

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 47 of this guide.

Voting at the Polling Place on Election Day

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Some counties also offer early voting at a few polling places before Election Day.

When you arrive at your polling place, a poll worker will ask for your name and check an 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 begin voting.

Poll workers are there to assist voters with the voting process. If you are not familiar with how to cast a ballot, ask a poll worker for instructions on how to use the voting system. If you make a mistake in marking the ballot, ask a poll worker for instructions on how to correct a mistake on the ballot. If you need to, you can ask for a new ballot and start over.

State and federal laws require that all voters be able to cast their ballots privately and independently. Some voting systems have been specifically designed to assist voters with disabilities. Each polling place is required to have at least one voting machine that permits voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast a ballot without assistance. The voting machine also must permit you to verify your vote choices and, if there is an error, permit you to correct those choices.

Voting by Mail

If you are not a permanent vote-by-mail voter (formerly known as an absentee voter), you still may choose to vote by mail in this election. Your county sample ballot booklet contains an application for a vote-by-mail ballot. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot from your county elections office is May 27.

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. You may return your voted vote-by-mail ballot by:

- Mailing it to your county elections office;
- Returning it in person to any polling place or elections office within your county on Election Day; or
- Authorizing a legally allowable third party (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in the same household as you) to return the ballot on your behalf to any polling place or elections office within your county on Election Day.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by county elections offices no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, so be sure to mail your vote-by-mail ballot well before 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.

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 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. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (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.

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.

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 on the back cover of the booklet.

Many county elections offices offer polling place look-up assistance via websites or toll-free 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-VOTE (8683).

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

If your name does not appear on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot at any polling place in the county in which you are registered to vote.

If you moved to your new address after May 19, 2014, you may vote at your former polling place.

State and Federal Voter Identification Requirements

In most cases, California voters are not required to show identification before casting ballots. If you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and did not provide your driver license number, California identification number, or the last four digits of your social security number on the registration card, you may be asked to show a form of identification when you go to the polls.

Following is a partial list of the more than 30 acceptable forms of identification. You can also visit the Secretary of State's website and look for "Help America Vote Act Identification Standards" at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_regs.htm.

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

Voter Registration

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

Registering to vote is easier than ever with the online form at <http://registertovote.ca.gov>. Registration forms are also available at most post offices, libraries, city and county government offices, and the California Secretary of State's office.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

Your county sample ballot booklet includes instructions on how voters with disabilities are able to vote privately and independently, and it will display the International Symbol of Accessibility if your polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities.

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you cast your vote as long as neither is your employer, your employer's agent, your labor union leader, or your labor union's agent.

If curbside voting is available at your polling place, you may get as close as possible to the voting area and 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, in a car, or otherwise. Contact your county elections office to determine if curbside voting is available at your polling place.

The Secretary of State produces audio and large-print versions of the Official Voter Information Guide to ensure voters who are blind or visually impaired have access to statewide ballot information. Guides are produced in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. To order any version of these guides at no cost, call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

You may also access a downloadable audio MP3 version of the Official Voter Information Guide at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/audio.

About Ballot Arguments

The Secretary of State's office does not write ballot arguments. Arguments in favor of and against ballot measures are provided by the proponents and opponents of the ballot measures.

Special Arrangements for California's Military and Overseas Voters

As a military and overseas voter, you can fax or mail your ballot to your county elections office. If you fax your voted ballot, you must also include a signed Oath of Voter form that waives your right to cast a confidential vote. All ballots must be received by the county elections office before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. (PST) 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 registering to vote as 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, poll workers can earn extra money for their valuable service on Election Day.

Contact your county elections office, or call (800) 345-VOTE (8683), for more information on becoming a poll worker.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICES

ALAMEDA COUNTY

1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-6933 or (510) 272-6973
www.acgov.org/rov

ALPINE COUNTY

50 Diamond Valley Road
Woodfords, CA 96120
P.O. Box 158
Markleeville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov

AMADOR COUNTY

810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642
(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org

BUTTE COUNTY

25 County Center Drive, Suite 110
Oroville, CA 95965-3361
(530) 538-7761 or
(800) 894-7761 (Butte County only)
<http://buttevotes.net>

CALAVERAS COUNTY

891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-6376
www.elections.calaverasgov.us

COLUSA COUNTY

546 Jay Street, Suite 200
Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501
www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

555 Escobar Street
P.O. Box 271
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 335-7800 or (925) 335-7874
www.cocovote.us

DEL NORTE COUNTY

981 H Street, Suite 160
Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-7216
www.co.del-norte.ca.us

EL DORADO COUNTY

2850 Fairlane Court
P.O. Box 678001
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 621-7480 or (800) 730-4322
www.edcgov.us/elections

FRESNO COUNTY

2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 600-VOTE (8683)
www.co.fresno.ca.us/elections

GLENN COUNTY

516 W. Sycamore Street, 2nd Floor
Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/govt/departments/elections

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

3033 H Street, Room 20
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-7481
www.co.humboldt.ca.us/election

IMPERIAL COUNTY

940 W. Main Street, Suite 206
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 482-4226 or (760) 482-4285
www.co.imperial.ca.us/elections

INYO COUNTY

168 N. Edwards Street
P.O. Drawer F
Independence, CA 93526
(760) 878-0224 or (760) 878-0410
www.inyocounty.us/Recorder/Clerk-Recorder.html

KERN COUNTY

1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 868-3590
www.co.kern.ca.us/elections

KINGS COUNTY

1400 W. Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230
(559) 852-4401
www.countyofkings.com

LAKE COUNTY

255 N. Forbes Street, Room 209
Lakeport, CA 95453
(707) 263-2372
www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/ROV.htm

