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District Attorney and City Attorney Remind Voters of their Rights *Laws protect citizens' right to safely cast ballots without fear or coercion*

San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan and San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott today released a “*know your rights*” fact sheet outlining the laws that protect voters’ ability to safely and privately cast their ballots.

The prosecutors will share the fact sheet with the public digitally, in English and Spanish. It is designed to supplement and amplify the educational outreach already being done throughout San Diego County by the Registrar of Voters.

The City and the County are both part of the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center, which is tasked with investigating any reports of improprieties or violations at the polls.

“As prosecutors, we're constantly working to prevent crime and protect the public's safety- including protecting the rights of every voter to safely vote in San Diego County,” said San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan. **“We are working closely with law enforcement, the U.S. Attorney and the City Attorney to ensure a civil process during and after the election and we are calling on our community to report any suspicious or unlawful activity to law enforcement. Voters should be assured that we won't tolerate violations of state law connected to voting or polling locations, including hate crimes.”**

“Every voter should feel confident in the integrity of this election,” San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott said. **“District Attorney Stephan and I want to make sure that the public knows that laws and procedures to protect voting rights are in place. We want to ensure votes are cast safely and that all conduct at polling places is lawful. Those who violate the law will be held accountable.”**

“The close coordination between the Registrar of Voters, the District Attorney, and the City Attorney’s Office is paramount to ensuring a safe voting environment for our San Diego County voters,” said County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu. **“Our collective message to all eligible voters? Your right to vote freely in this, or any election, will be protected.”**

District Attorney Stephan and City Attorney Elliott urge the public to:

- Report unauthorized guns at or outside the polls by calling 9-1-1
- Report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State’s Office, including vandalism at polling places and tampering with election equipment.

Recent City Attorney media releases can be accessed on the San Diego City Attorney’s home page located on the Internet at <https://www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney>

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Important contacts:

Registrar of Voters: (858) 565-5800

San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center: 858-495-7200 or www.SD-LECC.org

Secretary of State Voter Hotline: (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

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A message about the election from:

District Attorney Summer Stephan and City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

Protecting Your Right to Vote Safely

Know your rights:

- You have a right to vote safely, in secret, and without coercion or intimidation.
- You have a right to vote at a polling place where social distancing and face masks are required and reasonable accommodations are made when needed. San Diego County polling places are adhering to the County's public health orders. **Bring your face mask and plan to social distance.**
- You have a right to vote in a polling place free of unauthorized firearms.
- You have a right to vote free from campaign activity and electioneering, without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- You have a right to vote free from intimidation, including threats of force and tactics of coercion.
- You have the right to vote in the election if you are eligible, but not registered, by conditionally registering and voting provisionally.
- You have a right to vote if you are in line when the polls close.

Report unauthorized guns at or outside the polls by calling 9-1-1.

Report any illegal or fraudulent election activity, including vandalism at polling places, tampering with election equipment, to an elections official or the Secretary of State's Office.

Registrar of Voters: Report violations at (858) 565-5800. You may also report violations or suspicious activity to the **Law Enforcement Coordination Center** at (858) 495-7200 or www.SD-LECC.org.

Secretary of State: Report violations to the Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



Un mensaje acerca de la elección de:

La Fiscal del Condado de San Diego Summer Stephan y la Fiscal de la Ciudad de San Diego Mara W. Elliott

Protegiendo su Derecho a Votar en Forma Segura

Conozca sus derechos:

- Usted tiene el derecho de votar en forma segura, en secreto, sin coerción ni intimidación.
- Usted tiene el derecho a votar en un centro de votación en donde se requiera el distanciamiento social y el uso de mascarillas, y que se hagan arreglos razonables cuando sean necesarios. Los centros de votación en el Condado de San Diego se están adhiriendo a las órdenes del Condado de salud pública. **Traiga su mascarilla y planee en mantener el distanciamiento social.**
- Usted tiene el derecho a votar en un centro de votación en donde no haya armas no autorizadas.
- Usted tiene el derecho a votar libre de actividad de campaña y campaña electoral, sin que nadie lo moleste o le diga cómo votar.
- Usted tiene el derecho a votar libre de intimidación, incluyendo amenazas de usar fuerza y tácticas de coerción.
- Usted tiene el derecho a votar en la elección si usted es elegible, pero no está registrado, puede registrarse condicionalmente y votar provisionalmente.
- Usted tiene el derecho a votar si se encuentra en la cola a la hora en que cierran los centros de votación.

Denuncie armas no autorizadas en o afuera de los centros de votación llamando al 9-1-1.

Denuncie toda actividad electoral ilegal o fraudulenta, incluyendo vandalismo en los centros de votación, tocando indebidamente el equipo de votación, a un funcionario electoral o a la oficina de la Secretaría del Estado.

Registro de Votantes: Reporte violaciones al (858) 565-5800. También puede reportar violaciones o actividades sospechosas al Law Enforcement Coordination Center al 858-495-7200 o www.SD-LECC.org.

Secretaría del Estado: Reporte violaciones a la Línea de asistencia del votante al (800) 232-VOTA (8682).