VOTER INFORMATION

The following information may be included in the November 3, 2020, General Election Official Voter Information Guide.
About Ballot Measures

What is a state ballot measure?

A state ballot measure, also known as a proposition, is a proposed law that requires voter approval. A majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes is needed to pass.

It can be put before voters by:
• The State Legislature
• Citizens using the “Initiative” process

There are several types of state ballot measures. The November 3, 2020, General Election ballot includes the following types of ballot measures.

**Initiative**
• Often called “direct democracy”
• Can be used to create or change laws or amend the California Constitution
• Proponents must gather petition signatures of registered voters to place an initiative measure on the ballot
• A majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes is needed to pass

**Referendum**
• Used to approve or reject laws adopted by the Legislature
• Proponents must gather petition signatures of registered voters within 90 days of enactment of the bill if they want to block it from becoming law
• Once on the ballot, the law is defeated if voters cast more NO votes than YES votes. If voters cast more YES votes, the measure becomes law

**Legislative Bond Measure**
To be enacted, a bill that calls for the issuance of general obligation bonds (money the state borrows to pay primarily for infrastructure projects such as roads, educational facilities, prisons, parks, water projects, and office buildings) must:
• Be adopted in each house of the Legislature by a two-thirds vote
• Be signed by the governor
• Obtain a majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes to pass

Whenever there is a bond measure on the ballot, an overview of California’s bond debt must appear in the Voter Information Guide.

**Legislative Constitutional Amendment**
An amendment to the California Constitution proposed by the Legislature must:
• Be approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature
• Obtain a majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes to pass

**Legislative Initiative Amendment**
An amendment to a law that was previously enacted through the initiative process must:
• Be approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature
• Obtain a majority (at least 50% +1) of the votes to pass

An amendment to a Legislative Initiative Amendment may not require a vote of the people if the original measure specifically permits legislative amendment or repeal without voter approval.
Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

California is committed to ensuring every voter can cast their ballot privately and independently.

For more detailed information about what assistance your county offers to voters with disabilities, please check your County Voter Information Guide or contact your county. County contact information is available on page ____ of this guide.

Voting at a 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 employer or anyone who works for your employer
- your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

Curbside voting allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car. Contact your county elections office to see if curbside voting is available at your polling place or vote center.

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

Voting At Home

Remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM) systems provide an accessible option for voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.

Audio & Large Print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available in audio and large print versions. The guide is also available at no cost in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

To order:

- Call the Secretary of State’s toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- Visit voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Download an audio MP3 version at https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio
Taking just a few minutes to answer the **9 simple questions** helps determine dollars that fund important programs for the next 10 years.

The Census provides billions of dollars to help support key community services, including:

- Healthcare facilities & emergency services
- Children’s nutritional programs
- Housing and education programs
- Economic development and jobs creation

Californians can help achieve a complete count by participating in one of three ways:

- **Online at** my2020census.gov
- **By phone at** 844-330-2020
- **By mail** complete and return your census form!

All communities deserve the opportunity to thrive and provide for their families.

**Complete the Census before October 31, 2020.**

Your 2020 Census data is safe, protected and confidential.

CaliforniaCensus.org  @CACensus
To be counted in the 2020 Census.

Every person living in California on April 1, 2020, regardless of citizenship status, has the right to be counted in the census.

To participate in the 2020 Census free of threat or intimidation.

To confidentiality and privacy.

Under federal law (Title 13), the U.S. Census Bureau is NOT allowed to share your individual census responses with the public or with other government agencies, such as landlords, city permitting agencies, and immigration and law enforcement.

To respond to the 2020 Census either online, by phone, by paper, or in person.

To get language assistance.

The printed census form will be available in only English and Spanish.

The online questionnaire and telephone assistance are available in the following languages: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Japanese.

The U.S. Census Bureau’s Language Assistance Guides will be available in 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language.

To verify the identity of a census employee.

If a U.S. Census Bureau employee comes to your door or contacts you, you can ask to see identification or for his/her name to confirm he/she works for the U.S. Census Bureau. You have a right to refuse to provide any personal information to someone who comes to your door without federal identification that proves he/she is a U.S. Census Bureau employee.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Under California law, a person who does either of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars ($1,000), or by both a fine and imprisonment:

- Falsely represents that he/she is a census taker with the intent to interfere with the operation of the Census or with the intent to obtain information or consent to an otherwise unlawful search or seizure.

