ELECTIONS GLOSSARY TERMS

accessible to voters with disabilities

address confidentiality program – known as Safe at Home, which provides confidential voter registration

address where you live

address for your mail

affidavit of registration

alternative format – examples include, languages other than English, Braille, large print, and recorded audio

amendment

American Independent Party

Americans with Disabilities Act

assistance in voting

Assistant County Clerk

Assistant Registrar of Voters

audio ballot

ballot
ballot box
ballot card
ballot drop box/location
ballot drop off location
ballot measure
ballot stub
bilingual poll worker
bond measure
California Constitution
California Secretary of State’s office
candidate
cast a vote
Conditional Voter Registration
confirm your registration
consolidated precinct
constitutional
county
County Clerk
county measure
County Voter Information Guide
decline to state
Democratic Party
district
drive-through or curbside voting
duplicate vote
early voting
elderly voters
election
Election Administration Plan (EAP)
Election Day
election inspector
election observer
election official
election worker
electioneering
electronic pollbook or e-pollbook
eligible voters
fiscal impact
general election
Green Party
identification
initiative measure
instructions to voters
Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)
layout guidance
Libertarian Party
local measure
mail ballots
marking device
military and overseas voters
multilingual services
no
No Party Preference
nonpartisan
Office of the Registrar of Voters
official ballot
overvote
paper ballot
Peace and Freedom Party
pre-print

poll worker

polling place

precinct

pre-registration – California youth can pre-register to vote if they are 16 or 17 years old and meet the other voter registration eligibility requirements and their registration will become active once they turn 18 years old

primary election

proposition

provisional ballot

provisional ballot envelope

public comment period

public consultation meeting

public hearing

recall election

register to vote

registered voters

referendum measure

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

replacement ballot
Republican Party
re-register
roster
runoff election
sample ballot
sample ballot booklet
school measure
secrecy sleeve
signature
special election
spoiled ballot
state initiative
state measure
Statewide Special Election
stylus
touch screen
traffic-flow guidance
vote
vote both sides of the ballot
vote center
vote for no more than
vote for one
vote for up to
Vote by Mail
Vote by Mail return envelope
voter
Voter Bill of Rights
voter feedback
voter information pamphlet
voter instructions
voter outreach
voter outreach plan
voter services
Voter’s Choice Act
voters with disabilities
voting
Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
voting booth
voting equipment
Voting Rights Act

voting station

wheelchair accessible

write-in candidate

yes
COVID-19-RELATED GLOSSARY TERMS

cleaning supplies

commonly used surfaces

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

County Health Guidance

County Health Officials

coverage of the mouth and nose

COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 prevention plan

COVID-19 symptoms – includes fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

disinfecting wipes

disposable face covering

disposable gloves

Executive Order N-64-20

Executive Order N-67-20

face covering

face mask

face shield
fever

hand hygiene

hand sanitizer

hand-washing – washing hands with soap and water and scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer where soap or running water are unavailable

health and safety

high-traffic areas

illness – reported illness ranges from very mild (some people have no symptoms) to severe illness

one-directional foot traffic

protective equipment – includes face coverings, gloves, and other protective gear

physical barrier

physical distancing

plexiglass

potentially infectious

proper sneezing and coughing etiquette – includes covering coughs and sneezes and washing hands to assist with infection control, as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

public health guidance

public health officials
risk assessment

serious underlying medical conditions – includes such conditions as heart or lung disease or diabetes

Stay-At-Home Order

temperature

voting system cleaning

COVID-19-RELATED GLOSSARY PHRASES

Please wear a facial covering over your nose and mouth.

Maintain physical distance of 6 feet from others.

Avoid physical contact.

Use hand sanitizer at the check-in station.

Place your own ballot into the tabulator or ballot box.

Use hand sanitizer again after you vote.

Thanks for wearing your mask.

Remember to use the hand sanitizer.

Thanks for keeping your distance.

Your ballot is fragile; make sure your hands are dry and your sanitizer has evaporated.

You can put your ballot directly in the tabulator (or ballot box). It’s easy.

Drop your activation card in the box so we can sanitize it before the next voter uses it.
Following the guidelines (on face coverings or distancing) can protect you and everyone else, so we do ask that you follow them.

If you don’t have a face covering, we’d be happy to provide one (if available).

We regret that you’re unwilling to follow the guidelines, but we do respect your right to vote. Please give us a bit of time to organize the area to allow additional physical distance between you, our fellow election workers, observers, and other voters.

Voting by mail is a safe choice to avoid exposure to COVID-19 while voting.

When entering a voting location, please:

• Wear a face covering.
• Maintain physical distance of six feet from people not from your household.
• Use hand sanitizer before approaching the check-in station and after voting.
• Follow any additional guidance provided at the voting location.