Get Ready to Vote in El Cerrito: November 8, 2022 General Election Guide

Are you ready to vote in the November 8, 2022 General Election? Below, find a comprehensive guide that details candidates running for office in El Cerrito, and how to make your vote count. For more detailed information on election code in California, visit the California Legislative Information website.

WHO’S RUNNING
The City of El Cerrito General Municipal Election will be held on November 8, 2022 to fill two seats on the City Council. Terms are for four years and successful candidates will be sworn into office at the City Council meeting held on December 20, 2022.

Campaign disclosure statements are required by the State’s Political Reform Act; filing requirements are determined by money raises, and type of filer. Learn more about the candidates running below:

- Carolyn Wysinger, Education Coordinator/Author
  - Candidate Packet
  - Campaign Disclosure Statement
- Vanessa Warheit, Climate Policy Professional
  - Candidate Packet
  - Campaign Disclosure Statement
- Gabriel Quinto, Incumbent
  - Candidate Packet
  - Campaign Disclosure Statement

The City Council is composed of five elected council members with staggered four-year terms. There is no limit to the number of terms an individual can serve on the City Council. To be eligible to run, a candidate must be a resident of El Cerrito and a registered voter at the time nomination papers are issued, which ran from July 18, 2022, to the extended period of August 17, 2022. The candidate nomination period is determined by Election Code and begins 113 days prior to the election date.

A candidate who does not file during the nomination period may file as a write-in candidate. Write-in Candidates are subject to the same requirements, though do not have the option to submit a candidate statement, and will not have their name printed on the ballot. The nomination period for Write-In Candidates is Monday, September 12, 2022 - Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM. For more information on El Cerrito Candidates, visit the City’s website.
HOW TO VOTE
First and foremost, make sure you are registered to vote in the State of California; October 24, 2022 is the last day to register. **Check your registration status** [here](https://registertovote.ca.gov/), and **register to vote** at [https://registertovote.ca.gov/](https://registertovote.ca.gov/).

Starting November 4, **early voting** will be available at Richmond Memorial Auditorium (403 Civic Center Plaza):
- Friday, 11/4 from 11 AM to 6 PM
- Saturday, 11/5 from 9 AM to 3 PM
- Monday, 11/7 from 11 AM to 6 PM

Voters also have the option of secure **voting by mail ballot box**. Vote by Mail ballots are sent out by the County on October 10th. If you don’t receive a ballot, contact the County Elections office at [voter.services@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:voter.services@vote.cccounty.us) or 925-335-7836.

El Cerrito’s ballot box is located at El Cerrito City Hall, adjacent to the rear parking lot of the building. Voters also have the option of returning their ballot via USPS. The City strongly encourages voters to **refrain from using any ballot boxes not listed by the County**; these boxes are not secure, nor managed by County Election staff, thus endangering your ballot from being counted. A full list of County ballot boxes can be [found here](https://registertovote.ca.gov/). Ballots are transported to the County Elections Office by county election staff who check and empty locations regularly throughout the voting period. For more information, please contact the County Election office at (925) 335-7800.

On November 8, Contra Costa County will operate **polling sites** in El Cerrito at the following locations:
- City Hall (10890 San Pablo Ave)
- Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane)
- St. Jerome Church (308 Carmel Ave)
- St. John’s Community Center (6500 Gladys Ave)
- St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal (5324 Cypress Ave)

For more information on polling locations, visit the [Contra Costa County Elections Website](https://registertovote.ca.gov/).

*Stay up-to-date on the 2022 General Election in El Cerrito by following our social media sites, and visiting the Elections page on our website.*