- Falsely assumes some or all of the activities of a census taker with the intent to interfere with the operation of the Census or with the intent to obtain information or consent to an otherwise unlawful search or seizure.
AB 1563 (Census Bill of Rights) adds an additional layer of protections for vulnerable communities in California and encourages participation in the 2020 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau is aiming to hire close to 500,000 office and field staff nationally for the 2020 Census. The majority of those hires will be census takers (also referred to as enumerators). Census takers conduct the “Nonresponse Followup” portion of the census. Between August and October, census takers will follow-up with residents of every household that have not responded to the 2020 Census. The deadline to respond to the census is October 31, 2020.

In anticipation of the outreach efforts by the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of California to get an accurate count, you may receive follow-up communication via mail, email, text, phone call, and in person. The following are tips to help you stay safe.

**Fill Out the Census Form**

It is not too late to fill out the 2020 Census, but time is running out. Respond to the census before October 31, 2020 by paper, in person, online at my2020census.gov, or by phone using the following toll-free numbers.

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**Stay Safe at Home**

If a census taker visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify his/her identity:

- First, check to make sure that he/she has a valid ID badge, with his/her photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark (shown on right), and an expiration date.

- If you still have questions about his/her identity, you can call **800-992-3530**, then press 0 to speak with a local U.S. Census Bureau representative.

- In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, census takers are trained to:
  - Wear a mask.
  - Follow healthy hygiene habits.
  - Not allow anyone else to handle Census Bureau equipment.
  - Allow 6 feet of space between them and the person they are interviewing.
  - Conduct the interview outside the home in an open well-ventilated space, when possible.
Avoid Online Scams

“Phishing” is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. “Phishing” emails often direct you to a website that looks real but is fake—and may be infected with malware.

It is important to know that the U.S. Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. Further, during the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Money or donations.
- Your Social Security number.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Information regarding citizenship or immigration status.

Report Suspected Fraud

If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local U.S. Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the U.S. Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

Verify the Identity of a Local Census Taker

U.S. Census Bureau staff can help you verify the employment of a local census taker or connect you with your partnership specialist. To contact the California office of the U.S. Census Bureau, call: 800-992-3530, then press 0 to speak with a local representative.

Report a Rumor

To report incorrect information or suspicious activities surrounding the census, email the U.S. Census Bureau at rumors@census.gov.
Check Your Voter Status Online

Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov, where you can check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

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 or vote center
- Find upcoming elections in your area
- Receive your state Voter Information Guide (VIG) by email before each statewide election (see below for more information on opting out of the VIG)
- Find contact information for your county elections office
- Check the status of your vote-by-mail ballot or provisional ballot

To check your voter status you will need to enter your first name, last name, California driver license or identification card number, the last four digits of your social security number, and date of birth.

You can use the My Voter Status tool to opt out of receiving the state VIG. However, if another registered voter in your household requests to get it by mail, a state VIG will still be mailed to your address. If you have opted out and do not received the state VIG in the mail, information on statewide candidates and ballot measures will still be available on the VIG website (https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/) before each statewide election.

Go to voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to get started.
County Elections Offices

Alameda County
(510) 272-6933
www.acvote.org

Alpine County
(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov/

Amador County
(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org/government/elections

Butte County
(530) 538-7761 or (800) 894-7761
(www.buttevotes.net

Calaveras County
(209) 754-6376
www.calaverasgov.us

Colusa County
(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501
www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

Contra Costa County
(925) 335-7800
www.contracostacore.us

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

Fresno County
(559) 600-8633
www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County
(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections/welcome

Humboldt County
(707) 445-7481
www.humboldtgov.org/890/Elections-Voter-Registration

Imperial County
(442) 265-1074
www.co.imperial.ca.us/voterregistration

Inyo County
(760) 878-0224
http://elections.inyocounty.us/

Kern County
(661) 868-3590
www.kernvote.com

Kings County
(559) 852-4401
www.countyofkings.com

Lake County
(707) 263-2372
www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/ROY.htm

Lassen County
(530) 251-8217
http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-recorder/elections

Los Angeles County
(800) 815-2666
www.lavote.net

Madera County
(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.votemadera.com

