



Orange County's Voter Information Guide

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CITY OF SANTA ANA SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Vote-by-mail voting begins October 16th

VOTING OPTIONS AND DETAILS INSIDE!



**For information about voting at home, in-person voting, and early voting options
visit ocvote.gov/votecenter**



Consider voting
at home - your
ballot is included



Multiple options for
returning your ballot - via
secure drop box or by mail



Vote in-person
at Vote Centers
Nov 4 - Nov 14, 2023



Important Information

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Monday, October 16, 2023
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing Begins

Monday, October 30, 2023
Last Day to Register to Vote

Saturday, November 4, 2023
All Vote Centers Open

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Last Day of Voting

Can I vote if I register after the registration deadline?

Yes, conditional voter registration extends the 15-day registration deadline in California to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote provisionally starting 14 days prior to an election and on Election Day, at the Registrar of Voters' office, located at 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. C, Santa Ana, 92705 or at any Vote Center. For more information, visit ocvote.gov/conditional-voter-reg.

How to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot

Every voter in Santa Ana, Ward 3 will receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Mark your ballot, then follow the instructions on the official envelope to sign and seal your ballot in the postage-paid envelope provided. Then you can mail your ballot so that it is postmarked by Election Day and received by the seventh day after Election Day, drop off your ballot at a ballot drop box or Vote Center listed in this guide, or hand-deliver your ballot to the Orange County Registrar of Voters' office at 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. C, Santa Ana, 92705.

If you are unable to return your ballot, you may use your Vote-by-Mail envelope to authorize someone you trust to return it for you. If you drop off your ballot at a Vote Center, an employee will make sure your envelope is filled out correctly.

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Any voter may cast a ballot using a certified Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) system. The electronic ballot can be downloaded to the voter's computer, marked using the voter's own computer or assistive technology, then printed and returned by following the instructions included with the electronic ballot.

To access your RAVBM ballot, visit ocvote.gov/ravbm. For assistance, call 714-567-7600 or email ravbm@ocvote.gov.

No later than seven days before Election Day, the voter may request the county elections official to send a ballot that voters with disabilities can read and mark privately and independently pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.).

Replacement Ballots

If you need a replacement ballot, call us at 714-567-7600, go to ocvote.gov/replacement, or go to any open Vote Center during the in-person voting period.

Language assistance at Vote Centers

Voters will be able to receive language assistance via video conferencing at all Vote Centers in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean and American Sign Language (ASL).



Voting assistance available at Vote Centers

Every effort has been made to ensure all Vote Centers meet accessibility standards. Vote Centers will feature Accessible voting machines to mark your ballot, Curbside voting with paper ballot and an American Sign Language interpreter via video conferencing. Additional assistance is available upon request.

Voters that are unable to mark a ballot may bring up to two individuals to assist in voting (§ 14282 (b)).

We will help voters with disabilities have a successful voting experience. We are committed to ensuring all voters be provided the opportunity to vote independently. For additional assistance, call our office at 714-567-7600 or 1-888-628-6837.



Vote Center Locations



Find nearest location

November 4 - November 10, Saturday to Friday 8am-5pm
November 11 - November 13, Saturday to Monday 8am-8pm
November 14, Tuesday 7am-8pm

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HCA - Public Health Learning Center Opens November 4 1729 W 17th St Bldg E N of 17th St, Off College Ave, Back Parking Lot
Orange County Registrar of Voters Opens November 4 1300 S Grand Ave, Bldg C SW Corner of McFadden Ave

All Vote Center sites meet usable accessibility requirements unless otherwise noted.
For a complete list of Vote Center locations, visit ocvote.gov/votecenter.



Ballot Drop Box Locations



Find nearest location

Available 24/7 starting October 16 until November 14 at 8pm

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OC Health Care Agency	Walk Up	1725 W 17th St	Btwn Bristol St & English St
Orangewood Foundation	Drive-Thru Only	1575 E 17th St	Btwn Grand Ave & Cabrillo Park Dr
Orange County Registrar of Voters	Drive-Up & Walk Up	1300 S Grand Ave, Bldg C	SW Corner of McFadden Ave

All ballot drop boxes meet usable accessibility requirements unless noted as Drive-Up Only.
For a complete list of all ballot drop box locations, visit ocvote.gov/dropbox.



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City of Santa Ana Special Recall Election Information

Under the provisions of the law relating to charter cities in the State of California, a petition seeking the recall of City Councilmember Jessie Lopez was circulated for qualified voter signatures and timely filed with the City Clerk for the City of Santa Ana on June 13, 2023. Based upon the data provided by the Registrar of Voters, the City Clerk for the City of Santa Ana issued a certificate of sufficiency for the petition. Elections Code Section 11240 required that the Santa Ana City Council issue an order stating that an election shall be held to determine whether or not the officer named in the petition shall be recalled.

