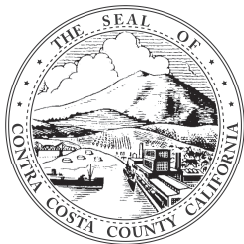


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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Consolidated Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2013



Joseph E. Canciamilla
County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters
555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553
925.335.7800
www.cocovote.us



POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.

Polling Place

Please check the back of this booklet for your polling place location.

Election Information Online

Visit Contra Costa County Web Page at: www.cocovote.us
or the Secretary of State Web Page at: www.sos.ca.gov

Poll Worker

If you would like to serve as a poll worker, email EO.Recruitment@vote.cccounty.us or call Contra Costa Registrar of Voters Office at 925.335.7800.

Información en Español

Para obtener información en español sobre el proceso de votación, visite nuestro sitio web: www.cocovote.us o llame por teléfono 925.335.7800 o sin cargo al 877.335.7802.



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925.335.7893 fax

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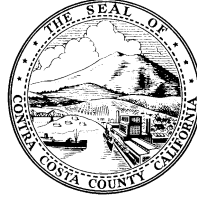
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Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department

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County Clerk-Recorder
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Deborah Cooper
Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

Scott Konopasek
County Assistant Registrar



September 2013

Dear Voter,

Our office has recently made some changes to improve your voting experience. These improvements streamline some of the processes and provide access to information in an updated format. We hope these changes work toward our continual goal of providing the best election support possible.

- The Sample Ballot is in a new booklet format. This publication provides information regarding the elective offices and measures within your voting precinct. This booklet replaces the individual inserts you received in the past for each race or measure.
- Our redesigned website makes it easier to browse and search and also provides you with helpful information and resources. It should be easier to request to be a Vote-by-Mail voter and to track your ballot online.
- We have restructured many precincts and voting locations to make them more convenient and consistent. Standardizing voting locations will reduce the confusion that is caused when polling places are moved between elections.

We are interested to hear about your experience with our improvements. If you have any questions, comments or wish to provide feedback concerning these changes, please email our office at candidate.services@vote.cccounty.us or call us at 925.335.7874.

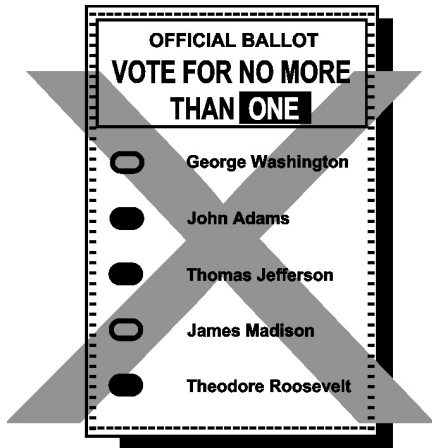
Thank you for your participation in the voting process!

Sincerely,

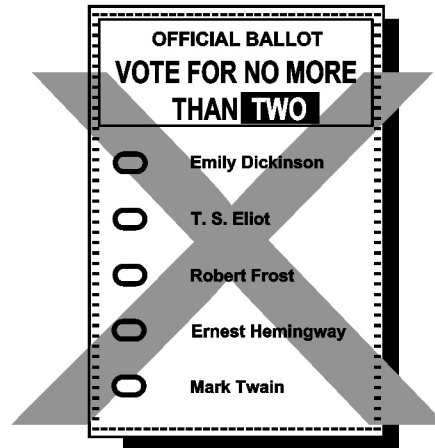
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Joseph E. Canciamilla
County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters

Your choices do make a difference. Check them Carefully.

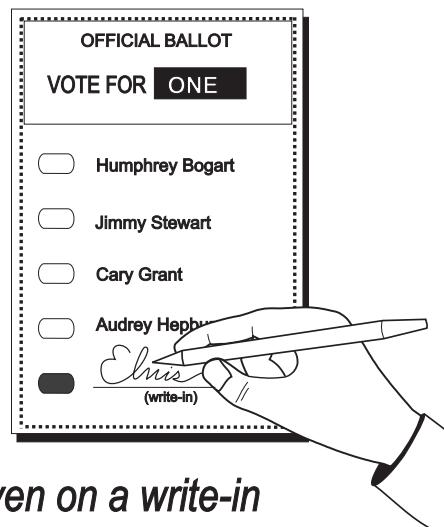
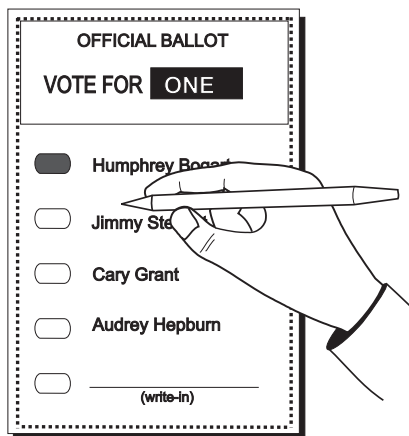


**Don't vote
for too many**



**Don't vote
for too few**

Vote for the number allowed



Always completely fill in oval, even on a write-in

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
OFFICIAL BALLOT
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

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Tear out

Remove this sheet to separate your Sample Ballot from your Voter Information Pamphlet.

