

# California Statewide Direct Primary



# Election Tuesday June 5, 2018

Polls Are Open From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

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## Certificate of Correctness

I, Alex Padilla, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that the measures included herein will be submitted to the electors of the State of California at the Primary Election to be held throughout the State on June 5, 2018, and that this guide has been correctly prepared in accordance with the law. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State in Sacramento, California, this 12th day of March, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Padilla".

Alex Padilla, Secretary of State



# Secretary of State

Dear Fellow Californians,

There is no greater right than the right to vote. America's democracy thrives when every eligible voter participates. Through voting, you can select your local, state and national leaders and ensure that your voice is heard. The Statewide Direct Primary is Tuesday, June 5. The election is fast approaching. I encourage you to participate in your most fundamental right as a citizen of the United States of America.

All of the information is presented here as a reference for you. This Voter Guide can help you make informed decisions. It includes impartial analysis, arguments in favor and against numerous ballot measures, declarations of the candidates, the Voter Bill of Rights and other important information. This guide is also available online on the California Secretary of State website: [www.VoterGuide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.VoterGuide.sos.ca.gov).

You can check your voter registration status anytime by visiting [VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](http://VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov). You can download our VOTE CALIFORNIA app on your smartphone or tablet and access critical election information and look up your nearest polling location. And, you can visit [PowerSearch.sos.ca.gov](http://PowerSearch.sos.ca.gov) if you would like to learn more about who is financing each of the candidates or propositions on the ballot.

If you have any questions about how to vote, or how to register to vote, you can contact the office of the Secretary of State by calling toll free 1-800-345-VOTE (8683). To obtain the contact information of your local county elections officials, visit the Secretary of State website at: [www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices](http://www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices).

Thank you for your commitment to the future of both our state and nation. The Statewide Direct Primary Election is Tuesday, June 5. Your vote is important. Your vote is your voice. Be heard. VOTE!

# OVERVIEW OF STATE BOND DEBT

PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

This section describes the state's bond debt. It also discusses how Proposition 68—the \$4.1 billion natural resources bond proposal—would affect state bond costs.

## Background

**What Are Bonds?** Bonds are a way that governments and companies borrow money. The state government uses bonds primarily to pay for the planning, construction, and renovation of infrastructure projects such as bridges, dams, prisons, parks, schools, and office buildings. The state sells bonds to investors to receive “up-front” funding for these projects and then repays the investors, with interest, over a period of time.

**Why Are Bonds Used?** A main reason for issuing bonds is that infrastructure typically provides services over many years. Thus, it is reasonable for people, both currently and in the future, to help pay for the projects. Additionally, the large costs of these projects can be difficult to pay for all at once.

**What Are the Main Types of Bonds?** Two main types of bonds used by the state to fund infrastructure are general obligation bonds (which must be approved by voters) and lease revenue bonds (which do not have to be approved by voters). Most of the state's general obligation and lease revenue bonds are repaid from the General Fund. The General Fund is the state's main operating account, which it uses to pay for education, prisons, health care, and other services. The General Fund is supported primarily by income and sales tax revenues.

**What Are the Costs of Bond Financing?** After selling bonds, the state makes annual payments over the next few

decades until the bonds are paid off. (This is very similar to the way a family pays off a mortgage.) The annual cost of repaying bonds depends primarily on the interest rate and the time period over which the bonds have to be repaid. Assuming an interest rate of 5 percent, for each \$1 borrowed, the state would pay close to \$2 over a typical repayment period. Of that \$2 amount, \$1 would go toward repaying the amount borrowed (the principal) and close to \$1 for interest. There likely will be significant inflation over the period during which the state repays these bonds. This means that the dollars used to repay these bonds in the future will be worth less than they are today. Accordingly, after accounting for inflation, the cost of repaying these bonds is lower—roughly \$1.50 for each \$1 borrowed.

## Infrastructure Bonds and the State Budget

**Amount of General Fund Debt.** The state has about \$83 billion of General Fund-supported infrastructure bonds on which it is making principal and interest payments. In addition, the voters and the Legislature have approved about \$36 billion of General Fund-supported bonds that have not yet been sold. Most of these bonds are expected to be sold in the coming years as additional projects need funding. In 2017–18, the General Fund's infrastructure bond repayments totaled close to \$6 billion.

