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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

**Consolidated Election**  
**Tuesday, November 5, 2013**



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# **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](http://www.cocovote.us)  
or the Secretary of State Web Page at: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

## **Poll Worker**

If you would like to serve as a poll worker, email [EO.Recruitment@vote.cccounty.us](mailto: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](http://www.cocovote.us) o llame por teléfono 925.335.7800 o sin cargo al 877.335.7802.



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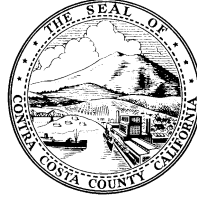
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September 2013

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](mailto:candidate.services@vote.cccounty.us) or call us at 925.335.7874.

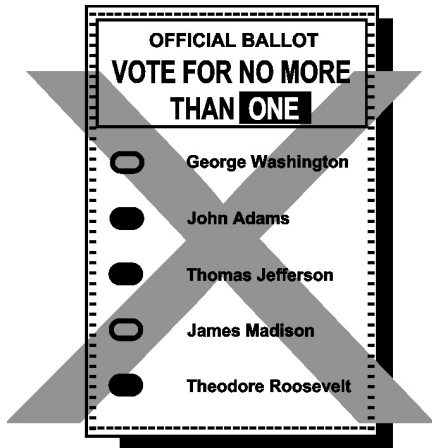
Thank you for your participation in the voting process!

Sincerely,

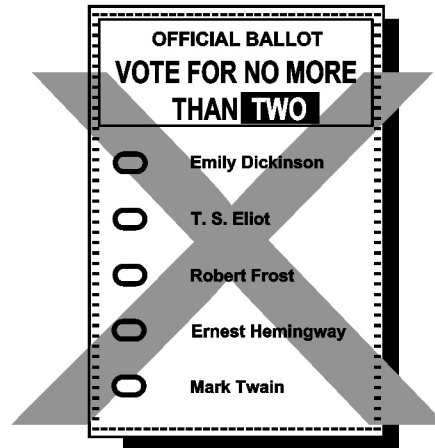
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Joseph E. Canciamilla  
County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters

# Your choices do make a difference. Check them Carefully.

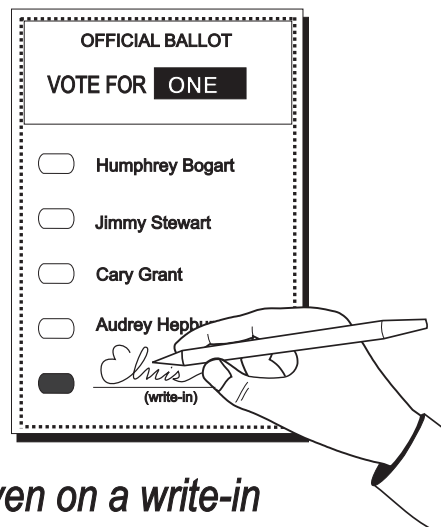
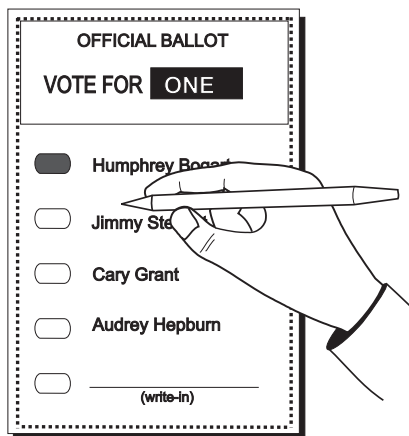


