

## Why vote?

Elections are a critical element of our democracy. Casting a ballot can change the course of our nation, our state, and the communities we live in. 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. Through the ballot box, you also have the power to help create new laws or repeal those you disagree with.

The right to vote has been hard-fought. Women, minorities, and non-landowners were all prohibited from voting earlier in our nation's history. In 1911, women gained the right to vote in California, nine years before women's suffrage was guaranteed in the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Just 50 years ago, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, landmark federal legislation designed to remove barriers to participation in the electoral process for African-Americans and later other racial minorities. Our nation's veterans have also ensured that our democratic principles, including the right to vote, are protected.

By registering to vote and casting a ballot on Election Day, you have the power to strengthen our democracy. The California Secretary of State is committed to honoring the legacy of those who have so valiantly fought for our democratic principles. Our nation's veterans have also ensured that our democratic principles, including the right to vote, are protected.

## Can I register to vote?

- To register to vote in California, you must be:
- A United States citizen;
  - 18 years of age or older on Election Day;
  - Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
  - Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law.

## How do I register to vote?

You can visit [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov) or call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



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- ★ Voter registration applications are provided at many places throughout the state:
    - County elections offices or city halls
    - Public libraries
    - Post offices
    - Department of Motor Vehicles field offices
    - State and county social services offices
    - State and county mental health offices
    - Department of Rehabilitation Services
    - State and county district offices
    - Independent Living Centers
    - Department of Developmental Services
    - Regional Centers
    - Franchise Tax Board district offices
    - Armed Forces recruitment offices
- If you have a California identification card or driver license, you must provide the number on your voter registration application. If you do not have one of those two types of identification, provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a social security number, you will be assigned a unique identification number for voting purposes only.

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# INTRODUCTION

## Election Night Results Reporting

8:00 p.m. – Counties will begin uploading results to the California Secretary of State. These results can be found at the Election Night Results site found at:

<https://electionresult.sos.ca.gov>

- County elections officials are required to submit semi-final results at least every two hours after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.
- The Election Night Results site is set to update every five minutes after the polls close on election night.
- Updates for the remaining ballots counted after election night will be posted to the Election Night Results site by 5:00 p.m. and updated every business day from March 5 (E+2) through April 2, 2020 (E+30).

There is no greater right than the right to vote. Through voting, you help select your local, state, and national leaders, and ensure that your voice is heard.

- Alex Padilla

1,508

Total number of vote centers

77

Total number of early voting sites

## Voter Information Guide

### Primary Election

Number of Copies: 13.6 million

Household Delivery: 12.9 million

Total Cost: \$4.7 million

20,346

Total number of precincts\*\*

7,459

Total number of polling locations\*

25.2m

Eligible to register to vote in California as of February 18, 2020

20.6

Registered voters in California as of February 27, 2020

39.5m

Population of California as of July 1, 2019 (U.S. Census Bureau)

58

Counties in California

\*Number includes voter center locations. There can be more than one precinct at a polling location.

\*\*Number include all-mail precincts. There can be more than one precinct at a polling location.

# WAYS TO VOTE

## Vote by Mail

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by February 25, 2020.

Return by mail—must be postmarked on or before March 3 and received by your county elections office no later than March 6.

Return in person—to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on March 3.

## Vote Early in Person

Any registered voter can go to a county elections office in person to request and receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail ballots will be available by February 3 and through Election Day.

Some counties offer early voting at a few locations before Election Day. For a list of these early voting locations go to: <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>.

## California Voter's Choice Act

The California Voter's Choice Act is a new law passed in 2016 that will modernize elections in California by allowing counties to conduct elections under a new model which provides greater flexibility and convenience for voters. Go online for more info: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/vca-counties](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/vca-counties).

This new election model allows voters to choose how, when, and where to cast their ballot by:

- Mailing every voter a ballot
- Expanding in-person early voting
- Allowing voters to cast a ballot at any vote center within their county

## Vote at the Polls on Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day: March 3 from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m.

The location of your polling place is printed on the back page of the county Voter Information Guide your county elections official mailed to you.