**This Election's Impact on Debt Payments.** The natural resources bond proposal on this ballot (Proposition 68) would allow the state to borrow an additional \$4 billion by selling general obligation bonds to investors. The amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds, also known as the debt

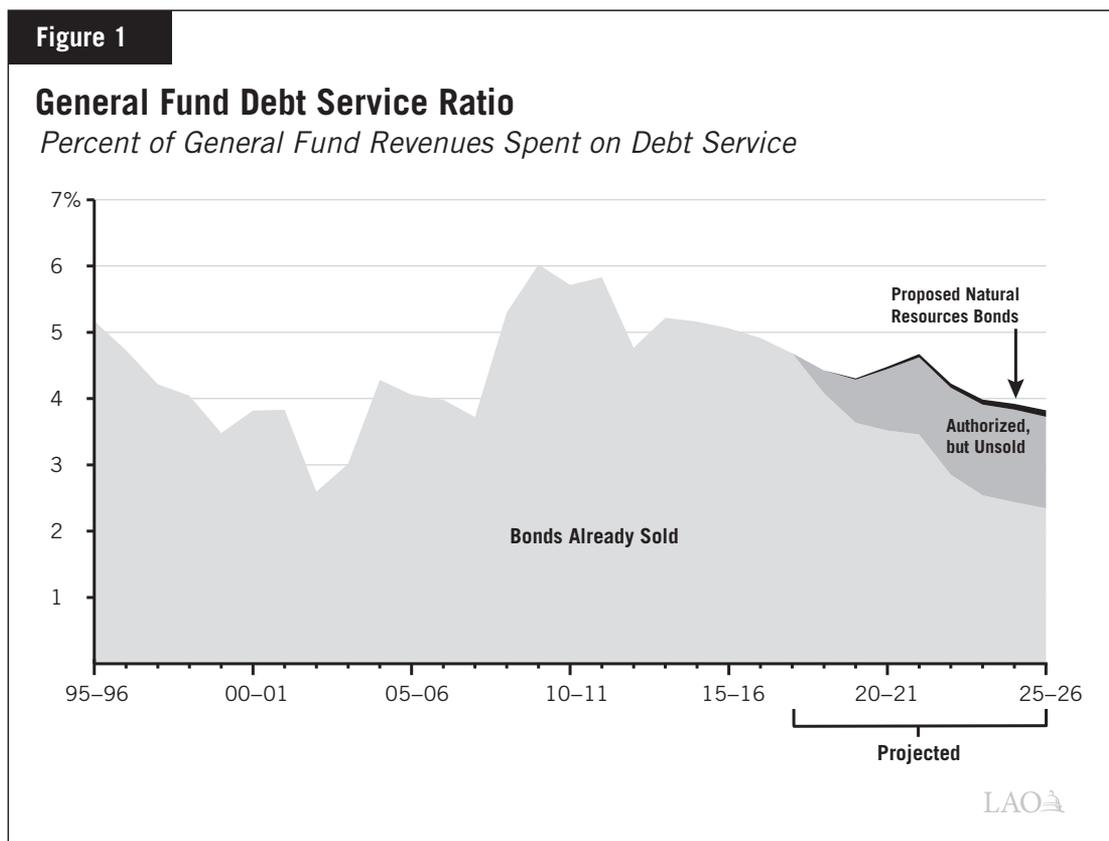
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service, would depend on the specific details of the bond sales. We assume an interest rate of 5 percent and that the bonds would be issued over a ten-year period. We further assume that the last bonds would be repaid 30 years after the final bonds are issued. Based on these assumptions, the estimated average annual General Fund cost would be about \$200 million over the next 40 years. This is about 3 percent more than the state currently spends from the General Fund for debt service. We estimate that the measure would require total debt service payments of about \$7.8 billion over the 40-year period during which the bonds would be paid off.

***This Election’s Impact on the Share of State Revenues Used to Repay Debt.*** One indicator of the state’s debt situation is the portion of the state’s annual General Fund revenues that must be set aside for debt service payments on

infrastructure bonds. This is known as the state’s debt service ratio (DSR). Because these revenues must be used to repay debt, they are not available to spend on other state programs, such as operating colleges or paying for health care. As shown in Figure 1, the DSR is now somewhat below 5 percent of annual General Fund revenues. If voters do not approve the proposed natural resources bond on this ballot, we project that the state’s DSR on already authorized bonds will likely remain somewhat below 5 percent over the next several years and then decrease thereafter. If voters approve the proposed natural resources bond on this ballot, we project it would increase the DSR by less than one-fifth of a percentage point compared to what it would otherwise have been. The state’s future DSR would be higher than shown in the figure if the state and voters approve additional bonds in the future.



