

# Elections News Release

## Monterey-San Benito-Santa Cruz



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### **March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary: Notice to No Party Preference Voters**

**TRI-COUNTY, CA** – No Party Preference (Nonpartisan) voters, will soon receive the No Party Preference Cross-Over Notice and Application in the mail. No Party Preference (NPP) voters are voters who are registered without a qualified political party. The cross-over notice will list options to participate in the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

The presidential primary includes a partisan presidential contest, in which parties will vote to nominate their candidate to run in the November general election. In addition to the partisan presidential contest, each ballot, regardless of party, will also include U.S. Senate, Congressional, state legislative, and local contests that are open to all voters.

The Registrars of Voters from the Tri-County area are issuing a joint message: “While it is important to take action to vote each election, it is particularly important during a presidential primary. All voters should take action and check their voter information (address and party) before the election. In addition, No Party Preference voters, or those who are registered without a qualified political party, will also have to act to either cross-over to a party ballot, re-register if the party does not allow cross-over voting, or decide to vote the nonpartisan ballot without a presidential contest.”

No Party Preference voters have options to participate in the presidential primary:

**Option 1.** Request a cross-over ballot for one of the following: American Independent Party, Democratic Party, or Libertarian Party. These parties allow NPP voters to cross-over without changing their party.

**Option 2.** Re-register with a political party if you want to vote on the presidential contest for the Green Party, Peace and Freedom Party, or Republican Party. These parties do not accept cross-over voters.

**Option 3.** Take no action. The ballot will not include a presidential contest but will include all other applicable contests.

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