Marin County
(415) 473-6456
marinvotes.org

Mariposa County
(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org/87/Elections

Mendocino County
(707) 234-6819
www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections

Merced County
(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercedelections.org

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

Nevada County
(530) 265-1298
http://www.mynevadacounty.com/1847/Elections-Voting

Orange County
(714) 567-7600
www.ocvote.com

Placer County
(530) 866-5650
www.placelections.com

Plumas County
(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE
https://www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home

San Benito County
(831) 636-4016
sbcvote.us

San Bernardino County
(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County
(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com/

San Francisco County
(415) 554-4375
sflections.org

San Joaquin County
(209) 468-2890 or (209) 468-2885
www.sjcov.org

San Luis Obispo County
(805) 781-5228 or (805) 781-5080
www.slovote.com

San Mateo County
(650) 312-5222
www.smcare.org

Santa Barbara County
(805) 568-2200
www.sbcvote.com

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

Santa Cruz County
(831) 454-2060
www.votescounnty.com

Shasta County
(530) 225-5730 or (888) 560-8683
www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

Sierra County
(530) 289-3295
http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/214/Elections

Siskiyou County
(530) 842-8084 or (888) 854-2000 ext. 8084
www.sisqvotes.org

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

Stanislaus County
(209) 525-5200
http://www.stanvote.com

Tehama County
(530) 527-8190
http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/gov-departments/elections

Tulare County
(559) 624-7300
http://www.tularecoelections.org/elections

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

Ventura County
(805) 654-2664
https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/

Yolo County
(530) 666-8133
yolelections.org

Yuba County
(530) 749-7855
www.yubaelections.org

SUBJECT TO COURT ORDERED CHANGES
DATES TO REMEMBER!

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

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October 5, 2020
First day to vote-by-mail.

October 19, 2020
Last day to register to vote. You can “conditionally” register and vote at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.

October 27, 2020
Last day that county elections officials will accept any voter’s application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

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November 3, 2020
Election Day!
Election Day Information

Polls and vote centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote. Do you live in Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, or Tuolumne county? Visit page __ for additional information on vote centers and ways you can vote in these counties.

Find your polling place or a vote center:

- Check the county Voter Information Guide your county elections official mailed to you
- Call (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- Visit https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/ or https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/
- Text Vote to GOVOTE (468683)

Just Moved?
If you moved to your new address after October 19, 2020, and did not re-register, you may vote at your former polling place. Or, you may “conditionally” register and vote at your county elections office, vote center, or polling place after the October 19, 2020, voter registration deadline. Visit https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/ or see page __ of this guide for more information.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities
State and federal laws require polling places and vote centers to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. County elections officials inspect each site and often make temporary modifications for Election Day. Every person who works in a polling place or vote center is trained in election laws and voter rights, including the need to make reasonable modifications of policies and procedures to ensure equal access.

State and federal laws require that all voters be able to cast their ballots privately and independently. Each polling place or vote center must have at least one voting machine that allows all voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast a ballot without assistance. The voting machine permits voters to verify their vote choices and, if there is an error, allows voters to correct those choices before submitting their ballot.

All counties offer an accessible option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials.
Want to see the November 3, 2020, General Election results after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.? Visit the California Secretary of State’s Election Results website at https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/.

The Election Results website is updated every five minutes on Election Night as counties report results to the Secretary of State. County elections officials send semi-official election results to the Secretary of State’s website after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. and continue to send updates at least every two hours until all election day ballots are counted.

Beginning on November 5 through December 3, 2020, the Election Results website will update every day at 5:00 p.m. as counties count the remaining ballots.

The official results of the election will be posted by December 11, 2020, at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/.
Elections in California

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this guide.

Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party’s primary election.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county voter
information guide, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party’s official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

**Nonpartisan Offices**

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.
Find Your Polling Place or a Vote Center

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.

You may also visit the Secretary of State’s website at www.vote.ca.gov or call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

You can also text Vote to GOVOTE (468683) to find the location of your polling place.

If you live in Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne counties, you can vote in any vote center in your county. Visit voterschoice.sos.ca.gov or see page ___ of this guide for more information.
Frequently Asked Questions

Am I registered to vote?
To be eligible to register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California
- 18 years old 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

To check the status of your voter registration, visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

What if I forgot to register to vote or update my registration?
No problem! If you missed the October 19, 2020 voter registration deadline, California law allows you to register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at your county elections office or at any voting location in your county. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration.