**Don't vote  
for too many**



**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**

**BT003**

Tear out

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

Tear out

SAMPLE BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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".</li> <li>To vote for a write-in candidate, write the candidate's name on the blank line provided and fill in the corresponding oval.</li> <li>Voting for more than the authorized amount of choices will invalidate your vote for that office.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
<b>CITY OF SAN RAMON</b>	<b>MEASURE D</b>	<b>MEASURE E</b>
<p align="center"><b>Mayor</b> TWO Year Term Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>BILL CLARKSON</b> Mayor, Business Owner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in (if any)</p>	<p>Shall an ordinance be adopted by the people to amend the City Municipal Code to change the general municipal election date from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years and to extend the terms of the Mayor and all City Council members by one year to make that change? (Saves approximately \$142,000 per election.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Article III of the City of San Ramon Charter be amended to:</p> <p>a) change the mayoral election date from odd-numbered years to the date of the statewide general election during even-numbered years; and</p> <p>b) extend by one year the term of the Mayor elected in 2013 to accommodate the election date change; and</p> <p>c) extend the cumulative total number of years the mayor elected in 2013 may serve from eight to nine years? (Saves approximately \$142,000 per election.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p align="center"><b>Member, City Council</b> FOUR Year Term Vote for Two</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>DAVID E. "DAVE" HUDSON</b> San Ramon Vice Mayor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>HARRY SACHS</b> Teacher</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>THOMAS VON THURY</b> Lawyer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <b>RENÉ MATSUMOTO</b> Community Program Leader</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in (if any)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in (if any)</p>		
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# ★ Voting-by-Mail ★

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## 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](http://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](http://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

Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and  
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day  
555 Escobar St., Martinez, CA 94553  
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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](http://www.cocovote.us)**

**If you have questions email us at  
[Candidate.Services@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:Candidate.Services@vote.cccounty.us)  
or call 925.335.7800**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT  
CITY OF SAN RAMON, MAYOR**

My name is: Bill Clarkson  
My age is: 61  
My occupation is: Mayor; Small Business Owner  
Education and Qualifications:

Successfully serving on a City Council is not just about individual votes. Who you are as a public servant isn't just about the position you have taken on particular issues. It is about the approach you take to understand and resolve public policy issues. It is about who you include in helping you to understand an issue; when in the decision making process you include them; and it is about your overall sense of the public's right to know what you know and how and when to include them in the decision. It is about always questioning how things are done, asking if there is a better approach, and being open to new ideas. And it is about challenging past decisions that may no longer be appropriate to current circumstances and opposing for good cause requests or recommendations that you do not agree with—even if you come out on the losing side of a vote. If you agree with my approach to making important public policy decisions; to informing and including the public in the decision making process as early and inclusively as possible; to constantly evaluating how and why the City conducts business or spends public funds; that approving land use developments that lead to a better overall city rather than approving them because we may not get a better project is how land use decisions should be made, then I ask for your support and vote for a second term as your Mayor.



<p align="center"><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT CITY OF SAN RAMON, COUNCILMEMBER</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT CITY OF SAN RAMON, COUNCILMEMBER</b></p>
<p>My name is: David E. "Dave" Hudson  My age is: 65  My occupation is: San Ramon Vice Mayor  Education and Qualifications:</p> <p>San Ramon is one of the most beautiful and best managed cities in California.</p> <p>San Ramon is the safest city in California with a population over 30,000 and has the lowest violent crime rate in the 580/680 corridor. Through hard work, dedication, and prudent fiscal management, we've earned "AAA" bond/credit rating with \$29 million in reserves. We have received "Excellence in Reporting" for financial audit transparency nine years in a row. San Ramon is also recognized as one of the Top 100 Best Communities for Young People in America.</p> <p>During my 20 years of leadership, I've served as San Ramon's Mayor, City Councilman and Planning Commissioner, while serving on dozens of other boards, commissions, and committees. Through work on "County Connection" and TRAFFIX, we've reduced traffic congestion. A decade on East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee helped me promote bike sharing on the Iron Horse Trail and expand regional parks. I serve on the National and California League of Cities for transportation and community development. This experience helps me fight the State's raid of our transportation dollars and improve property values while maintaining local control for our residents. It strengthened my part to open the Caldecott tunnel's fourth bore.</p> <p>Our future will be stronger when we: build the City Center with a public/private partnership (no new taxes); open the new school promised in the last bond measure to relieve overcrowding; continue to manage employee pension issues to protect taxpayers from unfunded liabilities; and improve property values by attracting high quality jobs.</p> <p>My wife Barbara and I raised our three children in San Ramon. We love our community and would be honored to have your support in this election. If you have any questions, please, call me at my home - 828-5578.</p>	<p>My name is: Harry Sachs  My age is: 48  My occupation is: Teacher, Planning Commissioner  Education and Qualifications:</p> <p>As your voice on the San Ramon City Council I offer leadership and city government experience that will protect our quality of life standards.</p> <p>As a planning commissioner since 2006, I have a track record of urging developers to build less, conserve more and provide meaningful solutions to the impacts of residential and commercial development. I put protecting our quality of life as job one. I wish to carry that on to the City Council.</p> <p>San Ramon faces challenges. We have structural financial deficits projected over the next several years. Our population growth has strained our service levels in police, park maintenance and city employee responsibilities. Regional planning bureaucracies are making demands on San Ramon that threaten our quality of life.</p> <p>Planning for growth, balancing traffic and school impacts of development as well as prioritizing open space preservation are important issues to residents. Embracing the creation of the City Center and promoting financial solutions that assist San Ramon with continuing its high quality of city services are of growing concern.</p> <p>I'm opposing the proposed HOV ramps at Norris Canyon Parkway because of the neighborhood impacts. I've called for meaningful reductions in housing units for the Faria Ranch project because of traffic and school enrollment impacts. I support preserving open space in our western hillsides and oppose further development in Tassajara Valley. I support increasing the "hotel tax" to pay for city services.</p> <p>Residents place trust in elected officials to be their "conscience". They expect their elected representatives will always consider how decisions will affect them. My job, if you give me the honor of having it, is to serve you and deal with challenges you have identified and elected me to remedy. I commit to you that I will do just that.</p> <p>I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.</p> <p>For details visit <a href="http://www.sachsforcitycouncil.com">www.sachsforcitycouncil.com</a></p>

