

AUGUST 22, 2017 CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO SPECIAL ELECTION

General Information

At the request of the City of San Luis Obispo, this special election is being conducted by the County Registrar of Voters. The election will be conducted as an all-mail ballot election and every registered voter in the City of San Luis Obispo will be mailed an official ballot packet. In the ballot packet will be the voter information guide, the Official ballot, instructions for marking and returning the ballot, and a listing of drop off locations which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. See the Timelines and FAQs below for important dates and answers to frequently asked questions. For more information, contact the County Clerk-Recorder.

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Timelines

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 7	Ballots sent to Military and Overseas Voters
July 24	Official ballot packet sent to voters in the City of San Luis Obispo. Ballots are available at County Clerk-Recorder's Office in San Luis Obispo 8-5 Monday to Friday.
August 7	Close of registration for August 22, 2017, Special Election.
* August 10	First day to begin opening and processing vote-by-mail ballots. *Contact the office of the Clerk-Recorder for final schedule.
August 22	Election Day. Ballot must be received by the Elections Department or any drop-off location by 8:00 p.m. Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day must be received within 3 days of the election. Drop-off locations are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Unofficial results will be released shortly after 8:00 p.m.
August 24	Official canvass begins including processing and counting of all eligible vote-by-mail ballots, processing Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) ballots, and completing the required manual tally of 1% of the precincts.

Frequent Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this special election? This election was called by the San Luis Obispo City Council to place Measure B-17 on the ballot for a vote.

What do I do if I am going to be away from my residence in the city during the month of August?

- If you are going to be at a location where you can receive mail, you can request an official ballot be mailed to your alternate address.
 - Fax or email your name, residence address and alternate mailing address by August 15, OR
 - Complete and submit the [Request to Mail Official Ballot to Alternate Address Form](#).
- If you will not be able to receive mail at your location, contact the Clerk-Recorder by phone or email for further instructions.
- Remember that ballots must be received by the Elections Department or any drop-off location by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day must be received within 3 days of the election in order to be counted.

How much postage does it take to mail the ballot to the County? First class postage stamp of \$.49 is sufficient.

Can someone else return my ballot for me? Yes, the Election Code allows for anyone to return your ballot. Please be sure to have the designee fill out the top portion of the return envelope. You are still required to sign the return envelope for your ballot to be counted.

What if I never received a ballot? You can request a replacement ballot by mail or fax by completing the [Statement of Lost Ballot Form](#) or you can request a ballot in person at the County Clerk-Recorder's office in San Luis Obispo. On Election Day, you can come to the Clerk-Recorder's main office and request a replacement ballot.

How can I check on the status of my ballot? Beginning August 10, 2017, you can check on the status of your ballot (Issued, Received by the Elections Office, etc) by using our [Voter Status Lookup](#).

Is there assistance available if I have difficulty marking my ballot? The AutoMARK ballot marking device is designed to assist voter with disabilities, such as vision or dexterity impairments, in marking their ballots. This device will only be available at the County Clerk-Recorder's Main Office at 1055 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo beginning Monday, July 24th through Election Day, August 22nd. Normal office hours apply (Monday-Friday, 8a.m. -5p.m.) and on Election Day (7a.m. -8p.m.). Contact the Clerk-Recorder for more information.

Can I receive an audio version of the information contained in the voter guide? Yes, please contact the Clerk-Recorder to arrange for an audio cassette.