Here’s how it works:
1. Visit your county elections office, a vote center, or polling place in your county - locations can be found in your County Voter Information Guide or at vote.ca.gov.
2. Complete a voter registration card.
3. Vote your ballot at your county elections office, vote center, or polling place.
4. Once the county elections official processes your registration and determines you are eligible, you will be registered to vote and your ballot will be counted.
5. Check if your ballot was counted by visiting voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. County election offices have up until 90 days after Election Day to provide this information.

Where can I learn about candidates and propositions?
Check out your County Voter Information Guide for information about local candidates and measures. Starting on page ____ of this guide you will find information about statewide propositions.

To find statements from presidential candidates, visit the Secretary of State’s website at vote.ca.gov.

To research campaign contributions for state and local candidates visit the Secretary of State’s website at powersearch.sos.ca.gov.

To research campaign contributions for Presidential and Congressional candidates visit the Federal Election Commission website at www.fec.gov.

What tools are available on the Secretary of State’s website?
Visit vote.ca.gov for tools to help you:
Frequently Asked Questions

• Check your voter registration information
• Register or re-register to vote
• Sign-up for vote-by-mail ballot tracking
• Find your polling place or vote center
• Contact your county elections office

Where do I vote?
Every county has polling places or vote centers open on Election Day. All counties will also have in-person, early voting locations. To find your county’s early voting locations, visit vote.ca.gov or check your County Voter Information Guide.

You may also call the Secretary of State’s toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

You can also text “Vote” to GOVOTE (468683) to find the location of your polling place.

If you live in one of these counties: Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne, you can vote in any vote center in your county. Visit VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov or see page __ of this guide for more information.

How do I vote by mail?
For this election every registered voter in California will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Your county elections office will mail ballots beginning October 5, 2020. For more information please see page __ of this guide.

How much postage is needed to return my vote-by-mail ballot?
No stamp, no problem! Postage for vote-by-mail envelopes is pre-paid by the county and free for all voters in California.

How can I return my vote-by-mail ballot?
After marking your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot, place it in the official envelope provided by your county elections office and seal it. Sign the envelope where directed. You have multiple options for returning your ballot.

To ensure your ballot arrives by the deadline, return it either:
• By mail – must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by your county elections office no later than November 20. No postage is required!
• In person – drop off at your county elections office, any vote center or polling place in California, or any ballot drop-off location or drop box before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on November 3.
• State law gives voters the freedom to designate anyone they choose to return their vote-by-mail ballots. However, we recommend that you only sign your
Frequently Asked Questions

completed ballot over to someone you trust. Never hand over your vote-by-mail ballot if you have not sealed and signed the back of return envelope provided by your county elections office.

Can I still vote in person this election?
While we recommend that you vote using your vote-by-mail ballot, there will still be in-person voting options in every county. Bring your vote-by-mail ballot to your county elections office or voting location and give it to a poll worker to exchange for a polling place ballot. If you do not have your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you may have to vote using a provisional ballot. This ensures that you have not already cast a ballot. (See page ___ of this guide for more information about provisional ballots.)

Can voters with disabilities vote by mail?
All county elections offices are required to offer an accessible option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballot at home and mark it independently and privately before sending it back to elections officials. For the November 3, 2020, General Election, all registered voters may use the RAVBM option. To sign up for RAVBM, visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

How do I know the county received my vote-by-mail ballot?
Voters can receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballots by signing up for the “Where’s My Ballot?” tool. Sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic updates on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text message (SMS), email, or voice call.

When you sign up for “Where’s My Ballot?” you will receive automatic updates when your county elections office:

- Mails your ballot,
- Receives your ballot,
- Counts your ballot, or
- Identifies an issue with your ballot.

Can I get time off from work to vote?
All employees are eligible for paid time off for the purpose of voting if they do not have enough time outside of working hours to vote.

Employees can be given as much time as they need in order to vote, but only a maximum of two hours is paid. Employers may require employees to give advance notice that they will need additional time off for voting. Employers may require time off to be taken only at the beginning or end of the employee’s shift.
Frequently Asked Questions

If you have questions call the Secretary of State’s call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Do I need to show ID to vote?
In most cases, California voters do not have to show identification before they vote.