### You can also find your polling place:

- By calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- Online at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place)
- By texting *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)

Same Day Voter Registration, also known as Conditional Voter Registration, extends the existing 15-day registration deadline to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. An eligible individual can go to their county elections office (14 days before an election through Election Day) or any Vote Center in the county (10 days before an election through Election Day) to conditionally register to vote and vote a ballot. For more information go to: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg) or contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (800) 345-8683 or by email.

## My Voter Status

Check your registration status online at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. Some county elections officials also allow you to check the status of your voter registration through their website, by telephone, or both.

## Provisional Ballot

If your name is not on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot.

## What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot that is placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box.

## Who casts a provisional ballot?

Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who:

- Believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place.
- Vote by mail but did not receive their ballot or do not have their ballot with them, and instead want to vote at a polling place.

## What happens after you cast a provisional ballot?

Your provisional ballot will be counted when officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and you did not already vote in that election. You may vote a provisional ballot at any polling place in the county in which you are registered to vote; however, only the elections contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

Depending on the volume of these types of ballots, it takes up to 30 days for county elections officials to verify voter records and determine if ballots have been cast by eligible voters.

## How can you check the status of your provisional ballot?

Every voter who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted. You can also visit

<https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>



# KEY DATES AND EVENTS

## 2020 Presidential Primary Election

**January 23** – Voter Information Guide Residential Delivery Begins (through February 11)

**February 3** – Voter’s Choice Act counties begin to mail each registered voter a vote-by-mail packet

**February 3** – Vote-By-Mail mailing period begins

**February 4** – Voter’s Choice Act Counties ballot drop off locations open

**February 18** – Deadline to update voter registration or register by mail, online, or in person

**February 19 – March 3** – Same day voter registration begins for electors to conditionally register and vote provisionally through March 3

**February 22** - First vote centers open for Voter’s Choice Act counties, which include Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Tuolumne counties to vote in person or drop off vote-by-mail ballot (11-day vote centers)

**February 25** – Last day to request vote-by-mail ballot

**February 29** – Additional vote centers open for Voter’s Choice Act counties

## March 3 – Presidential Primary Election

**March 5** – Official Canvas begins and continues through April 2

**April 10** – Last day for Secretary of State to certify Presidential Primary Election results



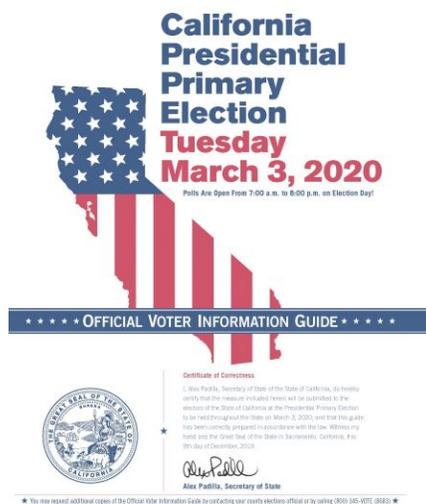
# PRIMARY ELECTION FAQs

## Ballot Measures

For the Primary Election, only the Legislature has the ability to place constitutional amendments, bond measures, advisory questions, and proposed changes in law on the ballot.

A statewide ballot measure is approved by a majority vote of the people. Certain local ballot measures require approval by a 55% or a two-thirds vote of the electorate.

## Voter Information Guide



[www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov)

## What state issues will be on the ballot?

There is one legislative ballot measure on the Presidential Primary Election ballot. Information on this measure can be found in the state Voter Information Guide.

## Who writes the arguments for and against the ballot measures that are printed in the Secretary of State's official Voter Information Guide?

The Secretary of State's office does not write ballot arguments. Arguments for and against ballot measures are provided by proponents and opponents of the ballot measures. According to law, ballot argument language cannot be changed in any way unless a court orders it to be changed.

If multiple arguments are submitted for or against a measure, the law requires first priority to be given to arguments written by legislators in the case of legislative measures and arguments written by the proponents of an initiative or referendum in the case of an initiative or referendum. Subsequent priority for all measures goes to bona fide associations of citizens and then to individual voters.

