

Find Your Polling Place

Polling places are established by county elections officials. When you receive your county sample ballot booklet in the mail a few weeks before Election Day, look for your polling place address on the back cover.

If you moved to your new address after October 20, 2014, you may vote at your former polling place.

Many county elections offices offer polling place look-up assistance through websites or phone numbers. For more information, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/find-polling-place.htm or call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-8683.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you will be able to vote.

If your name is not on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot looks like a regular ballot but you will place it in a special envelope. 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 in the county in which you are registered to vote.

How to Vote

You have two choices when voting. You may vote in person at a polling place in your county or you may vote by mail. You do not have to vote in every contest on your ballot. Your vote will be counted for each contest you vote in. For more information about your voting rights, see page 79 of this guide.

Voting at the Polling Place on Election Day

When you arrive at your polling place, a poll worker will ask for your name and check the official list of registered voters for that polling place. After you sign next to your name on the list, the poll worker will give you a paper ballot, unique passcode, or computer memory card, depending on the voting system your county uses. Go to a private booth and start voting.

Poll workers are there to assist voters. If you are not familiar with how to mark a ballot, ask a poll worker for instructions. If you make a mistake in marking the ballot, ask a poll worker how to correct a mistake or ask for a new ballot and start over.

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. Every person who works in a polling place is trained in elections laws and voter rights, including the need to make reasonable modifications of policies and procedures to ensure equal access.

Voting by Mail

After you mark your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot, put it in the official envelope provided by your county elections office and seal it. Sign the outside of the envelope where directed. To ensure it arrives by the deadline, return your ballot either:

- By mail, as long as your ballot is received by your county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Since postmarks do not count, mail your ballot a few days before Election Day.
- In person, to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Even if you receive your vote-by-mail ballot, you can change your mind and vote 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, you will be allowed to vote on a provisional ballot.

Voter Identification Laws

In most cases, California voters do not have to show identification before they vote. If you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and did not provide your California identification number, driver license number, or the last four digits of your social security number on your voter registration application, you may be asked to show one form of identification at your polling place.

Following are some of the acceptable types of identification according to state and federal laws. For the full list, contact your county elections office or read “Polling Place ID Requirements” at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava.htm.

- Driver license or state-issued identification
 - Passport
 - Employee identification
 - Military identification
 - Student identification
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Special Arrangements for California’s Military and Overseas Voters

If you are a military and overseas voter, you can fax or mail your ballot to your county elections office. If you fax your ballot, you must also include a signed Oath of Voter form that waives your right to cast a confidential vote.

However you return your ballot, it must be received by the county elections office before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) on Election Day. Postmarks do not count.

You can register to vote and complete a special absentee ballot application at www.fvap.gov.

For more information about being a military and overseas voter, go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm.

Earn Money and Make a Difference . . . Serve as a Poll Worker on Election Day

In addition to gaining first-hand experience with the tools of our democracy and helping to safeguard ballots until they are delivered to elections officials, poll workers can earn money for their valuable service.

Contact your county elections office (see page 78 of this voter guide or go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm) or call (800) 345-8683 for more information about being a poll worker.

Quick-Reference Guide

On August 11, 2014, Proposition 49 was removed from the ballot by order of the California Supreme Court.

Supplemental Voter Information Guide

The deadline for ballot measures to qualify for this election was June 26, 2014. State law required this voter guide to be printed in August 2014. The Legislature and the Governor added a measure to the November 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.voterinfo.sos.ca.gov.

Visit the Secretary of State's Website to:

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity
<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov>
- View this voter guide in other languages
www.voterinfo.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place on Election Day
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/find-polling-place.htm
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_m.htm
- Read helpful information for first-time voters
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day
<http://vote.sos.ca.gov>

Elections in California

California law requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Voter-nominated offices are 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 regardless of vote totals. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held. Even if there are only two candidates for an office in the open primary, a general election for that office is still required.

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

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

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 party preference, or lack of 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 sample ballot booklet, 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.

