

DRIVE THE VOTE

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Sacramentans know that letting their voices be heard—especially in a presidential general election—is one of the duties and privileges of living in a democracy.

Yet getting to Vote Centers and Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box locations across our region can be a challenge.

To make voting easier, SacRT has partnered with Sacramento County and the Sacramento Kings for SacRT's Drive the Vote campaign, an innovative program that will transport voters to those locations for free.

"Our mission as the Elections Office is to make voting convenient and accessible to all eligible voters," said Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Courtney Bailey-Kanelos. "Having free rides through Sacramento Regional Transit is a great step to help open up options for all our voters."

Here's what voters need to know:

System-Wide Free Ride Days

In honor of the first day of early voting, you can catch free rides aboard all light rail, bus, SmartRide microtransit shuttles and SacRT GO Paratransit Services on Saturday, Oct. 24. The same easy-go offer applies on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in celebration of Election Day. A flyer or exemption code is not required.

SmartRide Free Ride Days with Flyer

Hop aboard SmartRide microtransit shuttles in all nine service zones for a free ride to a Vote Center or Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box, weekdays from Monday, Oct. 26 through Monday, Nov. 2. A special flyer is required.

To locate Vote Centers and Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box sites in your service zone and to obtain the SmartRide free ride flyer, visit sacrt.com/drivethevote.

Kings Rally the Vote

The Sacramento Kings-led national nonpartisan coalition Rally the Vote brought together 45 professional sports franchises to encourage fans to register to vote and participate in elections.

The Kings' Golden 1 Center in Downtown Commons will be an early voting location from Saturday, Oct. 24 through Tuesday, Nov. 3. For more information, see rallythevote.org.

Find a Sacramento County Vote Center

Sacramento County will open 84 Vote Centers for the Presidential General Election, 18 of them from Saturday, Oct. 24 through Election Day, Tues. Nov. 3. The others will be open Saturday, Oct. 31 through Election Day.

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