## Statewide Proposition

**Proposition 13 – AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR FACILITY REPAIR, CONSTRUCTION, AND MODERNIZATION AT PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS, K-12 SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.** It authorizes \$15 billion in state general obligation bonds for construction and modernization of public education facilities. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds estimated at about \$740 million per year (including interest) over the next 35 years.

## Full Text of Proposed Law

The full text of the proposed laws can be found online at [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov).

Copies of the full text may also be requested at no cost by contacting the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or by email to [vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov](mailto:vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov).



## Am I required to vote on every contest or proposition on the ballot?

No, you are not required to vote on every contest or proposition on your ballot. Your ballot will not be invalidated if you do not vote on every contest or every proposition.

## Can a voter change their vote after they cast their ballot?

**Polling Place Voters:** Voters who vote a ballot at the polling place are entitled to a replacement ballot if they make a mistake on their ballot before placing it in the ballot box. They must surrender the original ballot to a poll worker who will void it and issue a new one. Once a ballot has been placed in the ballot box, it is considered cast and cannot be changed.

**Vote-By-Mail Voters:** If a vote-by-mail voter makes a mistake before their ballot has been cast, the voter can surrender their vote-by-mail ballot at the polls (or at their county elections office on or before Election Day) and receive another ballot. If the voter does not have their vote-by-mail ballot to return, the voter may be issued a provisional ballot.

A vote-by-mail ballot is considered cast once it is mailed to or dropped off with the elections official, dropped off at a polling location or polling place or drop box. Once a vote-by-mail ballot is cast, a voter cannot change their vote or request a new ballot.



## What is the deadline to submit a vote-by-mail ballot?

**In Person:** A voter may personally deliver their vote-by-mail ballot to a polling location or polling place or drop box or county elections office by the close of polls on March 3.

**By Mail:** A voter's vote-by mail ballot must be postmarked on or before March 3 and received by their county elections office no later than March 6.

## About Candidates

### How are primary elections conducted in California?

All candidates for voter-nominated offices are listed on one ballot and only the top two vote-getters in the primary election – regardless of party preference - move on to the general election. Voter-nominated offices are state constitutional offices, state legislative offices, U.S. senate, and U.S. congressional offices. A write-in candidate will only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election.

### How to Vote for President

As a voter registered with No Party Preference, if you want to vote for U.S. President, you must request a primary election ballot with presidential candidates from one of the following parties:

- American Independent
- Democratic Party
- Libertarian Party

If you vote by mail, you will need to request this ballot from your county elections office. If you vote at the polls, you can request a ballot when checking in at the polling place. For more information on this process, visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-info/how-vote-president](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-info/how-vote-president).

If you want to vote for the Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican Parties' presidential candidates, you must re-register with that specific party. To change your voter registration, visit <https://registertovote.ca.gov>.

Registered with a Qualified Political Party?

If you registered with any of the following qualified political parties, you can only vote for that party's presidential candidates:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Republican Party

To vote for another party's presidential candidate, you must re-register with that specific party by visiting <https://registertovote.ca.gov>.

## **What do party preferences mean when listed with candidates' names on the ballot? What are the qualified political parties and abbreviations of those party names?**

A candidate must indicate his or her preference or lack of preference for a qualified political party. If the candidate has a qualified political party preference, that qualified political party will be indicated by the candidate's name on the ballot. If a candidate does not have a qualified political party preference, "Party Preference: None" will be indicated by the candidate's name on the ballot.

Abbreviations for the qualified political parties are:

- DEM = Democratic Party
- REP = Republican Party
- AI = American Independent Party
- GRN = Green Party
- LIB = Libertarian Party
- PF = Peace & Freedom Party

## **Who is running for office?**

[The Certified List of Candidates](#) includes all candidates for United States Senator, United States House of Representatives, State Senator, and State Assembly who are up for election.

[County elections officials](#) provide certified lists of candidates for local contests such as mayor and sheriff. Information about candidates for the United States House of Representatives, State Senator, and State Assembly are available through county elections offices and your county's Voter Information Guide.