The purpose of this election is to determine whether or not the officer named in the recall petition, Jessie Lopez, shall be recalled. If a majority of the voters determine the officer sought to be recalled shall be removed from office, the officer is removed and the office shall be vacant until it is filled according to law.

There is one question on the City of Santa Ana Special Recall Election ballot, asking if the current City Council Member should be recalled (removed) from office.

A **“Yes”** vote on the recall question means the voter wants the incumbent City Council Member recalled (removed) from office.

A **“No”** vote on the recall question means that the voter wants the current City Council Member to remain in office.

If more voters mark **“YES”** than **“NO”** on the recall question, the current City Council Member will be removed from office. If more voters mark **“NO”** than **“YES”**, the current City Council Member will remain in office.

The following pages contain:

The **Statement of Reasons** for the proposed recall, **Answer to Statement of Reasons** for the proposed recall and a **Candidate's Statement**.

The Candidate's Statement in this Guide is volunteered by the candidate and paid for at their expense.

The Candidate's Statement is printed exactly as filed.



**CITY OF SANTA ANA
MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, WARD 3**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE
PROPOSED RECALL OF JESSIE LOPEZ**

The grounds for the recall are as follows:

Ms. Lopez brought embarrassment onto the City and displayed disregard for private property rights when she refused to vacate a rental property after being evicted for nonpayment of rent, as reported widely in the media.

Ms. Lopez opposed a local ordinance in 2021 which would have cracked down on dangerous, illegal street racing in Santa Ana, endangering the lives of all of our residents.

Ms. Lopez has supported destructive policies that have encouraged landlords to raise rents by as much as 15.7% according to the Zumper Annual Rent Report, contributing to Santa Ana's cost of living crisis on top of inflation.

Ms. Lopez last year supported exploring harmful tax proposals such as a "vacancy tax" on rental properties without tenants, discouraging investment and contributing to the housing affordability crisis. She supported an outrageous hike in the city's "in lieu fee," making it more expensive for housing developers to build residential housing in Santa Ana.

Ms. Lopez voted in favor of defunding the police in a dangerous proposal in June 2021. She defunded the Santa Ana Police Department by over \$1 million, eliminating officers from the Gang Enforcement Team and resources needed to protect residents from violent crime.

**ANSWER OF JESSIE LOPEZ TO STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED RECALL**

DO NOT SIGN THIS DESTRUCTIVE, CORRUPT RECALL SCHEME! YOUR SIGNATURE COULD COST SANTA ANA TAXPAYERS 1 MILLION DOLLARS.

DO NOT BELIEVE 'BULLY' GERRY SERRANO AND HIS GREEDY DEVELOPER FRIENDS. THEY ARE LYING TO GAIN POWER OVER CITY HALL AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS.

YOU CAN STOP THEM FROM INCREASING THEIR PENSIONS AND RAISING RENTS ON THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA ANA.

As your Councilwoman since 2020, I work tirelessly for Ward 3 residents daily. I have:

Protected renters from extreme rent increases and unfair evictions. Lowered traffic speeds in Ward 3 neighborhoods.

Hired park security.

Renovated parks, fixed streets, and increased youth programs.

Supported small businesses by lowering taxes.

Maintained a balanced budget.

Under my leadership, the City now has social workers specializing in homeless outreach, significantly increased beds available to homeless veterans, and fought for shelters to be operated outside of Santa Ana.

This attempt to recall two first-generation women is an effort to overturn the 2020 election. We do not need another wasteful special election, supported by special interests. Do not be fooled – Santa Ana police officers, firefighters, school teachers, health providers, and business leaders all STRONGLY OPPOSE this costly, corrupt recall.

Learn more at www.VoteJessieLopez.com

<https://www.ocregister.com/2023/01/24/santa-ana-police-union-thugs-up-to-their-old-tricks-against-councilmembers-lopez-and-phan/>

/s/ Jessie Lopez

Santa Ana Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Lopez

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JESSIE LOPEZ

Mayor Pro Tem

The outcome of this election will determine who is in control of Santa Ana - the special interests or the everyday voices of residents. Frustratingly, this recall will cost taxpayers up to \$1.2 million that should be spent making Santa Ana better.

The misinformation campaign spread by paid canvassers - who don't live in Santa Ana - was initiated by Gerry Serrano and the Police Officers Association after I stood up for a full financial audit to make sure our retired police officers were not having their medical savings used for Gerry's political campaigns.

I've worked hard to improve the quality of life for people in Ward 3. I've fought for upgrades to our parks, secured investments for youth programs and crime prevention, improved our local streets, and hired additional officers. Under my leadership, we've passed balanced budgets, reduced our pension liability, and supported protections for renters.

I've been a constant advocate for homelessness prevention policies. We've led efforts to hire social workers, build homes for veterans, and ensured neighboring cities do their part.

I urge you to vote No and reject the special interests groups that want access to your tax dollars.

www.StandWithJessie.com

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