

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. 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. 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.

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 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.

Register to Vote Online | RegisterToVote.ca.gov

California General Election Handbook

November 6, 2018

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INTRODUCTION

Election Night Results Reporting

8:00 p.m. – Counties will begin uploading results to the California Secretary of State.

Links: <https://vote.sos.ca.gov>

- County elections officials are required to submit semi-results at least every two hours after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.
- The <https://vote.sos.ca.gov> 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 <https://vote.sos.ca.gov> site by 5:00 p.m., every business day from November 8 through December 6, 2018.
- The official canvass results report starts on November 8 (E+2) and continues through December 6, 2018 (E+30).

Find Your Polling Place or Vote Center

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/>

Check Your Voter Status

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

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

Voter Information Guide - 2018 General Election

Number of Copies: 13.5 million

Household Delivery: 10.6 million

Total Cost: Estimate \$8.7 million

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Total number of Vote Centers* on Election Day

9,625

Total number of polling locations

24,312

Total number of precincts*

39.8m

Population of California as of January 1, 2018

25.2m

Eligible to Register to Vote in California as of October 22, 2018

19.6m

Registered Voters in California as of October 22s, 2018

58

Counties in California

*Number of [Vote Centers](#) on Election Day in Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo

*Numbers includes all-mail precincts. There can be more than one precinct in a polling location.

WAYS TO VOTE

Vote by Mail

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by October 8, 2018.

Return by mail—must be postmarked on or before November 6, 2018 and received by your county elections office no later than November 9, 2018.

Return in person—to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m., on November 6, 2018. To find drop-off locations in your county go to <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>

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 October 8, 2018 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: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act>

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: November 6, 2018 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 visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>

You can also find your polling place:

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

By calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Online at <https://sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>

By texting Vote to GOVOTE (468683)

Conditional Voter Registration

During the period of 14 days prior to Election Day through and including Election Day, an individual can go to the office of their [county elections official](#) to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR). <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/>

My Voter Status

Check your registration status online at 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 after elections 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> to get this information. For election related videos <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/help-strengthen-our-democracy/video-resources/>



KEY DATES AND EVENTS

General Election

September 27, 2018 - Voter Information Guide Residential Delivery Begins (through October 16, 2018)

October 8, 2018 - Voter's Choice Act counties begin to mail each registered voter a vote-by-mail packet

October 8, 2018 - Vote-By-Mail mailing period begins

October 9, 2018 - Voter's Choice Act counties ballot drop off locations open

October 22, 2018 - Deadline to update voter registration or register by mail, online, or in person

October 23 - November 6, 2018 - Conditional voter registration begins for electors to conditionally register and vote provisionally through November 6, 2018

October 26 - November 6, 2018 - First vote centers open for voters in Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo counties to vote in person or drop-off vote-by-mail ballots (11-day vote centers)

October 30, 2018 - Last day to request vote-by-mail ballot via mail application

November 2 - November 6, 2018 - Additional vote centers open for Voter's Choice Act counties

November 6, 2018 - General Election Day!

November 8, 2018 - Official Canvass begins and continues through December 6

December 6, 2018 - Official Canvass deadline

December 14, 2018 - Last day for the Secretary of State to certify the General Election results

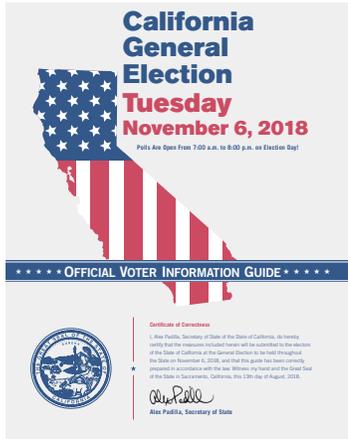
GENERAL ELECTION FAQs

Ballot Measures

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

A statewide ballot measure can be 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.

Information Guide



www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/

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.

List of Measures with Ballot Titles

Proposition 1

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for existing affordable housing programs for low-income residents, veterans, farmworkers, manufactured and mobile homes, infill, and transit-oriented housing. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging about \$170 million annually over the next 35 years.

Proposition 2

Amends Mental Health Services Act to fund No Place Like Home Program, which finances housing for individuals with mental illness. Ratifies existing law establishing the No Place Like Home Program. Fiscal Impact: Allows the state to use up to \$140 million per year of county mental health funds to repay up to \$2 billion in bonds. These bonds would fund housing for those with mental illness who are homeless.

