Congratulations on becoming a United States citizen!
Where’s My Ballot?

Tracking your vote-by-mail ballot—when it is mailed, received, and counted—has never been easier.

Sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.

GET STARTED

Note: This system does not change or update your voter registration.

Where’s My Ballot? Frequently Asked Questions

FIRST NAME

Example: ‘John’

LAST NAME

Example: ‘Adams’

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

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WHY VOTE?
The right to vote has been hard-fought. Women, minorities, and non-landowners were all prohibited from voting earlier in our nation’s history. You have now fought for and earned the right to participate in our civic process. Elections are a critical element of our democracy. Your vote helps elect presidents, our representatives in Congress, our state legislature, city council members, judges, and many others whose decisions have a direct impact on our daily life. You also have the power to help create new laws or repeal those you disagree with. By casting a ballot on Election Day, you have the power to strengthen our democracy.

TO REGISTER TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:
• A United States citizen;
• A resident of California;
• 18 years of age or older on Election Day;
• Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and
• Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?
You can register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or complete a paper application. You will receive a notice in the mail from your county elections office to confirm your registration.

WHEN DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?
While you may register to vote at any time, you must register at least 15 days before an election day to be eligible to vote in that election. If you become a U.S. citizen after the registration deadline, you may still register and vote by going to your county elections office. You must give the county elections office proof of citizenship and declare that you have established residency in California. If you missed the registration deadline, you can conditionally register to vote and vote. Visit www.sos.ca.gov or contact your county elections official for more information. Re-register to vote if you change your name, address, or political party preference.

WAYS TO VOTE

BY MAIL: County elections officials will mail vote-by-mail ballots to all active registered voters. Your voted ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than seven days after Election Day. You may also deliver your voted ballot to your county elections office or any polling place in California or a ballot drop-off location before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

OR

IN PERSON: Vote in person at your polling place or a vote center in your county. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT WILL BE ON MY BALLOT?
Registered voters automatically receive a state Voter Information Guide in the mail a few weeks before Election Day unless they ask to receive it electronically. This nonpartisan guide has details about statewide ballot measures, some candidates, and voter rights. Audio and large-print versions of the guide are available for voters who are blind or visually impaired. To order any version of the guide free of charge, call the Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

County elections officials will also mail a county Voter Information Guide to each registered voter. This guide shows what your ballot will look like and includes information about local candidates, local ballot measures, your polling place address, and more. The guide may also describe how voters with disabilities can vote privately and independently.
SAFE AT HOME
If sharing your address could put you in life-threatening danger, you may be eligible to register to vote confidentially. For more information contact the Safe at Home program at (877) 322-5227 or visit www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home.

HOW DO I CHOOSE A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE?
You may choose one of California's qualified political parties when you register to vote. Choosing a political party preference ensures that you can vote for that party's candidate in a presidential primary election. You may also indicate that you do not want to choose a political party, which means you will be registered as a No Party Preference (NPP) voter. In presidential primary elections, some political parties allow NPP voters to help choose their candidates. In all elections, NPP voters may vote for ballot measures and candidates running for voter-nominated, local, and nonpartisan offices.

QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES*

⭐ AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY
We believe in liberty and justice for all under God. We want to keep America independent and safe. We will protect the family, marriage and work. We believe in individual responsibility and free enterprise. We must obey our Constitution and promote Declaration of Independence principles. We are true American Independents.

⭐ DEMOCRATIC PARTY
The California Democratic Party believes that immigrants drive our economy and build our communities. We are committed to health care for all, the right to vote for all U.S. citizens, and high-quality education that opens the doors to the American Dream. Join California's strongest team. Learn more at www.cadem.org.

⭐ GREEN PARTY
You are invited to join the Greens. In California and internationally, the Green Party works for living wage jobs, healthcare for all, tuition-free education, and a just immigration policy. We take no corporate money, so we stay on the side of people, peace, and planet. Welcome! See: www.cagreens.org.

⭐ LIBERTARIAN PARTY
Welcome to America! Register Libertarian, the party of liberty and freedom. We stand for personal liberty, economic freedom, and staying out of other countries’ affairs. Other parties run your life with a powerful government. Libertarians give people the power to make their own decisions. Maximum freedom. Minimal government. Vote Libertarian.

⭐ PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY
Welcome new citizens! Help us create an American society that lives up to its democratic ideals. We oppose war and all discrimination. We are for workers’ rights, free health care and education, and protection of the environment. Please register Peace and Freedom Party, California’s party of the Left.

⭐ REPUBLICAN PARTY
Congratulations on becoming an American citizen. Join the party of President Abraham Lincoln and register Republican. Republicans support democracy and freedom. We believe in equal opportunity, better schools, affordable housing, low taxes, and policies that support families. We believe government should protect the liberty of every citizen. www.cagop.org.

*Statements provided by political parties.
Contact your county elections office for your voter information and more. You can find contact information at: www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

To find your polling place, text the word “Vote” to GoVote (468-683).
For more information about voting and elections, call (800) 345-VOTE or visit www.sos.ca.gov. Voter assistance is available in 10 languages:

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