<p align="center"><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT CITY OF SAN RAMON, COUNCILMEMBER</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT CITY OF SAN RAMON, COUNCILMEMBER</b></p>
<p>My name is: Thomas von Thury  My age is:  My occupation is: Lawyer  Education and Qualifications:</p> <p>I am running for a seat on the City Council because I want San Ramon to remain a quiet, family oriented, residential community. My wife and I have enjoyed living here for over 15 years. Today, the quality of life that attracted us to settle in San Ramon is threatened by continuing over development. Too many people living and working too close together is not good for anyone and is certainly not progress.</p> <p>If elected, I will oppose all further high-density developments, whether residential or commercial. I will oppose any warehouse store within San Ramon and I will oppose any new 680 interchange. I will also insist on reconsidering and scaling back the New City Center, implementing that project in phases. I have not been active in politics before, but am committed to protecting the environment and life style that attracted my wife and me to San Ramon.</p> <p>As for my background, I have over 30 years of business law and litigation experience in state and federal courts and am currently associated with a firm in Pleasanton. I have successfully represented individuals and businesses against large corporations and government entities. I am experienced at resisting the pressure to say "yes" when the correct response is "no." Nonetheless, I have worked with state and federal agencies, including the IRS, to resolve disputes. The proper role of our city government is to serve and protect residents and their property, not to promote growth and commercial interests.</p> <p>Everyone who expects to live in San Ramon for any length of time, should consider the results of this election carefully. If you share my views, help me save San Ramon and give me your vote.</p>	<p>My name is: Rene Matsumoto  My age is: 53  My occupation is: Community Program Leader  Education and Qualifications:</p> <p>As your councilmember, I will be accessible, effective, collaborative and committed to the success of our city. San Ramon has been my home for seventeen years. It's a wonderful place to live and raise a family. My husband, Frank, and I have three children: one in college and two at Dougherty Valley High. I want to ensure that the San Ramon community continues to enjoy the quality of life that we have enjoyed.</p> <p>I graduated from UC Davis and worked for ten years in the non-profit sector. I am currently employed as a Street Smarts Program Leader. Here in San Ramon, I have been extensively involved in my children's schools, youth sports, and in the broader community. My leadership includes: work in PTA that spans fifteen years at six schools, serving four terms as president; election to the DVHS Athletic Boosters and Coyote Creek Learning Fund boards; campaign leadership team for three SRVUSD initiatives; and leadership positions on the boards of numerous sports teams. I am a Leadership San Ramon Valley graduate, a member of Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club and serve on the SRVUSD Community Safety Committee.</p> <p>My leadership experience and involvement in the community render me uniquely qualified to represent multiple perspectives on San Ramon's needs. I am collaborative by nature and am committed to representing the voice of our community. My relationships with the citizens of San Ramon are my motivation to seek office. I promise to build upon the city's rich history and engage all segments of our diverse community as we move thoughtfully into the future.</p> <p>If elected, I will ensure safety and security for residents, exercise strict fiscal accountability, improve communication, promote economic development, retain open space, and continue school and local agency partnerships. I would be honored to have your vote.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ReneMatsumoto4SanRamon.com">www.ReneMatsumoto4SanRamon.com</a></p>

