our community. Join us - **Vote Yes on Measure V.**

[www.supportourscottsvalleyschools.com](http://www.supportourscottsvalleyschools.com)

**Roger Snyder**, Trustee, Scotts Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees

**Jack Dilles**, Mayor of Scotts Valley

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**Lindsey Rice**, Past President, Brook Knoll PTO and Co-Leader, SV Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Allyship Community Group

### Argument against Measure V

No argument against Measure A was filed.

### Impartial Analysis of Measure V

**Jason M. Heath**, County Counsel

**By: Ruby Márquez**, Chief Assistant County Counsel

Under the California Constitution and other related state laws, school districts may levy a parcel tax if approved by at least 66 percent (two-thirds) of voters within the boundaries of that district. Parcel taxes are paid equally by all property owners, regardless of the size or value of the real property.

Measure V was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Scotts Valley Unified School District (“the District”). The District proposes a parcel tax in the amount of \$168 per parcel annually for a period of seven years, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2031. The District anticipates this tax would raise \$1,000,000 annually.

Within the full body of this proposed measure, the District has included a description of how these funds will be spent. The stated purposes are:

- Attracting and retaining highly qualified and experienced teachers and staff;
- Strengthening programs in math, science, reading, technology, and the arts; and
- Maintaining counselors and mental health services.

School parcel taxes are not permitted by law to be used for administrators’ salaries, benefits, or pensions. The District has also indicated that the funds raised will not be used for capital or operational expenses.



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Additionally, the law requires the District to follow certain accountability provisions during the duration of the parcel tax. This includes creating a separate, special account into which the proceeds of the tax shall be deposited. The District also will be required to publish an annual report that contains information about the amount of taxes collected and expended as well as the status of any projects or programs funded by these proceeds. Finally, the District will establish an independent parcel tax oversight committee to review the expenditures of the parcel tax revenues.

If the measure passes, certain property owners may request an exemption from paying the parcel tax by submitting an application by June 30 of any year to the District. This may include persons who are 65 years of age or older, and recipients of Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) for a disability regardless of age, who use their parcel solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes.

In 2018, voters in this District approved Measure A, authorizing a parcel tax in the amount of \$108 per parcel for a period of five years, which began July 1, 2019, and will expire on June 30, 2024.

A “yes” vote on Measure V is a vote to authorize a parcel tax of \$168 annually for seven years, from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2031.

A “no” vote on Measure V is a vote against the parcel tax.

### Full text of Measure V

#### **TO MAINTAIN HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION AND RETAIN HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND STAFF IN THE SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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##### **INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

To attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff, strengthen programs in math, science, technology, arts, and reading, and maintain counselors and mental health services, the Scotts Valley Unified School District (the “District”) proposes to establish an education parcel tax measure for a period of seven years beginning July 1, 2024 at the rate of \$168 per year, on each assessor’s parcel located within the Scotts Valley Unified School District, with an exemption available for any taxpayer 65 years or older and any taxpayer receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, with no funds for administrator salaries or benefits, raising nearly \$1 million annually in funding for Scotts Valley Unified School District that can’t be taken away by the State and to implement accountability measures that are over and above those required by law, including the appointment of an independent citizen oversight committee to provide oversight and accountability to ensure the funds are used to:



- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; and
- Strengthen programs in math, science, technology, arts, and reading; and
- Maintain counselors and mental health services.

### **AMOUNT OF EDUCATION PARCEL TAX; PERIOD OF ASSESSMENT**

The education parcel tax shall be \$168 per year for seven (7) full years assessed against each parcel.

The proceeds of the education parcel tax shall be deposited into a separate account created by the District.

### **DEFINITION OF “PARCEL”**

For purposes of the special tax, the term “parcel” of taxable real property means any unit of real property which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Scotts Valley Unified School District that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the Santa Cruz County Assessor/Tax Collector. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no ad valorem property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the education parcel tax in such year.

### **EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS AND SSI RECIPIENTS**

As authorized by California Government Code section 50079 (b), taxpayers 65 years of age or older or taxpayers receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, for a parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, may obtain an exemption from the levy of the education parcel tax by submitting an application of such owners or persons by June 30 of any year of the measure. Any exemption granted shall remain in effect over the life of the measure unless voluntarily rescinded or until the taxpayer becomes ineligible. If the taxpayer becomes ineligible for the exemption for any reason, a new exemption may be granted in the same manner.

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the Santa Cruz County Assessor/Tax Collector, or other appropriate County tax officials shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding.

With respect to matters specific to the levy of the education parcel tax, including the senior citizen and SSI exemption for a disability and the classification of property for purposes of calculating the tax, the decisions of an administrative panel established by the District Board shall be advisory only. Said administrative appeal panel shall be composed of three (3) members who serve two-year terms, without compensation. Panel members shall be appointed by majority vote of the Board and include the following persons residing within the District:

- (a) One member who is a taxpayer in the District and active in a service organization operating within the District;
- (b) One member who is a taxpayer in the District and active in a senior citizens organization; and

- (c) One member who is a taxpayer in the District and not a member of either (a) or (b).

No employee or official of the District may be appointed to the panel; however, the District Superintendent shall assign a paid District employee to provide support to the committee. Meetings of the panel shall be open to the public, with notice provided in the same manner as for meetings of the District's Board. The panel shall issue timely written reports of its determinations to the Board of Trustees and its proceedings and reports shall be available to the public, including availability to the public via the internet.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES**

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the education parcel tax levied in accordance with this Measure: (a) the specific purposes of the education parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the education parcel tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes identified above; (c) a separate, special account shall be created into which the proceeds of the education parcel tax must be deposited; and (d) an annual written report shall be made to the District's Board showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the education parcel tax and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the education parcel tax, as identified above; and (e) the district shall appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee to review the expenditures of the education parcel tax.

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If you need a replacement ballot, you may request one by Oct. 17:

- Online at [www.votescount.us](http://www.votescount.us)
- By phone at 831-454-2060
- Fill out the application below and mail or bring it to 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz CA 95060 or FAX to 831-454-2445.

*Si necesita una boleta de reemplazo, puede solicitar una antes de 17 de oct:*

- *en línea a [www.votescount.us](http://www.votescount.us)*
- *por teléfono a 831-454-2060*
- *Complete la solicitud a continuación y envíela por correo o tráigala a 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz CA 95060 o FAX al 831-454-2445.*

- I spoiled my ballot - *Estropeé mi papeleta*
- I request a Remote Accessible Vote by Mail ballot. You must provide an email below. We will email you a ballot, you will vote it and print it, then return it in the envelope we provide or use your own envelope. - *Solicito una boleta de voto por correo accesible a distancia. Debe proporcionar un correo electrónico a continuación. Le enviaremos una boleta por correo electrónico, la votará e imprimirá, luego la devolverá en el sobre que proporcionamos o usaremos su propio sobre.*
- I request my election materials in Spanish. *Solicito mis materiales electorales en español.*

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Read and sign – I am registered to vote in Santa Cruz County. I have not applied for any other vote-by-mail ballot for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under California state law that the information above is true and correct. *Lea y firme – Soy votante inscrito en el Condado de Santa Cruz. No he solicitado ninguna otra boleta de votar por correo para esta elección. Certifico bajo pena de perjurio según las leyes del Estado de California que la información anterior es verdadera y correcta.*

<b>X</b>	
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**Voter's signature (as registered)**

**Firma del votante (tal como la registró para votar)**

**Date**

**Fecha**