Proposition 3

Authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging \$430 million per year over 40 years. Local government savings for water-related projects, likely averaging a couple hundred million dollars annually over the next few decades.

Proposition 4

Authorizes \$1.5 billion in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipping of qualifying children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging about \$80 million annually over the next 35 years.

Proposition 5

Removes certain transfer requirements for homeowners over 55, severely disabled homeowners, and contaminated or disaster-destroyed property. Fiscal Impact: Schools and local governments each would lose over \$100 million in annual property taxes early on, growing to about \$1 billion per year. Similar increase in state costs to backfill school property tax losses

Proposition 6

Repeals a 2017 transportation law's taxes and fees designated for road repairs and public transportation. Fiscal Impact: Reduced ongoing revenues of \$5.1 billion from state fuel and vehicle taxes that mainly would have paid for highway and road maintenance and repairs, as well as transit programs.

Proposition 7

Gives Legislature ability to change daylight saving time period by two-thirds vote, if changes are consistent with federal law. Fiscal Impact: This measure has no direct fiscal effect because changes to daylight saving time would depend on future actions by the Legislature and potentially the federal government.

Proposition 8

Requires rebates and penalties if charges exceed limit. Requires annual reporting to the state. Prohibits clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source. Fiscal Impact: Overall annual effect on state and local governments ranging from net positive impact in the low tens of millions of dollars to net negative impact in the tens of millions of dollars.

Proposition 9

On July 18, 2018, Proposition 9 was removed from the ballot by order of the California Supreme Court.

Proposition 10

Repeals state law that currently restricts the scope of rentcontrol policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose on residential property. Fiscal Impact: Potential net reduction in state and local revenues of tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or considerably more.

Proposition 11

Law entitling hourly employees to breaks without being on-call would not apply to private-sector ambulance employees. Fiscal Impact: Likely fiscal benefit to local governments (in the form of lower costs and higher revenues), potentially in the tens of millions of dollars each year.

Proposition 12

Establishes minimum requirements for confining certain farm animals. Prohibits sales of meat and egg products from animals confined in noncomplying manner. Fiscal Impact: Potential decrease in state income tax revenues

from farm businesses, likely not more than several million dollars annually. State costs up to \$10 million annually to enforce the measure.

Full Text of Proposed Laws

The full text of proposed laws can be found online at 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.



<https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2018/general/pdf/topl.pdf>

Is It Required to Vote on Every Contest or Proposition on The Ballot?

No, it is 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. 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 place, or placed in a 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 place or a drop box by the close of polls on November 6, 2018.

By Mail: A voter's vote-by mail ballot must be postmarked on or before November 6, 2018 and received by their county elections office no later than November 9, 2018.

About Candidates

How are General elections conducted in California?

All candidates for voter-nominated offices are listed on one ballot. Voter-nominated offices are state constitutional offices, state legislative offices, U.S. Senate, and U.S. congressional offices.

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. Similarly, voters who do not have a party preference are known as having "no party preference" or as "NPP" voters.

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 Secretary of State's Certified List of Candidates \(PDF\)](#) includes all candidates for U.S. Senate, United States House of Representatives, State Senator, and State Assemblymember 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 United States Senator is available in the Secretary of State's [Voter Information Guide](#).

Information about candidates for state constitutional offices and United States House of Representatives, State Senator, and State Assemblymember are available through county elections offices and your county's Voter Information Guide.

Information About Candidate Statements

The Voter Information Guide includes information about U.S. Senate and state constitutional office candidates. Candidates for statewide office who have accepted voluntary campaign expenditure limits are able to purchase a maximum of 250 words for a candidate statement in the Voter Information Guide. Candidates for federal office are not subject to the voluntary spending limits, and are able to purchase a candidate statement regardless of their campaign expenditures <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/voter-info/info-about-candidate-statements.htm>

Link to Candidates

The Voter Information Guide includes candidate statements for candidates for United States Senator, and for statewide office. For more information about U.S. Senate and state constitutional office candidates please visit: <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/candidates/>

Justices of the Supreme Court Appellate Court

Under the California Constitution, Supreme Court and Appeals Court justices are nominated by the Governor after a thorough review of the candidate's background and qualifications and are subject to confirmation by voters to serve an additional term as a Justice of the Court. The public votes "yes" or "no" to retain each justice. For more information about Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Court Justices, visit <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/justices/> or <http://www.courts.ca.gov> or call the toll-free Voter Hotline (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

About Election Results Website

Will the unofficial election results change after Election Night? When will all of the election results be available?

