

Do you know people who are...

**P**olite  
**O**rganized  
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**W**illing  
**O**bservant  
**R**esponsible  
**K**ind  
**E**nergetic  
**R**eliable

If so, encourage them to sign up to work as pollworkers by:

•Contacting us at (415) 554-4395 or

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# Pollworker Post

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

SPRING 2011



## Greetings, Pollworkers!

Spring is finally here and we have some news to share with you!

For several months, the Governor and legislative leaders have been negotiating a deal to place taxes on the ballot to help resolve California's budget deficit.

However, Governor Brown couldn't convince two-thirds of state legislators to support a special election in June.

By law, an election must be called a minimum of 88 days in advance. While the Legislature has the authority to bypass the election code, it appears that time for scheduling a June election has run out.

The media reports that Brown's next step remains unclear. He has said there would be an election on his tax proposal "one way or another." He now says a legislative compromise could lead to a September election. But he is also considering alternative ways to put tax extensions on the ballot, possi-

bly by gathering signatures for a November ballot initiative.

To place a tax extension measure on a November ballot, the state attorney general's office first would need to process the proposal for a ballot initiative, then proponents would need to gather approximately 505,000 supporting signatures (a number equal to at least 5% of the total votes cast for Governor in the last election) in time to submit them by late May for verification.

If a tax measure qualified by the deadline, it could be consolidated with the Municipal Election on November 8, 2011 which is the next scheduled election in the City & County of San Francisco.

In this upcoming election, voters will be electing the city's next Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney. There will be also a number of city measures on the ballot.

Read on! We have even more to share with you about the November Election.



# Saturday Voting Pilot Program

In the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election, San Francisco voters adopted an ordinance creating a pilot program that requires the Department of Elections to open early voting locations at each precinct on Saturday, November 5, 2011 prior to Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

The ordinance requires this pilot program to be implemented only if sufficient funds to cover all costs are raised from private donations.

The Department is developing new

processes to ensure that Saturday voting is administered successfully throughout the city should sufficient donations be received. The procedures for processing voters on Saturday will look quite new to pollworkers. With that in mind, our trainers have already devoted a lot of time to planning and developing a new training manual and curriculum explaining the new set of procedures and tools needed to ensure that voters are able to cast a vote and have that vote count!

We received an overwhelming response to the questionnaire that we

recently mailed to all our pollworkers asking you about your availability to work the polls on Saturday, November 5, in addition to working on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8!

Nearly all of you responded and over 95% have said they would be available to work on both days. Wow!

Stay tuned for updates on the Saturday Voting Pilot Program! In the meantime, enjoy the weather, test your knowledge on these facts below and try your hand at our latest crossword!

## Did You Know?

- ◆ The city of San Jose was the first Capital of California. It was moved because the city's dirt roads became too muddy during the rainy season of 1850-1851.
- ◆ Governor Jerry Brown, the son of former Governor Pat Brown (1959-1967), was born in San Francisco on April 7, 1938.
- ◆ Jerry Brown is the only Governor of California to serve "twice." He served two terms from 1975-1983 before being elected a third time, 28 years later to serve in 2011.
- ◆ Reagan was the only Governor of California to become President of the United States.
- ◆ California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850 by a margin of one single vote.

### Across:

1. To protect voter privacy, Standard Voters receive a Blue \_\_\_ Sleeve.
3. During closing procedures, place the Roster of Voters in Closing Bag number \_\_\_.
5. The Insight voting machine will return a \_\_\_ — choice ballot if the same candidate is selected multiple times.
7. The Roster of Voters includes a list of Inactive and \_\_\_ voters.
9. Never \_\_\_ — \_\_\_ ballot cards.
10. The inspector uses the Card Activator to program a \_\_\_ card for the accessible voting machine.

### Down:

2. Write "\_\_\_" in large letters on a vote-by-mail ballot that is exchanged for a precinct ballot.
4. At the end of the day, the final pick-up is conducted by a \_\_\_.
6. Closely follow all Job \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure voters are processed correctly.
8. If a voter's name is not in the Roster, and they decline directions to their home polling place, they may cast a \_\_\_ ballot.
11. The accessible voting machine is used when it is \_\_\_\_\_ by a voter.

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