You may have to show one form of identification at the polling place if you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and you did NOT provide the following on your application (or any other identification):

- State-issued driver license or identification, or
- the last four digits of your social security number

The following are some of the acceptable types of identification according to state and federal laws:

- Driver license or state-issued identification
- Passport
- Employee identification
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Health club identification
- Insurance plan identification
- Credit card or debit card

For the full list, see “Polling Place ID Requirements” at sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards/.

How can I help?
Participate as a poll worker! Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important part of our democracy – voting!

To serve as a poll worker you must be:

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

Poll workers:

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

- Earn extra money (amount varies by county)
- Contribute to their community and meet their neighbors

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
- Attend a public or private high school
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average
- Get permission from your parents and school
- Attend a training session

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office (see page XX of this guide) or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit vote.ca.gov.
Arguments

Required as written per California Elections Code section 9086(g):
Arguments printed on this page are the opinions of the authors, and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.

Text of Proposed Laws

Text to appear before each ballot measure: The text of this measure can be found on page ___ and the Secretary of State’s website at https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

Text to appear after each ballot measure: A copy of the full text of the state measure can be found on page ___ of this guide.

Analysis

For the full text of Proposition _________, see page _________.

Analysis

Text to appear after the analysis of each measure per California Elections Code section 9086(c): Visit http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2020-ballot-measure-contribution-totals/ for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/mar-20-pri.html to access the committee’s top 10 contributors. https://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/.

Political Party Statement of Purpose

The order of the statements was determined by randomized drawing. Statements on this page were supplied by political parties and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.

Quick-Reference Guide (next to “Summary”)

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

About Ballot Arguments

The Secretary of State does not write ballot arguments. Ballot arguments are written by the proponents and opponents of the ballot measures. (California Elections Code sections 9041, 9042, 9064, and 9086(g))
Honor a Veteran on Election Day

The “Honor Veterans. Vote.” program provides California citizens the opportunity to pay tribute and dedicate their vote to a veteran or active duty service member.

By submitting your dedication, you can choose to receive a certificate or a lapel pin to proudly display appreciation for your honored veteran or active duty service member. You can also choose to have an email notification sent to the veteran or active duty service member you are honoring, notifying them of your tribute.

You may honor more than one veteran or active duty service member, but only one lapel pin will be issued per voter. We encourage you to show your appreciation for our service members by wearing the lapel pin when you vote. To submit your dedication, go to honorveterans.sos.ca.gov.
How to Vote By Mail

Who can vote by mail?

Every registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election. County elections officials will begin mailing ballots to voters by October 5, 2020. If you do not receive your vote-by-mail ballot or need to request a replacement, please contact your county elections office. County elections office contact information can be found on page _ of this guide.

How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

After marking your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot, place it in the official envelope provided by your county elections office and seal it. Sign the envelope where directed. You have multiple options for returning your ballot.

To ensure your ballot arrives by the deadline, return it either:

- By mail – must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by your county elections office no later than November 20. No postage is required!
- In person – drop off at your county elections office, any vote center or polling place in California, or any ballot drop-off location before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on November 3.

State law gives voters the freedom to designate anyone they choose to return their vote-by-mail ballots. However, we recommend that you only sign your completed ballot over to someone you trust. And never handover your vote-by-mail ballot if you have not sealed and signed the back of return envelope provided by your county elections office.

Even if you receive your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you can still vote in person at your polling place on Election Day. Bring your vote-by-mail ballot to the polling place and give it to a poll worker to exchange for a polling place ballot. If you do not have your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you may have to vote using a provisional ballot. This ensures that you have not already cast a ballot. (See page ___ of this guide for more information about provisional ballots.)

All counties offer an accessible option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.
Information about Candidate Statements

In Your County Voter Information Guide
(Mailed Separately from Your County Elections Official)

Your ballot may include State Senate, State Assembly, and U.S. House of Representatives candidates.

State Senate and State Assembly candidates may buy space for a candidate statement in the county Voter Information Guide IF they agree to keep their campaign spending under a certain dollar amount described below.