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 December 7, 2018. The Secretary of State will certify the results by December 14, 2018.

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 offices 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 30 days 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 to change?

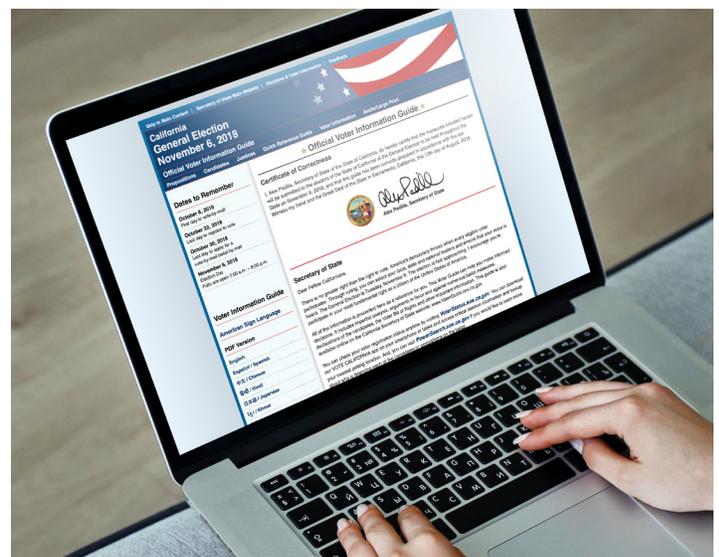
Some counties will show an entire precinct as having reported even if only one ballot from that precinct has been counted. This is why the website specifically notes the data is from precincts “partially reporting.”

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 [here](#).

Election results will change throughout the 30-day canvass period 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 received in the county elections office no later than three days after the election and postmarked on or before Election Day. 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, which will be published by the Secretary of State by December 14, 2018.



TRANSLATION MATERIALS

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

Specific to November 6, 2018

The November 6, 2018, Voter Information Guide can help you make informed decisions. It includes impartial analysis, arguments in favor and against the many ballot measures, declarations of the candidates, the Voter Bill of Rights, and other important information. The 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

The Vote in 2018 pamphlet includes information on important election related deadlines, polling place hours of operation, registering to vote, voting by mail, provisional voting, and finding your polling place.

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/>

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.

<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov//outreach/pdf/guide-to-voting.pdf>

Voter Education and Outreach

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/help-strengthen-our-democracy/



MY VOTER STATUS



My Voter Status

The Secretary of State has launched the new My Voter Status website. This website allows voters to look up their voter registration information through the Secretary of State's website.

Voters are able to view their registration status, the address at which they are registered, their party preference, and county and state voter information guides delivery preference. In addition, voters will have the ability to change how they would like to receive their state and county voter information guides.

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

Using My Voter Status

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Log in to [My Voter Status](https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov) with first and last name, driver license or identification card number, last 4 digits of your SSN, 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.



VOTE CALIFORNIA

A Mobile Tool for Voting Information

The Vote California App was developed and launched by the California Secretary of State, The Pew Charitable Trusts and California counties, to connect you with the essential information you need to cast your ballot.

The app has:

- ✓ Information about the November 6 General Election
- ✓ Voter status lookup
- ✓ Polling location lookup
- ✓ Voter Registration
- ✓ Quick guide to propositions
- ✓ Election Results

You can download the app on your smartphone today! Simply visit Google Play or the Apple Store and search "Vote California."

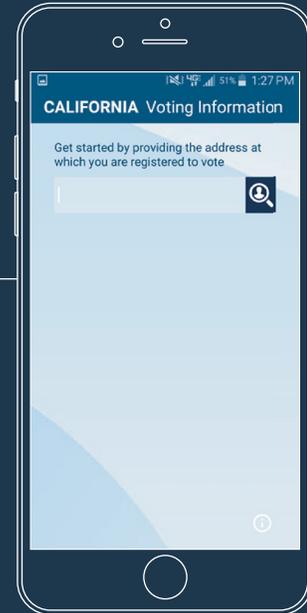
Download Today



Home Screen



Polling Location Lookup



Voter Registration



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;
- **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.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or you are aware of any election fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-8683



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

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Who can register to vote?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen,
- 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 a 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 <https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov> or 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.

Assistance in Other Languages

The Secretary of State's online and paper applications 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.

During the 14-day period prior to Election Day, a person can go to their county elections official or a vote center to conditionally register to vote and vote the same day. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR)

If you have any questions, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/frequently-asked-questions/> 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 Marine 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 <https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov> or by visiting Federal Voting Assistance Program and filling out the [Federal Post Card Application \(PDF\)](#).

