

## APPENDIX G - VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS AND HOURS

The county elections official shall consider, at a minimum, all of the following when seeking vote center and ballot drop-box locations:

- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to public transportation.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to communities with historically low vote by mail usage.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to population centers.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to language minority communities.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to voters with disabilities.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to communities with low rates of household vehicle ownership.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to low-income communities.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to communities of eligible voters who are not registered to vote and may need access to same day voter registration.
- Vote center and ballot drop-box location proximity to geographically isolated populations, including Native American reservations.
- Access to accessible and free parking at vote centers and ballot drop-box locations.
- The distance and time a voter must travel by car or public transportation to a vote center and ballot drop-box location.
- The need for alternate methods for voters with disabilities for whom vote by mail ballots are not accessible to cast a ballot.
- Traffic patterns near vote centers and ballot drop-box locations.
- The need for mobile vote centers in addition to the number of vote centers established.
- Vote center location on a public or private university or college campus.

All locations are also surveyed for usability prior to being selected as a Vote Center for an election. Surveying is an important first step in identifying locations that will best serve voters.

### Vote Center Selection Criteria

#### **Ideal** Vote Center:

1. Provide a minimum of 30x30 ft secured voting area
2. Provide at least 25 free, off-street parking spaces for voters
3. Provide secured storage for voting equipment
4. Provide restrooms for Vote Center staff
5. Provide air conditioning and heating
6. Voting area is free of other activities while voting is taking place
7. Facility is already well known to the local community
8. Facility "rent" is low
9. Facility is located in a priority area, as determined by the 14 criteria outlined in EC 4005
10. Facility entrance is located within 200 ft of an accessible public transportation stop or hub
11. Meets polling place survey criteria either with or without mitigation, according to the requirements of the Help American Vote Act.
12. Outside Lighting

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13. Availability (ease of contact)
14. Interest
15. Location/Visibility

**11 Day Location Selection** (next step):

1. Evaluate inventory of available locations
2. Map out available locations. Map includes:
  - a. 14 criteria layers, including public transportation stops
  - b. Identify as Vote Center, or Drop Box location, including icon
  - c. Location ID
3. Look at available locations to ensure the sites are “equitably distributed”
4. Review paperwork for each potential site
  - a. Accessibility Review Form
  - b. Vote Center Survey Form

**Accessibility Findings** (based on Polling Place Accessibility Checklist):

Polling Places/Vote Centers with accessibility concerns that can be mitigated will be noted, and mitigation plans will be provided to Precinct Board. Mitigations might include adding signage, propping a door open, or using cones as detectable barriers.

Polling places that have multiple accessibility concerns that cannot be mitigated, or are determined to exceed minimal deviations from prescribed guidelines will not be utilized.

Minimal deviations from prescribed guidelines are allowances outside the state accessibility standards agreed upon between our department and the Sonoma County VAAC in January of 2012.

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Vote Center locations are contacted prior to each election regarding availability. The table below will be updated as locations are confirmed for use as a Vote Center. This list will also be included in the County Voter Information Guide and will be available on the ROV website.

**Note:** All Vote Centers will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in addition to the days and hours listed in the following tables.

All Vote Centers are being confirmed for the June 7, 2022 Election.

**11-DAY VOTE CENTERS  
- TENTATIVE**

LOCATION NAME	ADDRESS	DAYS / HOURS
Sonoma County Registrar of Voters	435 Fiscal Dr, Santa Rosa	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cotati Veterans Memorial Building	8505 Park Ave, Cotati	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Healdsburg Community Center	1557 Healdsburg Ave, Healdsburg	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building	1094 Petaluma Blvd S, Petaluma	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building	1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sebastopol Center for the Arts	282 S High St, Sebastopol	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building	126 First St W, Sonoma	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**4-DAY VOTE CENTERS  
- TENTATIVE**

LOCATION NAME	ADDRESS	DAYS / HOURS
Bodega Bay Grange #777	1370 Bodega Ave, Bodega Bay	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
El Molino High School	7050 Covey Rd, Forestville	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Geyserville Fire Station	20975 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Graton Community Club	8996 Graton Rd, Graton	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Guerneville Regional Library	14107 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Petaluma City Hall	11 English St, Petaluma	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Petaluma Community Center	320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sonoma County Office of Education – Headwaters Academy	1355 Industrial Ave, Petaluma	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