## **About Election Results Website**

### **Will the unofficial election results change after Election Night? When will all of the election results be final?**

Yes, election results will change throughout the canvass period as vote-by-mail ballots, provisional ballots, and other ballots are processed. Depending on the volume of these types of ballots, it may take up to 30 days for county elections officials to verify voter records and determine if ballots have been cast by eligible voters. The frequency of updated results will vary based on the size of each county and the process each county elections office uses to tally and report votes. County elections officials must report their final results to the Secretary of State by April 2, presidential results by March 31, all others by April 4, 2020. The Secretary of State will certify the results by April 10.

## **What qualifies as a "close contest" for purposes of the Secretary of State's election results website?**

For people interested in watching contests with particularly tight margins, the Secretary of State's website includes a close contest feature. As election results come in, this page will list all contests in which there is less than a two percent difference between first and second place for candidates or between "yes" and "no" votes for ballot measures. Election results will change throughout the 30-day canvass period as vote-by-mail ballots, provisional ballots, and other ballots are tallied.

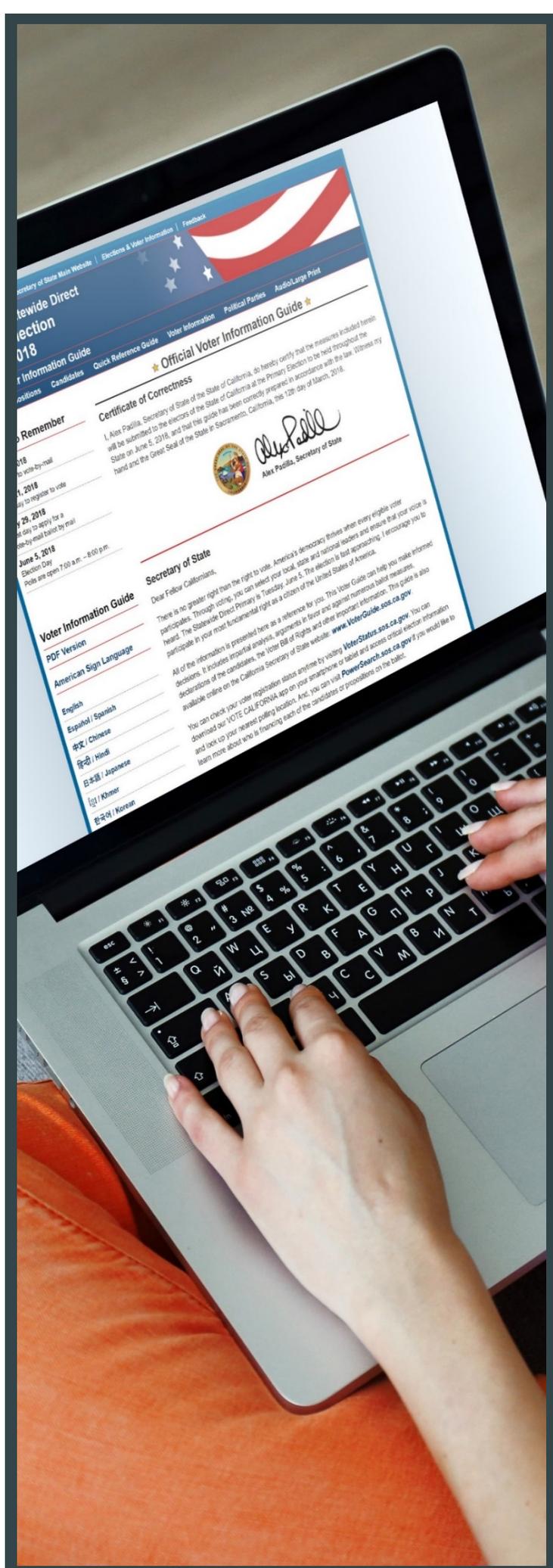
### **On Election Night: Why have some counties not reported any results immediately after the polls close?**

State law requires county elections officials to send their first batch of results to the Secretary of State's office no more than two hours after they begin tallying votes after polls close on Election Day. Each of the 58 county elections office processes ballots differently, and the distances poll workers must travel from polling places to county offices vary greatly. County elections officials continue to report results periodically on Election Night until all precinct vote totals have been reported. County elections officials will continue to count ballots for up to 28 days for president and 30 days for all other contests after Election Day.

