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Vote Centers Open In Madera County
Vote Early to Avoid Long Lines

Madera, CA – Madera County’s first two vote centers for the March 3rd 2020 Presidential Primary Election opened Saturday morning at 8:00am at the Madera County Government Center and in Eastern Madera County at the Oakhurst Community Center.

“Every registered voter has been mailed a ballot and should already have it in hand,” explained Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Registrar of Voters. “If voters want to vote in person they can do so today at a Vote Center.”

In 2018 Madera County implemented the Voter’s Choice Act. The act requires that every registered voter be mailed a ballot, that ballot drop boxes be opened throughout the County and that Voter Centers be open for multiple days, including weekends.

The first two vote centers in Madera and Oakhurst opened Saturday the 22nd and are open every day from 8:00am until 5:00pm through March 2nd.

On Saturday February 29th five additional vote centers in Coarsegold, Chowchilla, Madera Ranchos and two additional centers in Madera will open. Most are open from 8:00am until 5:00pm through March 2nd but voters are encouraged to confirm hours at www.votemadera.com.

On Tuesday March 3rd all vote centers will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm.

“Voters should vote immediately and not wait until the last day,” stated Martinez. “On March 3rd there will be very long lines and people will have to wait to vote. If voters want to vote in person come to a vote center before March 3rd.”

If voters are unable to return their ballot themselves, they are encouraged to only hand their sealed ballot over to a person that they know and trust. While the law allows anyone to return a ballot, election officials recommend against voters handing their ballot over to a stranger.

Ballots must be mailed, deposited in a drop box or taken to a vote center by 8:00pm on Tuesday, March 3rd.

For a complete list of vote center locations, days and hours as well as drop box locations, the public can get more information at www.votemadera.com or by calling the Madera County Elections Division at 1 (800) 435-0509.

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