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.

Choosing which address to use when you register to vote is a personal decision. Whatever you decide, you may not register to vote in two places during the same election cycle.

Voting While Living Abroad

If you are temporarily living outside the United States, you can register to vote and apply to vote by mail by registering online at <https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov> or by visiting Federal Voting Assistance Program and using the [Federal Post Card Application \(PDF\)](#) that is used by all other Californians who are living abroad.

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 <https://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.

1

I am a U.S. citizen and resident of California Yes No If "No," you CANNOT register.

I am 18 or older Yes No

I am 16 or 17 and want to pre-register Yes No Only choose one.

2

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss (optional)

Your legal name

First _____ Middle _____

Last (including suffix, such as Jr., Sr., III) _____

3

Identification

If you do not have a CA driver license or CA ID card, list the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one.

Date of birth

California driver license or ID card # _____ SSN (last 4 numbers) XXX-XX-____

U.S. state or foreign country of birth _____

4

The address where you live

Do not use a P.O. Box #

Home address _____ Apt or Unit # _____

City _____ State CA Zip _____ California county _____

If you do not have a street address, describe where you live including cross streets, Route, N, S, E, W, etc. _____

5

The address where you receive mail

Skip if same as address above.

Mailing address – if different from above or a P.O. Box # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Foreign country _____

6

Registration history

If you were previously registered or pre-registered to vote, fill out this section.

First name _____ Middle initial _____ Last name _____

City _____

Previous address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Previous county _____ Previous political party preference (if any) _____

7

Vote-by-mail

I want to get my ballot by mail before each election. *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.

Yes* No

8 Political party preference

If you choose "No Party/None," you may not be able to vote for some parties' candidates at a primary election for U.S. President, or for a party's central committee.

I want to choose a political party preference

American Independent Party

Democratic Party

Green Party

Libertarian Party

Peace and Freedom Party

Republican Party

Other (specify): _____

I do not want to choose a political party preference

No Party / None

9 Optional voter information

Email (optional) _____

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Phone number (optional) _____

I would like to receive election information by text message.

My language preference for receiving election materials is:

English Spanish Chinese Hindi Khmer

Español 中文 印地 ភ្មែរ

Korean Japanese Tagalog Thai Vietnamese

한국어 日本語 Tagalog ไทย Việt ngữ

I want voting materials in an accessible format.

My ethnicity/race is: _____

10

10 Affidavit

You must sign in the red box for your registration to be complete.

I swear or affirm that: I am a U.S. citizen and a resident of California and at least 16 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 CV _____ 200001

The law protects your voter registration information against commercial use. Report any problems to the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline: (800) 345-8683.

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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name, address, and phone #: _____

Org, name and phone #: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name, address, and phone #: _____

Org, name and phone #: _____

59 CV _____

(This part is the voter's receipt.)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a fast, fun and easy way to get information out to your friends, employees and customers. Copy, paste, and 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 RegisterToVote.ca.gov and get registered today.
#VoteCalifornia
5. Want to vote? Get registered @RegisterToVote.ca.gov
#VoteCalifornia
6. Register to Vote @RegisterToVote.ca.gov #VoteCalifornia
7. We are committing to Register to Vote in 2018.
#VoteCalifornia
8. Text Vote to GoVote (468-683) to find your polling place
#VoteCalifornia
9. Register to Vote by October 22, 2018 to vote in the
November 6 General Election #VoteCalifornia



www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov



Election Dates

General Election
November 6, 2018

Register to vote by
October 22, 2018



SOCIAL MEDIA

CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

DID YOU FORGET TO REGISTER TO VOTE? NO PROBLEM!

DID YOU KNOW?

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) is when, during the period of 14 days prior to Election Day through and including Election Day, you can conditionally register to vote and vote at:

- your county elections office or
- a vote center (if you live in Modesto, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, or Sacramento county).

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Visit your county elections office or a vote center (a full list of county contact information can be found here: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>).
2. Complete a voter registration card or register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.
3. Visit your CVR provisional ballot at your county elections office or vote center.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

REMEMBER TO VOTE!
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018!

OCTOBER 8
First day to vote-by-mail.

OCTOBER 22
Last day to register to vote. You can "conditionally" register and vote at your county elections office after the 14-day voter registration deadline.

OCTOBER 30
Last day that county elections officials will accept any voter's application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

NOVEMBER 6
Election Day!

