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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Staff, Code 2A

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From: Kathy Gallagher

Subject: Election 2020 Reminder: Register, Vote and Share Info with EHSD Customers

Election Day 2020 on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you have not already done so, remember to register to vote, and encourage EHSD customers, family members, and friends to do the same.

In California, county elections offices will mail a ballot to every registered voter for the upcoming election. The return envelope has postage paid for mailing, which the US Postal Service recommends you do at least seven days before Election Day. You can also drop off your ballot at one of Contra Costa's 37 secure outdoor drop boxes that will be available 24/7. Visit www.cocovote.us to find a list of drop box locations, and to check your registration information, request a ballot, find your polling place and learn more about voting. If you vote in another county, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>.

The deadline to register to vote online or to submit a printed voter registration form is **Monday, October 19th**. The County Elections Office prefers you do so by that date so you will not have to register and vote in person. After the deadline, you may register and vote at the same time at the County Elections office, at an early voting site on October 30, 31 or November 2, or at a polling place on Election Day. However, the sooner you register to vote, the better.

Remember, when anyone 18 years or older applies for EHSD programs and services, federal law requires that we offer them the opportunity to register to vote. This is a mandate of the [National Voter Registration Act](#). The customer's decision to register is confidential, and does not affect eligibility or benefits. EHSD customers can complete the California Voter Registration Form and return it to Contra Costa County Elections Division, 555 Escobar Street – P.O. Box 271, Martinez, CA 94553. Call (925) 335-7800 for more information. Customers can also return the form to EHSD, in which case EHSD will forward it to County Elections.

All voters can sign up for **free notifications** about the status of their ballot at <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>. You will get the notifications after mailing in your ballot, and the Elections office receives and counts it.

Election Day is an exciting opportunity for our government to hear your voice through your vote. I encourage you all to exercise this privilege during this historical time.