### **On Election Night: Why do some counties show no precincts have reported, yet some votes have been counted?**

The first election results are typically ballots received before Election Day. Military and overseas voters may cast ballots up to 60 days before Election Day, and vote-by-mail voters may begin voting 29 days before Election Day. County elections officials may begin opening vote-by-mail ballot envelopes up to ten business days before Election Day, but those results cannot be accessed or shared with the public until all polls close on Election Day.

Many county elections officials choose to tally and report these early voted ballots before results come in from precincts, which are sometimes far away from county headquarters. Early voted ballots simply appear as raw vote totals because, in this initial stage, the ballots are not attributed to individual precincts.



## On Election Night: Why do some contests show a high percentage of precincts reporting, yet the number of votes continues change?

Some counties will show an entire precinct as having reported even if only one ballot from that precinct has been counted. This is why the website specifically notes the data is from precincts “partially reporting.”

Once a county submits its final ballot-count report for Election Night, “SF” for Semi-Final will be noted in the Report Type column. Election Night results can be viewed as a snapshot in time.

Election results will change throughout the 30-day canvass period, 29 days for the presidential contest, as vote-by-mail ballots, provisional ballots, and other ballots are tallied.

## When are vote-by-mail ballots counted?

Vote-by-mail ballots that are received by county elections officials before Election Day are typically counted on Election Day. Many more vote-by-mail ballots are dropped off at polling places, drop box locations, vote centers, or arrive at county elections offices on Election Day. A vote-by-mail ballot is to be counted if postmarked on or before Election Day and received in the county elections office no later than three days after the election and. Depending on the volume of these types of ballots, it takes up to 30 days for county elections officials to verify voter records and determine if ballots have been cast by eligible voters. The frequency of updated results will vary based on the size of each county and the process each local elections office uses to tally and report votes.

All vote-by-mail ballots that county elections officials determine to be valid and cast by eligible voters are counted and included in the official election results, presidential results will be available by April 4 and will be published by the Secretary of State by April 10.

# TRANSLATION MATERIALS

The Secretary of State offers voter information currently available online for assistance in English and nine other languages: Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

## **Specific to March 3, 2020**

The March 3, 2020, Voter Information Guide can help you make informed decisions. It includes impartial analysis, arguments in favor and against the ballot measure, the Voter Bill of Rights, and other important information. The state's Voter Information Guide is printed and available on our website in ten languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

[www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov)

## **Other Materials**

A Guide to Voting in California has detailed information regarding registering to vote, how statewide primaries and generals work, voting by mail, military and overseas voting, accessibility for those with disabilities, and how to contact your local elections official.

[www.elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/outreach/pdf/guide-to-voting.pdf](http://www.elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/outreach/pdf/guide-to-voting.pdf)

## **Voter Education and Outreach**

The Secretary of State works in partnership with the State Superintendent of Public Instructions to conduct voter education and outreach for young citizens to register to vote and turn out at the polls to ensure their voices are heard in 2020 and beyond. Voter education activities include High School Voter Education Weeks, Student Mock Elections, etc. For more information please visit

[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs).



# MY VOTER STATUS



## My Voter Status

The Secretary of State's My Voter Status website allows voters to look up their voter registration information online. Voters can view their registration status, the address at which they are registered and their political party preferences. In addition, voters have the ability to change how they want to receive their state and county Voter Information Guides <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>.

After an election, voters can check the status of their provisional vote by-mail ballots to ensure ballots were counted. If ballots were not counted, review the reason why ballots were not counted.

## Using My Voter Status

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Log in to [My Voter Status](#) with first and last name, driver license or identification card number, last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, and date of birth, exactly as they appear in your voter registration record.

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Make sure your residential and mailing addresses are current and your registration status is active. If your residential and mailing addresses are not current, click on "Re-Register to Vote" to update them.



# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

## You have the following rights:

### 1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen living in California
- at least 18 years old
- registered where you currently live
- not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

**2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

**3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**

**4. The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

**5. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

**Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,

**Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or

**Vote using a provisional ballot**

**6. The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

**7. The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.

**8. The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.

**9. The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

**10. The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.



The California Secretary of State's office has produced an animated video that explains to voters what their rights are while casting their vote.