Tear out

SAMPLE BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

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<p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To vote, completely fill-in the oval <input type="radio"/> to the left of the name of the candidate or to the left of the word "Yes" or "No".• To vote for a write-in candidate, write the candidate's name on the blank line provided and fill in the corresponding oval.• Voting for more than the authorized amount of choices will invalidate your vote for that office.• If you mismarked your ballot, and you received it by mail, you may make a correction to your vote in a manner that clearly indicates your intended vote.• If you need a replacement ballot for any reason, return this ballot to the poll worker that issued it to you and request a new ballot.					
CITY OF ANTIOCH					
<p>MEASURE C</p> <p><u>RESTORING ANTIOCH SERVICES SALES TAX.</u></p> <p>To fund all essential city services including increased police staffing to reduce crime and gang activities and improve 911 emergency response time; restored code enforcement to clean up blighted properties; and local economic development and job creation, shall the City of Antioch adopt a one-half cent transactions and use (sales) tax, expiring in seven years, with mandatory annual audits and independent citizens' oversight and for local Antioch use only?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>					
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★ Voting-by-Mail ★

Can I vote-by-mail for this election only?

Yes! Fill out and return the vote-by-mail application on the back cover of your [Voter Information Pamphlet](#). If you want to vote by mail for **this** election, just check the box on the application to request a ballot for this election only.

When will I get my vote-by-mail ballot?

Your ballot goes in the mail starting 29 days before the election. If you do not receive your ballot around that time, call us. We will send you a replacement ballot. If there is not enough time to mail it, you can pick one up at our office.

How can I vote before Election Day?

You can vote at the Elections Office beginning 29 days before the election.

If I am traveling, can I get my vote-by-mail ballot at a different address?

Yes. Contact us and give us your temporary out-of-town address. Or if you prefer, you can vote early at the Elections Office starting 29 days before the election.

Will the Post Office forward my vote-by-mail ballot to my new address?

No! Vote-by-mail ballots cannot be forwarded. Update your registration at www.registertovote.ca.gov or fill out a new voter registration form with your updated information. It must be postmarked no later than 15 days before the election.

What if I lose my ballot?

Call us. If it is too late to mail you a replacement ballot, you may pick one up at the Elections Office.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

You may make a correction in a manner that clearly indicates your intended vote. Contact our office to ask for a replacement ballot.

Can I vote at the polls if I am a vote-by-mail voter?

Yes. Take your vote-by-mail ballot **and** envelope to the polling place, and ask for a poll ballot.

If you do not have both your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you must vote a provisional ballot, which will be counted after the election.

How do I turn in my vote-by-mail ballot?

You must return your ballot in the envelope provided. You can:

- Mail your ballot,
- Drop it off at the Elections Office, or
- Take it to a polling place on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Deadline: Your ballot must be at the Elections Office or a polling place by 8 p.m. election night – no exceptions!

What if I forgot to sign my return envelope?

Your ballot will **not** be counted. But if we receive your unsigned ballot envelope before the election, we will try to contact you.

Can I check to see if you have received my vote-by-mail ballot?

Yes. Go to our website www.cocovote.us or call: **925.335.7800**



If the Elections Office receives your vote-by-mail ballot before Election Day, it will be counted by 8 p.m. on Election Day. If you drop off your vote-by-mail ballot on Election Day, it will be counted after Election Day.

Contra Costa County Elections Office

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VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include the following items:

- CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
- BALLOT MEASURES
- LEGAL ANALYSES
- ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 13307,
13308 and 13312 of the Elections Code and
85601(c) of the Government Code

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR
IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS
ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.**

This pamphlet may not contain statements for all candidates; however, a complete list of candidates appears on the facsimile ballot in this booklet. Candidate statements are submitted by the candidate and are printed as submitted. Statements are printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body for the office.

Si desea recibir esta información en español, por favor llame al 925.335.7800. Si ya solicitó información para votar en español, ésta será enviada automáticamente por correo.

