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## **RTD to launch "Buses for Democracy" service on Election Day**

(Stockton, CA) – San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will operate a "Buses for Democracy," free Election Day service on November 8. This first-of-its-kind service in California is open all day to all passengers on all of RTD's [Metro Routes](#), [Intercity Fixed Routes](#), [Hopper Routes](#), and [Dial-A-Ride Service](#).

RTD has a long history of encouraging civic engagement via a multitude of programs and public service announcement campaigns. The agency also boasts a record of implementing innovative technologies and community programs. "Buses for Democracy" will join RTD's commitment to civic engagement with its dedication to innovation and will provide access to polling places, while promoting public transit.

"We are very proud to play an integral role in getting people to work, school, shopping centers, and now their polling places," said Donna DeMartino, Chief Executive Officer of RTD. "Helping provide transportation on Election Day is a win-win for our community because it helps voters exercise their right to vote and allows them to experience the impact and value of public transportation."

"San Joaquin County recognizes the record growth in registered voters and applauds RTD for facilitating services to the citizens of San Joaquin County in order to make getting to the polls as easy as possible," said Austin Erdman, San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters.

Under this service, passengers can freely board any of RTD's Metro Routes and Intercity Fixed Routes. However, passengers seeking to use RTD's Hopper routes or Dial-A-Ride Service will need to call (209) 955-8400 to make reservations by 5 pm on November 7.

Not all polling places may be served by a service route and Commuter routes are excluded from this Election Day service offer. Passengers can plan their trip with RTD's Trip Planner at [www.sanjoaquinrtd.com/mobile/mobiletp.php](http://www.sanjoaquinrtd.com/mobile/mobiletp.php) or contact the RTD Customer Information Center at (209) 943-1111.

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