# 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.

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.

Superintendent of Public Instruction is a nonpartisan office. If a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction were to receive a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent +1) at the primary election, then that candidate would be elected, and no general election would be held. Additional information on nonpartisan offices can be found below.

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

## 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.

# The Voter's Choice Act

## The Future of Voting in California

Starting in 2018, all registered voters in Sacramento, San Mateo, Madera, Nevada, and Napa counties will receive their ballot in the mail weeks before the election. Voters in participating counties will have 3 choices for how to vote:

**Vote by Mail:** You can mail your completed ballot as soon as you receive it.

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

**Vote Center:** Vote Centers will replace polling places. You can vote in person at any vote center in your county. Vote Centers will be open for a minimum of 11 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 dropbox or vote center. Vote centers will be open for in-person voting for 11 days, up to and including Election Day.

### Where do I find a dropbox or vote center?

*VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov*

### 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 continue to vote either by mail or at a polling place. Contact the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-8683 for more information.

# County Elections Offices

## **Alameda County**

(510) 272-6933  
[www.acgov.org/rov/index.htm](http://www.acgov.org/rov/index.htm)

## **Alpine County**

(530) 694-2281  
[www.alpinecountyca.gov](http://www.alpinecountyca.gov)

## **Amador County**

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

## **Butte County**

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

## **Calaveras County**

(209) 754-6376 or (209) 754-6375  
[www.calaverasgov.us](http://www.calaverasgov.us)

## **Colusa County**

(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501  
[www.countyofcolusa.org/elections](http://www.countyofcolusa.org/elections)

## **Contra Costa County**

(925) 335-7800  
[www.contracostacore.us](http://www.contracostacore.us)

## **Del Norte County**

(707) 465-0383 or (707) 464-7216  
[www.co.del-norte.ca.us](http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us)

## **El Dorado County**

(530) 621-7480 or (800) 730-4322  
[www.edcgov.us/Elections](http://www.edcgov.us/Elections)

## **Fresno County**

(559) 600-8683  
[www.fresnovote.com](http://www.fresnovote.com)

## **Glenn County**

(530) 934-6414  
[www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections/welcome](http://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections/welcome)

## **Humboldt County**

(707) 445-7481  
[www.humboldtgov.org/elections](http://www.humboldtgov.org/elections)

## **Imperial County**

(442) 265-1060 or (442) 265-1074  
[www.co.imperial.ca.us](http://www.co.imperial.ca.us)

## **Inyo County**

(760) 878-0224  
<http://elections.inyocounty.us/>

## **Kern County**

(661) 868-3590  
[www.kernvote.com](http://www.kernvote.com)

## **Kings County**

(559) 852-2439  
[www.countyofkings.com](http://www.countyofkings.com)

## **Lake County**

(707) 263-2372  
[www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/ROV.htm](http://www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/ROV.htm)

## **Lassen County**

(530) 251-8217  
[www.lassencounty.org/dept/registrars-voters-elections](http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/registrars-voters-elections)

## **Los Angeles County**

(800) 815-2666 (LA County only) or  
(562) 466-1310  
[www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

## **Madera County**

(559) 675-7782 or (800) 435-0509  
[www.votemadera.com](http://www.votemadera.com)

## **Marin County**

(415) 473-6456  
[marinvotes.org](http://marinvotes.org)

## **Mariposa County**

(209) 966-2007  
[www.mariposacounty.org](http://www.mariposacounty.org)

## **Mendocino County**

(707) 234-6819  
[www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections)

## **Merced County**

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619  
[www.mercedelections.org](http://www.mercedelections.org)

## **Modoc County**

(530) 233-6205  
[www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections](http://www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections)

## **Mono County**

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530  
[monocounty.ca.gov/elections](http://monocounty.ca.gov/elections)

## **Monterey County**

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274  
[www.montereycountyelections.us/](http://www.montereycountyelections.us/)