Visit our website at: www.cocovote.us

**If you have questions email us at
Candidate.Services@vote.cccounty.us
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CITY OF ANTIOCH MEASURE C

MEASURE C CITY OF ANTIOCH

RESTORING ANTIOCH SERVICES SALES TAX. To fund all essential city services including increased police staffing to reduce crime and gang activities and improve 911 emergency response time; restored code enforcement to clean up blighted properties; and local economic development and job creation, shall the City of Antioch adopt a one-half cent transactions and use (sales) tax, expiring in seven years, with mandatory annual audits and independent citizens' oversight and for local Antioch use only?

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

The City Council of the City of Antioch has declared a fiscal emergency. This is due to the \$13 million reduction in the City's annual general fund revenues; depletion of reserves; and decreased level of essential City services.

The City Council voted unanimously to put Measure C on the ballot to ask voters to approve a temporary one-half of one percent (0.5%) sales (transactions and use) tax. This means one-half of one cent would be added to the price of a taxable item that costs a dollar. The increase would terminate automatically in seven years after collection begins.

Audit and Citizens' Oversight Committee

Each year, an independent auditor would complete a public audit report of the revenue raised and its expenditure. A Citizens' Oversight Committee would review the expenditures and report publicly. The report would be part of the public record. The Committee would be composed of seven Antioch residents appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

General Revenue for All City Services

The revenue would be deposited in the City's general fund. It could be used for any legal municipal purpose including: police and emergency response; code enforcement; local economic development and job creation; street repair; and any other City program and service.

Allocation and Administration

The City receives 0.75% of the current sales tax, with most of it going to the State of California (7.25%); along with Contra Costa County (0.25%), the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (0.50%), and BART (0.50%).

Measure C would increase the sales tax by .50% for seven years starting April 1, 2014. The temporarily increased amount would only go to the City of Antioch and not the State, County, Transportation Authority or BART.

The existing sales tax is levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail, with some exceptions. Retailers collect the tax and forward it to the State Board of Equalization to allocate. The additional amount would be collected in the same way.

Effect of Measure

Measure C, also known as the "Restoring Antioch Services Sales Tax," would add an ordinance to the Antioch Municipal Code to impose the temporary sales tax increase. The State Board of Equalization approved the ordinance language.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the additional half-cent sales tax for seven years. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. If the Measure receives a majority of "Yes" votes, it will be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Tracy Nerland
Antioch City Attorney

The above statement is an Impartial Analysis of Measure C. If you desire a copy of the Full Text of the Measure/ "Ordinance of the City of Antioch Imposing a Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the State Board of Equalization," please call the City Clerk of the City of Antioch at 925-779-7009 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also view the Full Text of the Measure C at www.ci.antioch.ca.us.

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE C**

A Yes on Measure C will allow us to immediately hire 22 new police officers, decreasing the time it takes to respond to 911 calls. It will also provide funds to reduce the number of gang-related homicides, assaults and robberies.

Our police force has dwindled from 126 officers four years ago to only 89 today. 911 response times have increased and violent crime is up 30%. We feel unsafe in our homes and are in constant fear of becoming victims of crime.

The budget crisis has forced the near-closing of Antioch's Code Enforcement Department. We need to resume inspections on foreclosed and abandoned properties to force absent property owners to clean up blight and evict tenants dealing drugs.

A Yes on Measure C will give us immediate funds to begin cleaning up Antioch's blighted properties. (Go to CleanUpAntioch.com to register the address of a blighted property you would like to add to the cleanup list.)

Measure C would temporarily raise the sales tax by 1/2 cent for seven years – generating \$4.3 million a year for additional police and cleaning up abandoned properties. To increase accountability, Measure C has a fixed end date and requires independent annual spending audits and strict citizens' review.

Antioch is in a State of Emergency, and we must come together to restore our quality of life. We need immediate funding to "turn Antioch around" – to lower crime and cleanup abandoned properties.

The City workforce has been cut nearly 40%; city employees, including police, have substantially reduced their health/retirement benefits. City services have been scaled down to skeletal levels. Yet we still face a \$3.6 million deficit.

Antioch needs funds now to lower crime and to cleanup dilapidated properties. Your voting Yes on Measure C will give us the financial boost we need to turn Antioch around. Thank you.