- State Senate candidates may spend no more than $930,000 in the primary election
- State Assembly candidates may spend no more than $620,000 in the primary election

A list of candidates who accepted California’s voluntary campaign spending limits is available at https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/candidate-statements/

California’s voluntary campaign spending limits do not apply to candidates for federal offices including President and the U.S. House of Representatives.

All U.S. House of Representatives candidates may buy space for a candidate statement in county Voter Information Guides. Some candidates, however, choose not to buy space for a statement.

For the certified list of statewide candidates, go to https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/candidate-statements/

U.S. Presidential Candidates

Information on candidates running for President will be available on the Secretary of State’s Voter Information Guide website. Visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov for more details.
Dear Fellow Californian,

Free and fair elections are the foundation of American democracy. Throughout our nation’s history, we have held elections during times of peace and times of war, during good economic times and during recessions, and even prior pandemics.

In 2020, California elections officials are rising to meet the challenge of COVID-19.

- Every registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.
- Every registered voter can sign-up to receive vote-by-mail ballot tracking by text (SMS), email, or voice call.
- Extra sanitation methods and social distancing measures will be in place at all voting locations.

You can visit vote.ca.gov for more helpful information and tools for this year's election.

If you have any questions about voter registration or casting your ballot this fall, you can contact the Secretary of State's office by calling toll free 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).

As Secretary of State, my mission is to help every citizen vote safely and securely — but I need your help.

Due to COVID-19, there may be fewer in-person voting locations in your county than normal. You can help your community by voting early this year, either by mail or in-person. Smaller crowds and shorter lines on Election Day will help elections officials maintain healthier voting locations and allow poll workers to better serve voters who need assistance — including our neighbors with disabilities, those who need assistance in another language, or those who need a replacement ballot.

Please make a plan now for casting your ballot this fall. The participation of citizens — like you — is what makes our democracy so resilient.
Tips for California’s Military and Overseas Voters

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter to receive your ballot by mail, fax, or email.

- **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 ballot in time and can mail or fax* (under certain circumstances) your voted ballot by Election Day.

- **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 official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.

- **COVID-19.** International postal service may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To avoid mail delays, you may wish to register or re-register and choose to have your ballot emailed to you.

- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot from your county elections official before each statewide election. However, you will need to re-register to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference, or if you do not participate in four consecutive statewide general elections. Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/ for more election resources designed especially for you.

**Deadlines for November 3, 2020, General Election**

**October 19:** Register to vote and request your ballot

**October 27:** Update or change how you want to receive your ballot

**November 3:** Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than **November 20.** Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.
For more information contact:

California Secretary of State

(800) 345-VOTE
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/

Federal Voting Assistance Program

(800) 438-VOTE
www.fvap.gov
New to voting? Get started with 3 easy steps!

1. Register!
   - Register to vote by October 19, 2020. You can register online at registertovote.ca.gov or have a voter registration form mailed to you by calling the Secretary of State’s toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683). You can also pick up a voter registration form at your county elections office, local post office, or library.
   - You can “conditionally” register and vote at your county elections office or any voting location after the 15-day voter registration deadline. Visit vote.ca.gov or see page ___ of this guide for more information.
   - You are eligible to register to vote in California if you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age 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.

2. Get informed!
   - As a registered voter you will receive two information resources in the mail:
     - this guide, which contains information on statewide ballot measures and candidates running for office. To receive your guide in a different language, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.
     - the County Voter Information Guide, which contains a sample ballot, information about local races and measures, and your polling place location.
   - Additional information can be found on the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.ca.gov:

3. Vote!
   - You can vote in person or by mail:
     **In person:** Polling locations are established by county elections officials and are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020. To vote early before Election Day, contact your county elections office (see page ___ of this guide for county contact information).
     **By mail:** Every active, registered voter in California will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than 17 days after Election Day. Or, you may personally deliver your ballot to any polling or ballot drop-off location in California by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**Option for voters with disabilities:** Some counties offer an accessible option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.
New to voting? Get started with 3 easy steps!

If you live in Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, or Tuolumne county, visit VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov, or see page ___ of this guide for additional voting options.
Postage Pre-Paid Ballots

'No Stamp, No Problem' – All California vote-by-mail ballots with return envelopes now have prepaid postage, ensuring that voting is free and convenient for all California voters. After you have filled out your vote-by-mail ballot, place it in the return envelope, seal the envelope, sign on the designated line, and place it into the mailbox.
Pre-register at sixteen. Vote at eighteen.