LASSEN COUNTY

220 S. Lassen Street, Suite 5
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 251-8217 or (530) 251-8352
www.lassencounty.org

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650
P.O. Box 54187
Los Angeles, CA 90099-4684
(800) 815-2666
voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov
www.lavote.net

MADERA COUNTY

200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.madera-county.com

MARIN COUNTY

3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 121
San Rafael, CA 94903
P.O. Box E
San Rafael, CA 94913-3904
(415) 473-6456
www.marinvotes.org

MARIPOSA COUNTY

4982 10th Street
P.O. Box 247
Mariposa, CA 95338
(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org

MENDOCINO COUNTY

501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020
Ukiah, CA 95482
(707) 234-6827
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr

MERCED COUNTY

2222 M Street, Room 14
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercedelections.org

MODOC COUNTY

108 E. Modoc Street
Alturas, CA 96101
(530) 233-6205
www.co.modoc.ca.us

MONO COUNTY

74 N. School Street
P.O. Box 237
Bridgeport, CA 93517
(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5534
www.monocounty.ca.gov

MONTEREY COUNTY

1370-B S. Main Street
Salinas, CA 93901
P.O. Box 4400
Salinas, CA 93912
(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274
www.montereycountyelections.us

NAPA COUNTY

900 Coombs Street, Suite 256
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 253-4321 or (707) 253-4374
www.countyofnapa.org

NEVADA COUNTY

950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 250
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-1298
www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/elections

ORANGE COUNTY

1300 S. Grand Avenue, Building C
Santa Ana, CA 92705
P.O. Box 11298
Santa Ana, CA 92711
(714) 567-7600
www.ocvote.com

PLACER COUNTY

2956 Richardson Drive
Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 886-5650 or (800) 824-8683
www.placerelections.com

PLUMAS COUNTY

520 Main Street, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971
(530) 283-6256
www.countyofplumas.com

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507
(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

7000 65th Street, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95823
(916) 875-6451
www.elections.saccounty.net

SAN BENITO COUNTY

440 5th Street, Room 206
Hollister, CA 95023
(831) 636-4016 or (877) 777-4017
www.sbcvote.us

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415
(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

5600 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 554-4375
www.sfelections.org

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 350
Stockton, CA 95202
P.O. Box 810
Stockton, CA 95201
(209) 468-2885
www.sjcrov.org

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

1055 Monterey Street, D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
(805) 781-5228 or (805) 781-5080
www.slovote.com

SAN MATEO COUNTY

40 Tower Road
San Mateo, CA 94402
(650) 312-5222
www.shapethefuture.org

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

4440-A Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
P.O. Box 61510
Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510
(800) SBC-VOTE or (805) 568-2200
www.sbcvote.com

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

1555 Berger Drive
San Jose, CA 95112
P.O. Box 611360
San Jose, CA 95161
(408) 299-VOTE (8683)
www.sccvote.org

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

701 Ocean Street, Room 210
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 454-2060 or (866) 282-5900
www.votescount.com

SHASTA COUNTY

1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96001
P.O. Box 990880
Redding, CA 96099-0880
(530) 225-5730
www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

SIERRA COUNTY

100 Courthouse Square, Room 11
P.O. Drawer D
Downieville, CA 95936
(530) 289-3295
www.sierracounty.ca.gov

SISKIYOU COUNTY

510 N. Main Street
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-8084 or
(888) 854-2000 EXT. 8084
www.sisqvotes.org

SOLANO COUNTY

675 Texas Street, Suite 2600
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 784-6675
www.solanocounty.com/elections

SONOMA COUNTY

435 Fiscal Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
P.O. Box 11485
Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1485
(707) 565-6800 or
(800) 750-VOTE (8683)
vote.sonoma-county.org

STANISLAUS COUNTY

1021 I Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 525-5200
www.stanvote.com

SUTTER COUNTY

1435 Veterans Memorial Circle
Yuba City, CA 95993
(530) 822-7122
www.suttercounty.org/elections

TEHAMA COUNTY

444 Oak Street, Room C
P.O. Box 250
Red Bluff, CA 96080
(530) 527-8190 or (530) 527-0454
www.co.tehama.ca.us

TRINITY COUNTY

11 Court Street
P.O. Box 1215
Weaverville, CA 96093
(530) 623-1220
www.trinitycounty.org

TULARE COUNTY

5951 S. Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7300 or (559) 624-7302
www.tularecounty.ca.gov/registrarofovoters

TUOLUMNE COUNTY

2 S. Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 533-5570
www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

VENTURA COUNTY

800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009
(805) 654-2664
venturavote.org

YOLO COUNTY

625 Court Street, Room B05
Woodland, CA 95695
P.O. Box 1820
Woodland, CA 95776
(530) 666-8133 or (800) 649-9943
www.yoloelections.org

YUBA COUNTY

915 8th Street, Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901
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www.yubaelections.org

Visit the Secretary of State's Website to:

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity
<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov>
- View voter guides in other languages
www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place on Election Day
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/find-polling-place.htm
- Obtain vote-by-mail ballot information
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_m.htm
- Get 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>

Have You Moved Since You Last Voted?

It is important to update your voter registration when you move. This will ensure you are able to vote for all of the appropriate candidates and measures, and that you receive vital election information in the mail.

The last day to register to vote in the June 3, 2014, Statewide Direct Primary Election is Monday, May 19, 2014.

If you moved to your new address after May 19, 2014, you may vote at your old polling place.

For more information regarding voter registration, please contact the Secretary of State's office at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit *www.sos.ca.gov*.