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### **VOTERS WILL SEE NEW LANGUAGE ON ELECTION MATERIALS**

Contra Costa County voters will see an additional language on their voting materials starting this year, as the Contra Costa Elections Division adds Chinese to the current English and Spanish. This means that the official ballot and Voter Information Guide will appear in all three languages.

Voters in the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and the Diablo Community Services District have a special vote-by-mail election on March 6 and will be the first to see the trilingual materials when they receive their ballots in the mail next week. Incorporation of Chinese will appear on all voting materials beginning in June.

Written material will be in traditional Chinese and the Elections Division will provide audio language assistance in Cantonese and Mandarin.

The addition of Chinese comes as a result of the county's population growth and corresponding shift in demographics. As the population changes, so do the language needs of local voters. When 10,000 voters or 5 percent of the county's voting age citizens speak a specific language, the Federal Voting Rights Act requires that language be included on all election materials. At the end of 2016, the Department of Justice informed us that we crossed that threshold for Chinese.

"We look forward to meeting the needs of all of our voters," said Joe Canciamilla, Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters.

The Contra Costa Elections Division continues to engage with local community groups to ensure language access for all voters. For more information, visit our website at [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us).

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## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Mail Ballot Election  
March 6, 2018

*Elección Especial Por-Correo  
Marzo 6, 2018*

特別郵寄選票選舉  
2018年3月6日



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**This is an All-Mail Special Election. There are no polling places for this election. Arguments in favor or against the proposed measure are the opinions of the authors.**

***Esta es una elección especial de votación por correo. No hay lugares de votación para esta elección. Los argumentos a favor o en contra de la medida propuesta son las opiniones de sus autores.***

這是一次完全由郵寄方式進行的特別選舉。本次選舉沒有任何投票站。贊同或反對提案的論證係為論證者的個人意見。

