

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

State and federal laws require polling places 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 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 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.

Check your sample ballot



Your county sample ballot booklet will:

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

At the polling place

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.

Voter Registration

If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to reregister **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 *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.

Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening (i.e. domestic violence, stalking victims) situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/>.

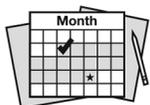
Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration 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 Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Ways to Vote



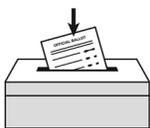
Vote by Mail

- Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **November 1**.
- Return by mail—must be postmarked on or before **November 8** and received by your county elections office no later than **November 14**.
- Return in person—to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on **November 8**.



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 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 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- The location of your polling place is printed on the back page of the sample ballot booklet your county elections official mailed to you. You can also find your polling place:
 - 📞 By calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
 - 💻 Online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place
 - 📱 By texting *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)

Provisional Voting

If your name is not on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot.

What Is a Provisional Ballot?

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

Who Casts a Provisional Ballot?

Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who:

- Believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place.
- Vote by mail but did not receive their ballot or do not have their ballot with them, and instead want to vote at a polling place.

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 in the county in which you are registered to vote, however, only the elections contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

How Can You Check the Status of Your Provisional Ballot?

Every voter who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



Visit <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.

Elections in California

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 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.

Top Contributors to Statewide 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>.

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 10, 2016

First day to vote-by-mail.

October 24, 2016

Last day to register to vote.

NOVEMBER

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November 1, 2016

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

November 8, 2016

Election Day!

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QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

*For a complete copy of the Quick Reference Guide,
please visit:
voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/pdf/quick-reference-guide.pdf*

Visit the Secretary of State's Website to:

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

Audio & Large Print Voter Information Guides

This guide is 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) 345-8683
- 💻 Visit www.sos.ca.gov
- 🌐 Download an audio MP3 version at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

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.

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