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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ANNOUNCES UPDATED LANGUAGE DETERMINATIONS FOR ELECTION MATERIALS

On January 1, 2026, Santa Cruz County received updated language determinations under California Elections Code (EC) Section 14201. This law tells counties which languages must be translated for ballots and other election materials. The new requirements will apply to future elections, including the June 2, 2026, Statewide Primary Election.

Santa Cruz County will now provide election materials and assistance in Japanese and Thai. We will continue to provide materials and assistance in Spanish. These language requirements are based on census survey data and will remain in place for the next four years.

The Santa Cruz County Elections Office is planning both targeted and countywide outreach to make sure voters know that language help is available and understand how to request it.

We are working with community partners to help spread the word. If you are part of, or know of, a community organization, advocacy group, or community leader who works with Japanese-, Thai-, or Spanish-speaking voters, the Elections Office encourages you to contact us at languages@votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov. Working with trusted community partners helps ensure language services are effective, culturally responsive, and reach the voters who need them.

For more information about language assistance services or to connect with the Elections Office, contact (831) 454-2060 or email the Elections Office at languages@votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov.