## **Napa County**

(707) 253-4321  
[www.countyofnapa.org](http://www.countyofnapa.org)

## **Nevada County**

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

## **Orange County**

(714) 567-7600  
[www.ocvote.com](http://www.ocvote.com)

## **Placer County**

(530) 886-5650  
[www.placerelections.com](http://www.placerelections.com)

## **Plumas County**

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE  
[www.countyofplumas.com](http://www.countyofplumas.com)

## **Riverside County**

(951) 486-7200  
[www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net)

## **Sacramento County**

(916) 875-6451  
[www.elections.saccounty.net](http://www.elections.saccounty.net)

## **San Benito County**

(831) 636-4016  
[sbcvote.us](http://sbcvote.us)

## **San Bernardino County**

(909) 387-8300  
[www.sbcountyelections.com](http://www.sbcountyelections.com)

## **San Diego County**

(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136  
[www.sdvote.com/](http://www.sdvote.com/)

## **San Francisco County**

(415) 554-4375  
[sfelections.org](http://sfelections.org)

## **San Joaquin County**

(209) 468-2890 or (209) 468-2885  
[www.sjcrov.org](http://www.sjcrov.org)

## **San Luis Obispo County**

(805) 781-5228 or (805) 781-5080  
[www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)

## **San Mateo County**

(650) 312-5222  
[www.smcare.org](http://www.smcare.org)

## **Santa Barbara County**

(805) 568-2200  
[www.sbcvote.com](http://www.sbcvote.com)

## **Santa Clara County**

(408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683  
[www.sccvot.com](http://www.sccvot.com)

## **Santa Cruz County**

(831) 454-2060  
[www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com)

## **Shasta County**

(530) 225-5730 or (888) 560-8683  
[www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us)

## **Sierra County**

(530) 289-3295  
[www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov)

## **Siskiyou County**

(530) 842-8084 or (888) 854-2000  
ext. 8084  
[www.sisqvotes.org](http://www.sisqvotes.org)

## **Solano County**

(707) 784-6675  
[www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections)

## **Sonoma County**

(707) 565-6800  
[vote.sonoma-county.org](http://vote.sonoma-county.org)

## **Stanislaus County**

(209) 525-5211  
<http://www.stanvote.com>

## **Sutter County**

(530) 822-7122  
[www.suttercounty.org/elections](http://www.suttercounty.org/elections)

## **Tehama County**

(530) 527-8190  
[www.co.tehama.ca.us](http://www.co.tehama.ca.us)

## **Trinity County**

(530) 623-1220  
[www.trinitycounty.org/index.aspx?page=58](http://www.trinitycounty.org/index.aspx?page=58)

## **Tulare County**

(559) 624-7300  
<http://www.tularecoelections.org/elections/>

## **Tuolumne County**

(209) 533-5570  
[www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections](http://www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections)

## **Ventura County**

(805) 654-2664  
[www.venturavote.org](http://www.venturavote.org)

## **Yolo County**

(530) 666-8133  
[yoloelections.org](http://yoloelections.org)

## **Yuba County**

(530) 749-7855  
[www.yubaelections.org](http://www.yubaelections.org)



The text of proposed laws is *not* printed in this guide.

However, the text is now available online at  
*<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>*.

If you would like a printed copy of the text:



Email the Secretary of State at  
*[vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov](mailto:vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov)*



Contact the Secretary of State's toll-free  
voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

# POLITICAL PARTY STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

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## ★ GREEN PARTY ★

People vote Green because Greens support viable solutions to our greatest challenges from inequality to climate change. Greens' actions can match their values because Greens refuse contributions from corporations. In California, over 70 Greens hold elected office.

Voting Green means:

### ECONOMIC FAIRNESS

- Living wages, green jobs, universal health care, workers' rights, affordable housing and food security for all
- Public banks to invest in California, not Wall Street
- Tuition-free higher education
- Reforming Proposition 13 to close corporate loopholes and restore schools and public services
- Taxing the super-rich

### ACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- Going 100% renewable through publicly-owned clean energy and efficiency programs
- Switching from fossil fuels to clean electric-powered public transportation
- Restoring groundwater and watersheds

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**P.O. Box 485**  
**San Francisco, CA 94104**

- Reforestation, restorative agriculture

### HUMAN RIGHTS

- Ending oppression based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or economic status
- Defending immigrants from dangerous raids and deportations
- Black Lives Matter, police accountability
- Gun control/safety
- Abolishing the death penalty, ending private prisons, reducing prison populations

### ELECTORAL REFORM

- Eliminating corporate money through publicly-financed elections
- Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- Overturning the Top Two primary

### VISION

- Greens early leadership led to recent successes including cannabis legalization and closing California's last nuclear power plant.