# CITY OF SAN RAMON MEASURE D

## MEASURE D CITY OF SAN RAMON

Shall an ordinance be adopted by the people to amend the City Municipal Code to change the general municipal election date from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years and to extend the terms of the Mayor and all City Council members by one year to make that change? (Saves approximately \$142,000 per election.)

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### CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D

This measure is an ordinance submitted to the voters by the San Ramon City Council under authority of Elections Code section 9222.

Currently the City of San Ramon conducts its regular municipal election in November of odd-numbered years. A significant portion of election costs are shared by all public entities having candidates or measures on the same ballot. Federal, state and often county elections as well as elections conducted by the many special districts whose geographical territory is within the City of San Ramon are held in November of even-numbered years. Because of the cost sharing basis for determining election costs there would be a savings of approximately \$142,000 per election if the general municipal election were moved from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years.

As allowed under Elections Code section 10403.5(b), the ordinance submitted by this Measure extends the terms of the Mayor and all Councilmembers by one year to accommodate changing the election date. The ordinance will not go into effect unless the Charter amendment providing for election of the Mayor in even-numbered years is also approved at the election on November 5, 2013.

A "yes" vote is a vote to adopt the ordinance thereby changing the date of the general municipal election from November of odd-numbered years to the date of the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years and extending the terms of the Mayor and Councilmembers by one year.

A "no" vote is a vote against adoption of the ordinance thereby leaving the general municipal election to be held in November of odd-numbered years..

Bob Saxe  
Interim City Attorney

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF  
MEASURE D**

There are two fundamental reasons to support this change of municipal elections to even years. First, there is greater voter participation in even years' elections, driven primarily by the large number of statewide and national candidates on those even year ballots. Second, this change will save the city substantial money every election cycle.

By changing the city council and mayor elections to the even year election cycle, we will align our elections with the election cycle for the President, US Senators, Congressmen, State Governor, and others. There is a dramatic increase in election turnout when national and state offices are on the ballot.

In 2010 Contra Costa County voter turnout was 66% when the Governor and US Senator were on the ballot. In 2012, it was 79% for the Presidential election. In 2011 when the city held its last election, voter turnout was only about 29%. Clearly, voter turnout goes up in even years.

The San Ramon City Attorney has determined that the change to even year elections will save the city approximately \$142,000 every election cycle. San Ramon is the last and only city with elections in odd years. This was not the case many years ago, but all cities and most jurisdictions in the county have moved their elections to even years in the last decade. The few remaining jurisdictions must then share the cost and pay the county to run the election. With fewer participants, the share we must pay goes up every year. This situation will get worse not better in the future.

Vote YES on "D" to save money and increase voter participation in San Ramon elections.

Louis I. Dagen  
Donna R. Kerger  
Eric G. Wallis  
David Ernest  
Shirley Ernest

**ARGUMENT AGAINST  
MEASURE D**

No argument against Measure D was filed.

**FULL TEXT OF  
MEASURE D**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN RAMON  
AMENDING SECTION A3-1 OF CHAPTER I OF  
DIVISION A3 OF TITLE A OF THE SAN RAMON  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO MOVE THE DATE OF THE  
CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE  
FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF  
NOVEMBER IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE  
FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF  
NOVEMBER IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO  
EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND ALL CITY  
COUNCILMEMBERS BY ONE YEAR AS PROVIDED  
FOR BY THE STATE ELECTIONS CODE**

The people of the City of San Ramon do ordain as follows:

**Section 1. Findings.**

(a) The City of San Ramon currently holds General Municipal Elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in odd-numbered years.

(b) The City of San Ramon is currently the only remaining city in Contra Costa County to hold their elections in odd-numbered years.