Online pre-registration is now available for eligible 16 - and 17-year-olds at registertovote.ca.gov or via the paper voter registration form. California youth who pre-register to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old.

Pre-register in 4 easy steps:
1. Visit www.registertovote.ca.gov
2. Click the “Pre-register to Vote” button
3. Become automatically registered on your 18th birthday
4. Cast your ballot on Election Day!

What is Pre-registration?
If you are 16 or 17 years old and meet all other voter eligibility requirements, you can pre-register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov.

Simply complete the online pre-registration application and on your 18th birthday, you will automatically be registered to vote.
U.S. Presidential candidate statements can be found online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov
**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 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 or vote center.

Vote-by-mail voters may need to cast provisional ballots if the voter wants to vote in person at a polling place or vote center but did not receive their ballot or does not have their ballot with them.

**Will my provisional ballot be counted?**

Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections 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 or vote center in the county in which you are registered to vote; however, only the election contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

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

You can check the status of your provisional ballot at [https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/](https://voterstatus.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.

Visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/) for a list of county contacts and information on how to check the status of your provisional ballot.
State Voter Information Guide vs. County Voter Information Guide

As a registered voter you will receive two information resources by mail:

State Voter Information Guide (this guide)

Contains information about federal candidates and statewide propositions.

Candidate Information:
President and Vice President

State Propositions:
Proposition xx

Your County Voter Information Guide

Contains a sample of your ballot and information about local candidates, ballot measures, and your polling place location.

Candidate Information:
U.S. Representative in Congress
State Senator
Member of the State Assembly
Other local offices

Local Ballot Measures:
Vary by county
Supplemental Voter Information Guide

The deadline for ballot measures to qualify for this election was June 25, 2020. State law required this voter guide to be printed in August 2020.

If the Legislature and the Governor add measures to the November 3, 2020, General Election ballot, the Secretary of State will prepare and mail a supplemental Voter Information Guide to you. The Secretary of State will also post updated information at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.
Top Contributors to State Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) supports or opposes a ballot measure or candidate and raises at least $1 million, the committee must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the top 10 list when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html
Text of Proposed Laws

As required by law, the text of Proposition 14 is included in this guide because it is a bond measure. The text of proposed laws for all other proposition are available online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

If you would like a printed copy of the text for Propositions 15-25:

- Email the Secretary of State at vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov
- Contact the Secretary of State’s toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
Visit the Secretary of State’s Website to

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity
  http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/ OR http://powersearch.sos.ca.gov/

- View this voter guide in other languages
  https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/

- Check your registration status and registration information
  https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/

- Find your polling place or a vote center on Election Day
  https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/ OR
  https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/

- Get vote-by-mail ballot information
  https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/

- Read helpful information for first-time voters
  https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/

- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day
  https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/

- Learn about exciting improvements coming to elections in Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne counties
  https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/

Additional website addresses

https://www.sos.ca.gov/

https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/

http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/campaign/measures/

For federal contest information


Voter Bill of Rights

For more information about your voting rights, see page ___ of this guide.
One or more early voting locations will be available in many counties for at least four days beginning the Saturday before the November 3, 2020 election. Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

You can help keep voting locations safe for voters and election workers in these three ways:

1. **Skip the line.**
   You can return completed ballots by mail with no stamp needed, at a secure ballot drop box, or at a voting location. Voting locations will have separate lines for voters dropping off completed ballots.
   - Find a nearby drop box or voting location at: CAEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov

2. **Vote early.**
   If you visit a voting location in person, go before Election Day to help with physical distancing. One or more voting locations in many counties will be open for at least four days beginning the Saturday before Election Day.

3. **Follow safety procedures.**
   Protect your health and the health of other voters and election workers at voting locations by taking the following precautions:

   **VOTING LOCATION SAFETY CHECKLIST**
   - Wear a face covering while at the voting location.
   - Keep 2 arms’ length distance from other people.
   - Wash hands before and after entering the voting location.
   - Use hand sanitizer after touching doors or voting equipment.
   - Bring a ballpoint pen to avoid touching high-contact surfaces.