Sergeant Tom Fuhrmann
President, Antioch Police
Officers' Association

Brittney Gougeon
Founder, Take Back Antioch

Joyann Motts
President, Antioch Unified
School Board

Hans Ho
Past Chair, Antioch Crime
Prevention Commission/
Neighborhood Watch
Coordinator

Antioch City Council
Wade Harper, Mayor of
Antioch/Retired Police
Lieutenant

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE C**

Vote "NO" on increasing your Sales Tax to 9 cents on the \$1 for all taxable items purchased. The State just raised gasoline taxes by 3.5 cents more per gallon! Antioch's proposed tax increase also affects jobs and businesses (it'll drive customers elsewhere)! More taxes doesn't mean better decisions. It'll benefit those favoring its passage and those receiving increased raises, benefits, and extremely generous pensions! Pay more, get less!

Antioch's Police salaries, retirement pay, and benefits have significantly increased again, making the public pay more! Some employees' outrageous estimated salaries' and benefits' costs; City Manager \$350,000; Chief \$330,000; Lts. \$285,000; Sgts. \$240,000; Corporals \$200,000; Officers \$180,000.

APOA always vigorously insisted on pay and benefit increases for themselves, not more manpower! Police recently received 9% in wage increases (and 4% more effective on 9/1/13), more guaranteed yearly increases, costly multi year contracts, keeping their costly "3% at 50" pension package. The public gets far less, some with no retirement at all. It's shameful!

This General Fund tax can be used however any Council majority (3) wants! They haven't listened to you before! You alone are the best "Oversight" on how your money's spent, not their Appointees!

They're again using scare tactics to just tax you more! You shouldn't pay for their uncontrolled overspending and mismanagement! The Council majorities caused this, not you!

Property values are continuing to increase and as adjustments are made the City will receive more tax revenue! This tax increase is unnecessary! We have continuing increases in costs for utilities, sewer, groceries, medical, and unemployment! Antioch's already raised water, garbage rates, business fees, etc. Enough already!

Increasing existing taxes isn't the solution! City officials must do more to cut costs! Stop overspending, and definitely cut back excessive salaries and benefits for those overcompensated employees.

Vote "NO"

Citizens for Democracy
By – Ralph A. Hernandez,
Chairperson and former
Antioch City Council Member

Norma A. Hernandez
CFD's Senior Citizens'
Representative and
former Antioch City
Council Member

Important Dates for this Election

October 7, 2013	FIRST DAY TO RECEIVE A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT - This is the first day our office can issue you a vote-by-mail ballot.
October 21, 2013	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION - You must be registered by this date to vote in this election.
October 29, 2013	Recommended last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot.
November 5, 2013	ELECTION DAY - Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Return your voted vote-by-mail ballot to this office or any polling place in Contra Costa County by 8 p.m.

3 Ways to Vote

Contra Costa County offers multiple voting options to fit your style of voting.

- 1. Vote at the Polls on Election Day!** Your assigned polling place is located on the back cover. Be aware that your polling place may have changed since the previous election.
- 2. Vote Early** - The Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters office is open as a polling place for the November 5, 2013 Election, beginning on Monday, October 7, 2013 through Tuesday, November 5, 2013. You may vote a vote-by-mail ballot at the Registrar of Voters office:

Location: 555 Escobar Street, Martinez
Voting Hours: October 7th - November 4th
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 5, 2013 (Election Day)
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- 3. Vote-by-mail** - The application on the back of this pamphlet must be completed, signed only by the voter, sent by mail or fax to 925.335.7838, and must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than October 29th. Voters may also send a letter providing their name, residence address, mailing address if different, birth date, and signature.

To become a Permanent vote-by-mail voter, just sign the vote-by-mail application. You will automatically receive your vote-by-mail ballot before every election in which you are eligible to vote.

FROM:

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?



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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CLERK
ELECTIONS DIVISION
P O BOX 271
MARTINEZ CA 94553-0027

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VOTE-BY-MAIL

- Vote at Home
- Vote When You Want
- Save Time and Gas
- No more waiting in line at the Polls
- Carefully evaluate each issue at your leisure.



To apply, complete & return the application above.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CLERK
ELECTIONS DIVISION
P.O. BOX 271
MARTINEZ, CA 94553-0027



**POLLING PLACE LOCATION AND
PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION**

↓ **DETACH HERE** ↓

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Mail or deliver this application directly to the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters.

Application must be received seven days prior to election to permit a ballot to be received, voted and returned by Election Day.

Please mail me a ballot for each election in which I am eligible to vote.

I only wish to receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot for this election.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR BALLOT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ADDRESS BELOW)

STREET OR BOX

CITY STATE ZIP

CUT HERE

X _____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (DON'T PRINT) DATE

I attest under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the contents of my application are true and correct.

YOUR POLLING PLACE IS



For further
Vote-By-Mail
Information:



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