(c) California Elections Code Section 1301(b)(1) authorizes the City to reschedule its General Municipal Elections to be held on the same day as the statewide general election.

(d) California Elections Code Section 10403.5(b) authorizes the City, as a result of adopting an ordinance pursuant to Section 1301(b), to increase or decrease a term of office by no more than 12 months.

(e) On April 23, 2013, the City Council determined that the decision of moving the General Municipal Election date to even-numbered years and extending the terms of the City Councilmembers should be decided by the voters of San Ramon. Acting under the authority of Elections Code § 9222, the City Council voted to approve the option of placing this ordinance as a proposition on the November 5, 2013 election.

**Section 2. Amendment to the San Ramon  
Municipal Code.**

Section A3-1 of Chapter I of Division A3 of Title A of the San Ramon Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

A3-1.-Date held.

A. Commencing in 2014, the general municipal election shall be held on the same day as the statewide general election, as provided for in the California Elections Code; on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year.

B. In order to accomplish changing the election date

from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, as provided by the California Elections Code, the term of office of those members of the City Council elected in 2011 shall be extended by one year until 2016. The term of office of those members of the City Council elected in 2013 shall be extended by one year until 2018. The term of office of the Mayor elected in 2013 shall be extended by one year until 2016. The City Council shall amend any other provision of the Municipal Code as necessary to conform with this section.

**Section 3. Effective Only if Charter Amendment  
Passes.**

This ordinance shall be effective only if the Charter Amendment changing the Mayor's election date to even-numbered years and extending the Mayor's term by one year, also on the November 5, 2013 ballot, passes.

**Section 4. Codification.**

Only Section 2 of this ordinance shall be codified in the San Ramon Municipal Code.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance, if approved by a majority of the voters voting on the ordinance, shall be deemed adopted on the date the vote is canvassed and declared official by the City Council, and shall be effective 10 days thereafter (Elections Code § 9217).

# Voter Responsibilities

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- It is RECOMMENDED that you detach and mark your voting choices in your sample ballot and take it to your poll location on Election Day to use as a reference. This will allow you to vote your ballot quickly. Remember to take your sample ballot out of the booth after you have completed voting.
- READ all the instructions in your Sample Ballot Pamphlet in order to familiarize yourself with voting procedures.
- UPDATE your language preference if you are not receiving materials in the language of your choice.
- MAKE sure your political party preference is correct.
- UPDATE your registration when you: 1) Move; 2) Change your name; 3) Want to change your party preference.
- VOTE. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- FIND the location of your assigned polling place on the back cover of your Sample Ballot Pamphlet.
- TURN off your electronic pager and/or cell phone before entering your polling place.
- REVIEW your Ballot for accuracy. Make sure your Ballot is correct before you cast it.
- CONTACT the Registrar of Voters if you have any questions at 925.335.7800, toll free 877.335.7802, or visit our website at [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us)



# CITY OF SAN RAMON MEASURE E

## MEASURE E CITY OF SAN RAMON

Shall Article III of the City of San Ramon Charter be amended to:

- a) change the mayoral election date from odd-numbered years to the date of the statewide general election during even-numbered years; and
- b) extend by one year the term of the Mayor elected in 2013 to accommodate the election date change; and
- c) extend the cumulative total number of years the mayor elected in 2013 may serve from eight to nine years? (Saves approximately \$142,000 per election.)

year to accommodate changing the election date and (c) allowing any Mayor whose term was extended as the result of changing the election date to serve a cumulative total of nine rather than eight years.

A “no” vote is a vote against the Charter amendment thereby continuing to elect the Mayor at the general municipal election conducted in November of odd-numbered years.

Bob Saxe  
Interim City Attorney

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### CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E

This measure is a Council initiated Charter amendment submitted to the voters by the San Ramon City Council under authority of Elections Code section 9255(b)(1).

Under Article III of the City Charter the Mayor is elected every two years at the general municipal election currently conducted during November of odd-numbered years. Article III also prohibits any elected Mayor from serving more than a total of eight years.

A significant portion of election costs are shared by all public entities with candidates or measures on the same ballot. Federal, state and often county elections as well as elections conducted by the many special districts whose geographical territory is within the City of San Ramon are held in November of even-numbered years. Because of the cost sharing basis for determining election costs there would be a savings of approximately \$142,000 per election if the general municipal election were moved from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years.