<https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaSOS/videos/1358989800969361>

# VOTER REGISTRATION

## Who can register to vote?

- To register to vote in California, you must be:
- A United States citizen and a
- Resident of California,
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony (for more information, please see the Secretary of State's [Voting Rights: Persons with Criminal History](#)) and
- Not currently found to be mentally incompetent to vote by a court (for more information, please see [Voting Rights: Persons Subject to Conservatorship](#)).

## How can I register to vote?

You can apply to register to vote right now by visiting [www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov) or you may request that a Voter Registration Card be mailed to you by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Paper voter registration applications are also provided at many places throughout the state:

- County elections offices or city halls
- Public libraries
- Post offices
- Department of Motor Vehicles field offices
- State and county social services offices
- State and county mental health offices
- Department of Rehabilitation offices
- Independent Living Centers
- Department of Developmental Services Regional Centers
- Board of Equalization and Franchise Tax Board district offices
- Armed Forces recruitment offices

If you have a California identification card or driver license, you must provide the number on your voter registration application. If you do not have one of those two types of identification, provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a social security number, you will be assigned a unique identification number for voting purposes only.

The online and paper Voter Registration Cards are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

## Voter Registration Deadline

It is important that your voter registration application be filled out completely and be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election.

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[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg) or contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (800) 345-8683 or by email.

## Military and Overseas Voters

Military and overseas voters are United States citizens who are members of the Uniformed Services (on active duty) and their eligible dependents, members of the Merchant Marines and their eligible dependents, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or United States citizens residing outside the United States.

To apply to register to vote, receive your elections materials, and vote, you must apply for a special absentee ballot by registering online at [www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov) or by visiting the Federal Voting Assistance Program website and filling out the [Federal Post Card Application \(PDF\)](#).



## Voting While Living Abroad

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)

Under the Federal UOCAVA Act of 1986, military/uniformed service members and United States citizens living outside the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia for reasons of employment, study programs or military service (including the spouse or dependents of one serving in the military) are eligible to register to vote and request a Vote by Mail (absentee) ballot. This act is administered by the Federal Voting Assistance Program. For more information regarding military and overseas voters please go to: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters>.

## Voting Options for College Students

As a Californian living away from home while attending a college, trade school or technical school, you may choose to register to vote using your home away from home address you use while at school or your traditional home address. Whatever you decide, you may not register to vote in two places during the same election cycle.

## Are You Already Registered to Vote?

To find out if you are currently registered to vote, visit My Voter Status to check status of your voter registration at [www.voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterstatus.sos.ca.gov).

## When to Re-Register to Vote

You need to re-register to vote when:

- You move to a new permanent residence,
- You change your name, or
- You change your political party choice.

As a California voter, be aware that local elections in some areas are held on dates that do not coincide with statewide election dates. The 15-day close of registration deadline for these local elections varies depending on the actual date of the election.



### California Voter Registration/Pre-Registration Application SOS

Print clearly using blue or black ink. Use this form if you: (1) are a new voter, (2) are pre-registering to vote, (3) have changed your name, (4) have moved and need to update your voter registration address, or (5) want to change your political party preference. You can also register to vote online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).