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

ASSISTANCE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Check Your County Voter Guide

Your county Voter Information Guide will:

- Describe how persons with disabilities can vote privately and independently.
- Display a wheelchair symbol if your polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities.

At Your Polling Place or Vote Center

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- Your labor union leader or anyone who works for your employer.
- Your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union.

All vote centers are required to be accessible to voters with disabilities and will have accessible voting machines.

Audio and Large Print Voter Guides

To order a state Voter Information Guide at no cost in English, Chinese, Hindi, Vietnamese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, or Vietnamese, visit our website at www.voterinfo.sos.ca.gov.

Curbside Voting

Curbside voting allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Election officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a table or not.

Contact your county elections office to see if curbside voting is available at your polling place or vote center.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

5 WAYS TO FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE OR VOTE CENTER:

1. Check your county Voter Information Guide your county elections office mailed to you.
2. Call (800) 345-VOTE (3683).
3. Online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place-or-vote-center or voterinfo.sos.ca.gov.
4. Text Vote to GOVOTE (468682).
5. On the "Vote California" mobile app available through the Apple Store and Google Play.

Polls and vote centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.

Do you live in Modesto, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, or Sacramento county? Visit VoteCalifornia.com for additional information on vote centers and ways you can vote in these counties.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.
2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if you are not at your polling place on Election Day.
3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
4. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
5. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
6. The right to get help counting your ballot from anyone you choose to help you on Election Day.
7. The right to drop or use your provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot.
8. The right to get assistance in marking your ballot, if you need it.
9. The right to ask questions to election officials about election procedures and watch the election process.
10. The right to have your ballot counted if you have a provisional ballot.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

TIPS FOR VOTERS CA MILITARY/OVERSEAS

START EARLY

California's county elections officials begin sending ballots to military and overseas voters 60 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at RegisterToVote.ca.gov to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time.

STAY IN TOUCH

Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each election. We encourage you to update your registration each year, if needed. However, you must re-register to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference.

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections office by mail, fax, or email.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22: Last day to register to vote and request your ballot.
October 30: Last day to update or change how you want to receive your ballot.
November 6: Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office on or before November 9.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

FIND YOUR VOTE CENTER OR POLLING PLACE

Polling Places and Vote Centers

Polling places and vote centers are established by county elections officials. Look for your polling place address or vote center locations in the county Voter Information Guide that you receive in the mail a few weeks before Election Day.

If you live in Modesto, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, or Sacramento county, you can vote in any vote center in your county. Visit VoteCalifornia.com for more information.

Questions?

Visit the Society of State Election Administrators at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place-or-vote-center or call the toll-free hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (3683).

You can also text Vote to GOVOTE (468682) to find the location of your polling place. Or you can download the Vote California mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

BE A POLL WORKER

GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AND TAKE PART IN THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN OUR DEMOCRACY—ELECTION DAY!

WHO?

To serve as a poll worker you must be:

- A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; or
- An eligible high school student.

WHAT?

As a poll worker, you will be required to:

- Set up and close a polling place.
- Help voters understand their rights.
- Protect ballots and voting equipment.

WHY?

Benefits of being a poll worker include:

- Getting involved and assisting voters.
- Contributing to your community and meeting your neighbors.
- Earning extra money (amount varies by county).

HIGH SCHOOL

To serve as a high school poll worker a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Be at least 16 years old on Election Day.
- Have a grade point average of at least 2.5.
- Get permission from your parents and school.
- Attend a training session.

QUESTIONS?

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

PROVISIONAL VOTING

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE VOTER LIST AT YOUR POLLING PLACE OR VOTE CENTER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

WHAT?

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

WHO?

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 or vote center.

WHEN?

Will my provisional ballot be counted? Your provisional ballot will be counted after election officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and you did not already vote in that election.

HOW?

How can you check the status of your provisional ballot? You can check the status of your provisional ballot at voterinfo.sos.ca.gov. Alternatively, 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.

For a list of county contacts and information on how to check the status of your provisional ballot, visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/.

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

REGISTER TO VOTE

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 6 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION IS OCTOBER 22, 2018!

REGISTER TO VOTE AT REGISTERTOVOTE.CA.GOV

OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

CHECK ONLINE

MY VOTER STATUS

Use My Voter Status to:

- See if you are registered to vote and if so, in what county.
- Check your political party preference.
- Find your polling place.
- Find a vote center for voters living in Modesto, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties.
- Find upcoming elections in your area.
- Receive your Voter Information Guide (VIG) by email before each statewide election.
- Get contact information for your county elections office.
- Check the status of your vote-by-mail or provisional ballot.