   Want more information about how to stay safe while voting?
   Review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines at:

Voters who can vote-by-mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations. County elections offices will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots to California voters beginning October 5, 2020. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by November 3, 2020; ballots returned at a secure ballot drop box must be deposited by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.
VOTE SAFE with Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

All California voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 election. Your county elections office will begin mailing ballots, similar to the one pictured below, beginning October 5, 2020.

Voting by mail is SAFE and EASY. After marking your choices on your ballot, simply:

- **Seal it.** Secure your ballot inside the envelope from your county elections office.
- **Sign it.** Make sure the signature on your ballot envelope matches the one on your CA driver license / state ID, or the one you provided when registering. Your county elections office will compare them to protect your vote.
- **Return it.** By mail - Make sure your ballot is postmarked by November 3, 2020. No stamp required!
  
  OR

  In person - Drop your ballot off at a secure drop box, polling place, or county elections office by 8pm on November 3, 2020.

- **Track it.** You can sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov for alerts by text (SMS), email, or voice call on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot.

Voters who can vote-by-mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations. Voting locations will be available in all counties before Election Day. Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.
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.
    - On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
    - By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
    - By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE’S CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).
Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening situations (i.e. victims and survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder/dependent adult abuse) may qualify for confidential voter status if they are active members of the Safe at Home program. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit https://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/.

Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).
Voter Registration

If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to re-register unless you change your name, home address, mailing address or if you want to change or select a political party.

You can register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov or call the Secretary of State’s toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to get a form mailed to you.

Voter registration forms can be found at most post offices, libraries, city and county government offices, county elections offices, and the California Secretary of State’s Office.

Conditional Voter Registration

During the period of 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, you can go to the office of your county elections official, a vote center, or polling place to conditionally register to vote and vote. To learn more visit http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/.
The Voter’s Choice Act - The Future of Voting in California

If you live in Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne counties, you can vote in any vote center in your county. Visit VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov. Voters will have 3 choices for how to vote:

**Vote by Mail:** You can mail your completed ballot as soon as you receive it. No postage is required.

**Drop Box:** You can drop off your completed ballot at any county drop box as soon as you receive it. No postage is required.

**Vote Center:** You can vote in person at any vote center in your county. Vote Centers will be open for a minimum of 4 days, up to and including Election Day.

At every Vote Center you can:
- Vote in person
- Register to vote or update your registration.
- Drop off your completed ballot
- Get a replacement ballot
- Vote using an accessible voting machine
- Get help and voting materials in multiple languages

**Why the Change?**
The California Voter’s Choice Act became law in 2016 to make voting more convenient and accessible. You can choose how, when, and where you vote.

**When do I vote?**
You will receive your ballot in the mail weeks before the election. After completing your ballot, you may return it by mail or at any county drop box or vote center. Vote Centers will be open for in-person voting for a minimum of 4 days, up to and including Election Day.

**Where do I find a drop box or vote center?**
https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/vca-voting-locations/

**What if I don’t receive my ballot?**
Visit any vote center in your county or call your county registrar to request a replacement.

**What if I’m not in a Participating County?**
If you live in a county that’s not currently participating in the Voter’s Choice Act, you will also be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for this election. In-person voting opportunities will also be available. Contact the Secretary of State’s toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) for more information.
Ways to Vote

Vote by mail

Every registered voter in California will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

Return by mail – must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by your county elections office no later than November 20.

Return in person – to your county elections office or any polling place in California, or ballot drop-off location before 8:00 p.m. on November 3.

Vote early in person

Some counties offer early voting at a few locations before Election Day.

Contact your county elections office to see if they offer early voting.

County contact information can be found on page __ or by visiting the Secretary of State’s website at: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/.

Vote at the polls on Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day: November 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.

For voters living in Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne counties, see page __ of this guide for additional voting options.

You can also find your polling place:

- by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- online at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/ or vote.ca.gov
- by texting Vote to GOVOTE (468683)
The California Secretary of State is now offering voters a new way to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. The “Where’s My Ballot?” tool lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way. Sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.

When you sign up for “Where’s My Ballot?” you will receive automatic updates when your county elections office:

- Mails your ballot.
- Receives your ballot.
- Counts your ballot.
- Or if there are any issues with your ballot.

Voters who sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov can choose to receive automatic updates by:

- Email
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