<b>1</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	I am a U.S. citizen and resident of California ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I am 18 or older ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I am 16 or 17 and want to pre-register ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If "No," you CANNOT register. Only choose one.
<b>2</b>	<b>Your legal name</b>	First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: (including suffix, such as Jr., Sr., III) _____	
<b>3</b>	<b>Identification</b>	Date of birth: M M D D Y Y Y Y California driver license or ID card #: _____ SSN (last 4 numbers) X X X - X X - ____ U.S. state or foreign country of birth: _____	
<b>4</b>	<b>The address where you live</b>	Home address: _____ Apt or Unit #: _____ City: _____ State: CA Zip: _____ California county: _____ Do not use a P.O. Box #. If you do not have a street address, describe where you live including cross streets, Route, N, S, E, W, etc.	
<b>5</b>	<b>The address where you receive mail</b>	Mailing address – if different from above or a P.O. Box #: City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Foreign country: _____ Skip if same as address above.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Registration history</b>	First name: _____ Middle initial: _____ Last name: _____ Previous address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Previous county: _____ Previous political party preference (if any): _____	
<b>7</b>	<b>Vote by mail</b>	I want to get my ballot by mail before each election. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No *If "Yes," you will get your ballot by mail before each election but, if you want to vote in person, you must turn in your ballot or vote a provisional ballot.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Political party preference</b>	I want to choose a political party preference: <input type="checkbox"/> American Independent Party <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Green Party <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party <input type="checkbox"/> Peace and Freedom Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ I do not want to choose a political party preference: <input type="checkbox"/> No Party / None	<b>Optional voter information</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>My language preference for receiving election materials is:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Farsi <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog <input type="checkbox"/> Thai <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer <input type="checkbox"/> Igbo <input type="checkbox"/> Other language: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I want voting materials in an accessible format. <input type="checkbox"/> I want to be a poll worker. My ethnicity/race is: _____	Email (optional): _____ Phone number (optional): _____
<b>10</b>	<b>Affidavit</b>	I swear or affirm that: I am a U.S. citizen and a resident of California and at least 18 years old. I am not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I am not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court. I understand that it is a crime to intentionally provide incorrect information on this form. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and correct.	
		Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____	
		59 CZ 210001	
		Did someone help you fill out or deliver this form? If "yes," the person who helped you must fill out and sign both parts of this blue box.	
		Signatures: _____ Date: _____ Name, address, and phone #: _____ Org. name and phone #: _____	
		Signatures: _____ Date: _____ Name, address, and phone #: _____ Org. name and phone #: _____	
		The law protects your voter registration information against commercial use. Report any problems to the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline: (800) 345-8883.	
		59 CZ (This part is the voter's receipt.)	

# SOCIAL MEDIA

## Logos

Social media is a fast, fun and easy way to get information out to your employees and customers. Copy, paste, use one of our photos and post. It's that simple!

## Sample Messages

1. (insert your business name) is putting democracy to work!  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)
2. Promote the vote. Get registered. Vote.  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)
3. (insert your business name) takes pride in empowering our community! [#VoteCalifornia](#)
4. Did you know you can register to vote online in California? Visit [www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov) and get registered today. [#VoteCalifornia](#)
5. Want to vote? Get registered [@RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://@RegisterToVote.ca.gov).  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)
6. Register to Vote [@RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://@RegisterToVote.ca.gov).  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)
7. We are committing to Register to Vote in 2020.  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)
8. Text Vote to GoVote (468-683) to find your polling place.  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)
9. Register to Vote by February 18 to vote in the March 3 election.  
[#VoteCalifornia](#)



[www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov)



### Election Dates

**Presidential Primary Election**  
March 3, 2020

**Register to vote by**  
February 18, 2020

**General Election**  
November 3, 2020

**Register to vote by**  
October 19, 2020



# COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICES

[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices)

## Alameda County

1225 Fallon St., Rm. G-1  
Oakland, CA 94612  
(510) 272-6933

## Alpine County

99 Water St.  
Markleeville, CA 96120  
(530) 694-2281

## Amador County

810 Court St.  
Jackson, CA 95642-2132  
(209) 223-6465

## Butte County

155 Nelson Ave.  
Oroville, CA 95965-3411  
(530) 538-7761

## Calaveras County

891 Mountain Ranch Rd.  
San Andreas, CA 95249  
(209) 754-6376

## Colusa County

546 Jay St., Ste. 200  
Colusa, CA 95932  
(530) 458-0500

## Contra Costa County

555 Escobar St.  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 335-7800

## Del Norte County

981 H St., Rm. 160  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
(707) 464-7216

## El Dorado County

2850 Fairlane Ct.  
Placerville, CA 95667  
(530) 621-7480

## Fresno County

2221 Kern St.  
Fresno, CA 93721  
(559) 600-8683

## Glenn County

516 W. Sycamore St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Willows, CA 95988  
(530) 934-6414

## Humboldt County

2426 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
(707) 445-7481

## Imperial County

940 W. Main St., Ste. 206  
El Centro, CA 92243-2839  
(442) 265-1060

## Inyo County

168 N. Edwards Street  
Independence, CA 93526  
(760) 878-0224

## Kern County

1115 Truxtun Ave., First Floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639  
(661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683