Legislative and Congressional Candidate Statements

This voter guide includes information about statewide ballot measures and state candidates. Each member of the State Senate, Assembly, and U.S. House of Representatives serves/represents voters in only one or a few counties, so candidate statements for those offices may be available in your county sample ballot booklet.

For the final certified list of candidates, which was due after this guide was published, go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_cand.htm.

Top Contributors to Statewide Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee 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 www.fppc.ca.gov.

Voter Registration

You are responsible for updating your voter registration information if you change your name, change your home address, change your mailing address, or want to change or select a political party.

Registering to vote is easier than ever with the online form at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Voter registration applications are also available at most post offices, libraries, city and county government offices, and the California Secretary of State's office.

For Voters with Disabilities

The California Secretary of State produces audio and large-print versions of this voter guide to ensure voters who are blind or visually impaired have access to statewide ballot information. To order any version of this voter guide at no cost, call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-8683 or visit www.sos.ca.gov. A downloadable audio MP3 version is at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio.

County Elections Offices

Alameda County

(510) 272-6933 or (510) 272-6973
www.acgov.org/rov

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov

Amador County

(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org

Butte County

(530) 538-7761 or
(800) 894-7761 (Butte County only)
<http://buttevotes.net>

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376
www.elections.calaverasgov.us

Colusa County

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

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800 or (925) 335-7874
www.cocovote.us

Del Norte County

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

El Dorado County

(530) 621-7480 or (800) 730-4322
www.edcgov.us/elections

Fresno County

(559) 600-VOTE (8683)
www.co.fresno.ca.us/elections

Glenn County

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

Humboldt County

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

Imperial County

(760) 482-4226 or (760) 482-4285
www.co.imperial.ca.us/elections

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224 or (760) 878-0410
www.inyocounty.us/Recorder/Clerk-Recorder.html

Kern County

(661) 868-3590
www.co.kern.ca.us/elections

Kings County

(559) 852-4401
www.countyofkings.com

Lake County

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

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217 or (530) 251-8352
www.lassencounty.org

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666
www.lavote.net

Madera County

(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.madera-county.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

Merced County

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercelections.org

Modoc County

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

Mono County

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5534
www.monocounty.ca.gov

Monterey County

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274
www.montereycountyelections.us

Napa County

(707) 253-4321 or (707) 253-4374
www.countyofnapa.org

Nevada County

(530) 265-1298
www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/elections

Orange County

(714) 567-7600
www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650 or (800) 824-8683
www.placerelections.com

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256
www.countyofplumas.com

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

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

San Benito County

(831) 636-4016 or (877) 777-4017
www.sbcvote.us

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300
www.sbccountyselections.com

San Diego County

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

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375
www.sfselections.org

San Joaquin County

(209) 468-2885
www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County

(805) 781-5228 or (805) 781-5080
www.slovote.com

San Mateo County

(650) 312-5222
www.shapethefuture.org

Santa Barbara County

(800) SBC-VOTE or (805) 568-2200
www.sbcvote.com

Santa Clara County

(408) 299-VOTE (8683)
www.sccvote.org

Santa Cruz County

(831) 454-2060 or (866) 282-5900
www.votescount.com

Shasta County

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

Sierra County

(530) 289-3295
www.sierracounty.ca.gov

Siskiyou County

(530) 842-8084 or
(888) 854-2000 EXT. 8084
www.sisqvotes.org

Solano County

(707) 784-6675
www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma County

(707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-VOTE (8683)
vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County

(209) 525-5200
www.stanvote.com

Sutter County

(530) 822-7122
www.suttercounty.org/elections

Tehama County

(530) 527-8190 or (530) 527-0454
www.co.tehama.ca.us

Trinity County

(530) 623-1220
www.trinitycounty.org

Tulare County

(559) 624-7300 or (559) 624-7302
www.tularecounty.ca.gov/registrarofvoters

Tuolumne County

(209) 533-5570
www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Ventura County

(805) 654-2664
venturavote.org

Yolo County

(530) 666-8133 or (800) 649-9943
www.yololections.org

Yuba County

(530) 749-7855
www.yubaelections.org