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RTD Brings Back "Buses for Democracy" on Primary Election Day

Stockton, CA—Just in time for California’s primary election, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is bringing back its “Buses for Democracy” program on Tuesday, March 3. Offering free transit to help voters get to the polls, RTD originally launched the program in November 2016 leading up to the national election. RTD will again offer free transit service on its local fixed-routes—all Stockton Metro, Metro Express, Intercity, Hopper, and Stockton Metropolitan Area Dial-a-Ride (DAR)—for all passengers to make participation in California’s primary election easier. Fixed-route passengers who wish to take advantage of the “Buses for Democracy” promotion need to request a free ride when first boarding the bus; DAR passengers need to request a free ride when reserving their trip when calling (209) 943-1111.

“RTD has always played a key role in transporting the citizens of San Joaquin County to all of their important destinations,” said RTD Board Chair Gary Giovanetti. “Providing free access to our service so that they can exercise their civic duty at the polls is just one more way RTD is looking out for its ridership.”

“People have a lot of reasons why they don’t vote, but not having a ride isn’t one of them thanks to our transit district, which is offering free rides to the polls on Election Day! Remember to get out and vote on Tuesday and if you need a ride, just check your local RTD schedule,” said Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs.

To find your local polling place, go to sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/ and enter your home address. RTD can help you plan your trip to the polls through the trip planner service. To access this service, visit www.sjRTD.com and look for the Trip Planner on the homepage.

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is the regional transit provider for San Joaquin County. RTD’s mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region. For more information, visit sjRTD.com, follow RTD on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, or call (209) 943-1111.

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