## Kings County

1400 W. Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, CA 93230  
(559) 852-4401

## Lake County

255 N. Forbes St.  
Lakeport, CA 95453  
(707) 263-2372

## Lassen County

220 S. Lassen St., Ste. 5  
Susanville, CA 96130  
(530) 251-8217

## Los Angeles County

12400 Imperial Hwy.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(800) 815-2666

## Madera County

200 W. 4th St.  
Madera, CA 93637  
(559) 675-7720

## Marin County

3501 Civic Center Dr, Ste. 121  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 473-6456

## Mariposa County

4982 10th St.  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 966-2007

## Mendocino County

501 Low Gap Rd., Rm. 1020  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
(707) 234-6819

## Merced County

2222 M St.  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7541

## Modoc County

108 E. Modoc St.  
Alturas, CA 96101  
(530) 233-6205

## Mono County

74 N. School St., Annex I  
Bridgeport, CA 93517  
(760) 932-5537

## Monterey County

1441 Schilling Place - North Bldg.  
Salinas, CA 93901  
(831) 796-1499

## Napa County

1127 First St. Ste. E  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 253-4321

## Nevada County

950 Maidu Ave., Ste. 210  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
(530) 265-1298

## Orange County

1300 South Grand Ave., Bldg. C  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 567-7600

## Placer County

2956 Richardson Dr.  
Auburn, CA 95603  
(530) 886-5650

## Plumas County

520 Main St., Rm. 102, Courthouse  
Quincy, CA 95971  
(530) 283-6256

## Riverside County

2724 Gateway Dr.  
Riverside, CA 92507-0918  
(951) 486-7200

## Sacramento County

7000 65th St., Ste. A  
Sacramento, CA 95823  
(916) 875-6451

## San Benito County

440 Fifth St., Second Floor, Rm. 205  
Hollister, CA 95023-3843  
(831) 636-4016

## San Bernardino County

777 E. Rialto Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-1005  
(909) 387-8300

## San Diego County

5600 Overland Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92123  
(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136

## San Francisco County

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 48  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 554-4375

## San Joaquin County

44 N. San Joaquin St Third Floor,  
Suite 350  
Stockton, CA 95202  
(209) 468-8683

## San Luis Obispo County

1055 Monterey St., Ste. D-120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  
(805) 781-5228

## San Mateo County

40 Tower Rd.  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
(650) 312-5222

## Santa Barbara County

4440-A Calle Real  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683

## Santa Clara County

1555 Berger Dr., Bldg. 2  
San Jose, CA 95112  
(408) 299-8683  
(866) 430-8683

## Santa Cruz County

701 Ocean St., Rm. 310  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4035  
(831) 454-2060

## Shasta County

1643 Market St.  
Redding, CA 96001  
(530) 225-5730

## Sierra County

100 Courthouse Square, Rm. 11  
Downieville, CA 95936-0398  
(530) 289-3295

## Siskiyou County

510 N. Main St.  
Yreka, CA 96097-2525  
(530) 842-8084

## Solano County

675 Texas St., Ste. 2600  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
(707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683

## Sonoma County

435 Fiscal Dr.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-6800

## Stanislaus County

1021 I St., Ste. 101  
Modesto, CA 95354-2331  
(209) 525-5200

## Sutter County

1435 Veterans Memorial Cir.  
Yuba City, CA 95993  
(530) 822-7122

## Tehama County

633 Washington St., Rm. 17  
Red Bluff, CA 96080-0250  
(530) 527-8190

## Trinity County

11 Court St.  
Weaverville, CA 96093-1215  
(530) 623-1220

## Tulare County

5951 S. Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 624-7300

## Tuolumne County

2 S. Green St.  
Sonora, CA 95370-4618  
(209) 533-5570

## Ventura County

Hall of Administration, Lower Plaza  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009-1200  
(805) 654-2664

## Yolo County

625 Court St., Rm. B-05  
Woodland, CA 95695  
(530) 666-8133

## Yuba County

915 8th St., Ste. 107  
Marysville, CA 95901-5273  
(530) 749-7855