CHECK STATUS

To check your voter status you will need some personal information like first name, last name, California driver license or identification card number, social security number (last 4 numbers), and date of birth.

Go to MyVoterStatus.ca.gov to get started.



OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION <http://voterinfo.sos.ca.gov/voterinfo/>

CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS

VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov

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CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

CaEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov

#VoteCalifornia

95,872
Californians registered to vote or updated their voter registration online through RegisterToVote.ca.gov on September 25, National Voter Registration Day!

#VoteCalifornia

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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EARLY VOTING

CaEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov

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ONE WEEK LEFT

Until the October 22 Voter Registration Deadline

RegisterToVote.ca.gov

#VoteCalifornia

REGISTER TO VOTE

RegisterToVote.ca.gov

#VoteCalifornia

VOTE-BY-MAIL HAS STARTED

#VoteCalifornia

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICES

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices

Alameda County

(510) 272-6933
www.acgov.org/rov/index.htm

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov

Amador County

(209) 223-6465
www.co.amador.ca.us/government/recorder-clerk

Butte County

(530) 538-7761
buttevotes.net

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376
elections.calaverasgov.us/elections.aspx

Colusa County

(530) 458-0500
www.countyofcolusa.org/index.aspx?nid=197

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800
www.cocovote.us

Del Norte County

(707) 464-7216
www.co.del-norte.ca.us

El Dorado County

(530) 621-7480
www.edcgov.us/elections

Fresno County

(559) 600-8683
www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County

(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/govt/departments/elections/

Humboldt County

(707) 445-7481
www.co.humboldt.ca.us/election

Imperial County

(442) 265-1060
www.co.imperial.ca.us/regvoters

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224
elections.inyocounty.us

Kern County

(661) 868-3590 or
(800) 452-8683
elections.co.kern.ca.us/elections

Kings County

(559) 852-4401
www.countyofkings.com

Lake County

(707) 263-2372
www.co.lake.ca.us

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217
<http://www.lassencounty.org>

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666 or
(562) 929-4790 Fax
www.lavote.net

Madera County

(559) 675-7720
www.votemadera.com

Marin County

(415) 473-6456
www.marinvotes.org

Mariposa County

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org

Mendocino County

(707) 234-6819
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/elections.htm

Merced County

(209) 385-7541
www.co.merced.ca.us/elections

Modoc County

(530) 233-6205
www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections

Mono County

(760) 932-5537
www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County

(831) 796-1499
www.montereycountyelections.us/

Napa County

(707) 253-4321
www.countyofnapa.org/elections

Nevada County

(530) 265-1298
www.mynevadacounty.com/1847/Elections-Voting

Orange County

(714) 567-7600

www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650
www.placerelections.com

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256
www.countyofplumas.com/index.aspx?NID=142

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

(916) 875-6451
www.elections.saccounty.net

San Benito County

(831) 636-4016
www.sbcvot.us

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County

(858) 565-5800
(800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375
www.sfelections.org

San Joaquin County

(209) 468-2885
www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County

(805) 781-5228
www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk.htm

San Mateo County

(650) 312-5222
www.smcacre.org

Santa Barbara County

(805) 568-2200 or
(800) 722-8683
www.sbcvot.com

Santa Clara County

(408) 299-8683 or
(866) 430-8683
www.sccvote.org

Santa Cruz County

(831) 454-2060
www.votescount.com

Shasta County

(530) 225-5730
www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

Sierra County

(530) 289-3295
www.sierracounty.ws

Siskiyou County

(530) 842-8084
www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/page/elections-registrar-of-voters-0

Solano County

(707) 784-6675 or
(888) 933-8683
www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/default.asp

Sonoma County

(707) 565-6800
vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County

(209) 525-5200
www.stanvote.com

Sutter County

(530) 822-7122
www.co.sutter.ca.us

Tehama County

(530) 527-8190
www.co.tehama.ca.us

Trinity County

(530) 623-1220
www.trinitycounty.org

Tulare County

(559) 624-7300
tularecoelections.org/elections/

Tuolumne County

(209) 533-5570
www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Ventura County

(805) 654-2664
recorder.countyofventura.org/elections.htm

Yolo County

(530) 666-8133
www.yoloelections.org

Yuba County

(530) 749-7855
<http://elections.co.yuba.ca.us>