This Charter amendment requires that the Mayor be elected at the general municipal election conducted on the date of the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years. In order to accommodate changing the election date, the proposed amendment lengthens the term of the Mayor elected in 2013 by one year and extends the cumulative total number of years an elected Mayor may serve from eight to nine years if one of the Mayor’s terms was increased as the result of changing the general municipal election date. The Charter amendment will not go into effect unless the measure amending the Municipal Code by changing the date of the general municipal election to November of even-numbered years is also approved at the election on November 5, 2013.

A “yes” vote is a vote to amend the Charter thereby (a) requiring that the Mayor be elected at a general municipal election in November of even-numbered years, (b) lengthening the term of the Mayor elected in 2013 by one



**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF  
MEASURE E**

The second ballot item is a companion to the first measure. To move to even year elections with the voter's approval, the City Charter's language requires that the voters also approve aligning the Mayor's term with the city council. Consequently, both ballot measures must be approved by the voters to allow the city election to move to even years.

Currently, the City Charter only allows for two-year terms for the Mayor. This measure will allow a one-time exception, for one three-year term and allow the total number of years the Mayor can serve to increase from eight years to nine years.

The change to even year elections will dramatically increase voter participation and it will also save the city approximately \$142,000 during each election cycle.

Please vote YES on Measure "E".

Louis I. Dagen  
Donna R. Kerger  
Eric G. Wallis  
David Ernest  
Shirley Ernest

**ARGUMENT AGAINST  
MEASURE E**

No argument against Measure E was filed.

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**FULL TEXT OF  
MEASURE E**

ARTICLE III

Election of Mayor

The Mayor shall be elected by plurality every two years at the general municipal election conducted during even-numbered years. The term of the Mayor elected in 2013 shall be lengthened by one year to accommodate changing the date of the general municipal election from odd-numbered to even-numbered years. No elected Mayor shall serve for more than four two year terms except that a cumulative total of nine years may be served if one of those terms was lengthened as the result of changing the date of the general municipal election. Duties of the elected Mayor shall remain the same as the duties of the Mayor as of January 1, 2001. Compensation for the elected Mayor of San Ramon shall be one hundred dollars per month more than a Councilmember. This Charter amendment shall not be effective unless the measure on the November 5, 2013 ballot changing the date of the general municipal election to even-numbered years is approved by the voters.



# 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.

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## 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.

# Bilingual Voter Services

In compliance with federal law Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act and local ordinance, Voter Registration & Elections provides services to voters and official election materials in Spanish, in addition to English. Bilingual voter services include:

- Translated election materials: ballots, voter registration forms, voter notices, vote-by-mail ballot applications and instructions, and Voter Information Pamphlets.
- Telephone assistance in English and Spanish, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- English: 925.335.7800
- Spanish: 925.335.7800
- Instructional signs in English and Spanish at all polling places on Election Day.
- Spanish bilingual precinct officer assistance at designated polling places on Election Day.
- Voter information in English and Spanish on our website [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us)

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## Servicios Bilingües para el Votante

De conformidad con la ley federal Sección 203 de la Ley del Derecho al Voto y la ordenanza local, el Registro de Votantes y Elecciones ofrece a los votantes servicios y materiales electorales oficiales en español además de inglés. Los servicios bilingües para el votante incluyen:

- Traducción de materiales electorales: boletas electorales, formularios de registro de votantes, avisos para votantes, solicitudes y instrucciones de voto mediante la boleta de voto por correo y folletos de información para el votante.
- Asistencia telefónica en inglés y español, disponible de lunes a viernes, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. el día de la elección.
- Inglés: 925.335.7800
- Español: 925.335.7800
- Letreros con instrucciones en inglés y español en todos los centros electorales el día de la elección.
- Asistencia bilingüe en español por parte de funcionarios de distrito en los centros de votación designados el día de la elección.
- Información para votantes disponible en inglés y español en nuestro sitio web: [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us)

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ELECTIONS DIVISION  
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MARTINEZ CA 94553-0027

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- 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



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PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION**

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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)

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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**



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