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RTD Continues "Buses for Democracy" on General Election Day

Stockton, CA – On Tuesday, November 8, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is providing opportunities to participate in our democracy by continuing its "Buses for Democracy" program. RTD will offer free transit on its Express, Local, and Hopper services to make participation in California's general election easier and more accessible. Fixed-route passengers who wish to take advantage of the "Buses for Democracy" promotion will need to notify the bus operator they are going to and from the polls upon boarding the bus. American with Disability Act (ADA) eligible Dial-A-Ride passengers will need to request a free trip for the purpose of going to a polling center by dialing 209-943-1111, option 2, option 2.

"It is essential that everyone has the ability to perform their civic duty and cast their ballot," said RTD CEO Alex Clifford. "No one should be denied their right to vote simply because they can't afford a ride. Free public transportation on election day will help by providing access to those who may not have transportation and help ensure that everyone can participate in our democracy."

To find your local polling place, visit <u>sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/</u> and enter your home address. Plan your trip by using <u>RTD's Trip Planner</u>.

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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