



California

Secretary of State

Voters Experiencing Homelessness Fact Sheet

For the June 2, 2026, Primary Election, ballots will begin being mailed to all active registered voters no later than May 4, 2026. In-person voting locations will also be available. Locations and hours will vary by county. For the latest information, visit vote.ca.gov.

Here's what you can do to ensure you can exercise your right to vote if you do not have a current residential address:

I'm unhoused. Can I vote?

All eligible voters have the right to vote, including a person who is experiencing homelessness. You may register to vote as long as you have a location where you can receive mail and be properly assigned to a voting precinct.

Call or visit your county elections office to register to vote. You may register to vote at an address where you spend most of your time, such as a shelter. If you have a driver's license or state identification, you can easily register at registertovote.ca.gov. **Please note that you cannot use a P.O. Box or business address to register to vote, but you can use a P.O. Box or business address to receive mail.**

If you are unable to use an address when you register to vote, you must describe the location where you live so it is clear enough for your county elections official to find your voting precinct. You may use cross streets or a park as your address. This ensures that you can receive accurate elections materials based on where you live.

If you are not registered to vote by May 18, 2026, you have the right to register and vote at any polling place, vote center, or county elections office using a process called same day voter registration.



Vote by Mail

No stamp required! Every mailed ballot comes with a pre-paid ballot return envelope. Be sure to put it back into the official envelope. Sign and date the envelope and place in the mail, a county ballot drop box, a polling place, or vote center. Find a location near you at vote.ca.gov, or call or visit your local county elections office to see what options are available for you.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by **Election Day**. Ballots returned at a secure ballot drop box or a voting location must be dropped off by **8:00 p.m. on Election Day**.



Vote in Person

Every voter has the option to vote in person. Every county in California will offer early in-person voting in the county elections offices starting no later than May 4, 2026. Other locations, times, and days of early voting vary by county. Find a location near you at vote.ca.gov, or call or visit your [local county elections office](#) to see what options are available for you.

All voting locations will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To find the location nearest you, visit vote.ca.gov.



County or State Voter Information Guide

If you don't have your county voter information guide, most counties have an online version on their website. Voting locations will also have copies of the county information guide. The Secretary of State's online voter information guide can be found at vote.ca.gov.

For more information, visit
vote.ca.gov or call our Voter
Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



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