Register and vote Green to help us do more.

**(916) 448-3437**

**E-mail: [gpcac@greens.org](mailto:gpcac@greens.org)**

**Website: [www.cagreens.org](http://www.cagreens.org)**

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## ★ LIBERTARIAN PARTY ★

Libertarians stand for something: Freedom.

We believe that the most peaceful, most prosperous, most socially fair and tolerant and progressive society is one that solves its problems without government force. We believe that social woes like inaccessible healthcare, inadequate social justice, economic instability, and racial disparity are caused and perpetuated by officials who would rather increase their power instead of truly solving peoples' problems.

We believe in freedom—first and foremost. For 46 years, the Libertarian Party has been the means of advancing once radical issues like marijuana legalization, gay marriage, gun rights, school choice, transportation competition, ending

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**Libertarian Party of California**  
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**Sacramento, CA 95814**

mandatory minimum sentences, ending asset forfeiture laws, and ending eminent domain. We oppose foreign wars and want to bring our troops home from overseas.

We want to end graft that robs the poor, destroys honest businesses and corrupts education, police, courts and elections. We believe that Americans are being taxed to death to support a failed system full of waste and corruption.

We want to stop giving money and power to the same people who have caused the problems we face today.

It's time for a big change. If you are tired of throwing away your vote, send a message—Vote Libertarian.

**(916) 446-1776**

**E-mail: [office@ca.lp.org](mailto:office@ca.lp.org)**

**Website: <https://ca.lp.org>**

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## ★ PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY ★

The Peace and Freedom Party is a working-class party in a country run by and for the wealthy and their corporations. We should not have to sacrifice our health, our livelihoods, and our planet for our bosses' profits. We can tax the rich, whose wealth is created by workers, to pay for society's needs.

We favor:

Social justice & equality: \*Free universal health care for all. \*Decent jobs and labor rights for all. \*Free education for everyone, preschool through university. \*Ending all discrimination. \*Comprehensive services for disabled people. \*Marriage equality. \*Full rights for immigrants.

Justice reform: \*Abolishing the death penalty. \*Stopping police abuse and prison torture.

**Peace and Freedom Party**  
**P.O. Box 24764**  
**Oakland, CA 94623**

Peace: \*Bringing the troops home now. \*Ending drone attacks. Environment: \*Reversing climate change. \*Restoring and protecting the environment.

Legislative: \*Repealing California's "top two" election law, restoring voters' general election choices. \* Establishing a State Bank.

While capitalism puts the wealthy first we will continue to suffer war, police brutality, low wages, unsafe workplaces, and pollution. We advocate socialism, the ownership and democratic control of the economy by working people. By joining together to take back our industries and natural resources, we can make progress for the common good. Register Peace and Freedom Party!

**(510) 465-9414**

**E-mail: [info@peaceandfreedom.org](mailto:info@peaceandfreedom.org)**

**Website: [www.peaceandfreedom.org](http://www.peaceandfreedom.org)**

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## ★ DEMOCRATIC PARTY ★

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California Democrats are committed to working for the future Californians deserve, while resisting Washington, D.C.'s assault on progress.

We believe that every person should have a job that lets them provide for themselves and their family, live in safe and affordable housing, and have comprehensive, universal, exceptional healthcare.

We believe in the Labor Movement and collective bargaining rights for workers, and we want to expand education and childcare opportunities for California's children.

Democrats believe California must lead the fight against the existential threat of Climate Change, and that our Coast must be 100% off-limits to oil drilling. We believe everyone

**Eric C. Bauman, RN, Chair**  
**California Democratic Party**  
**1830 9th Street**  
**Sacramento, CA 95811**

has the right to breathe clean air, drink clean water and enjoy pristine natural spaces.

We believe in an inclusive society for all. We strongly support legal protections for Dreamers, and for immigration reform that honors our history as a nation of immigrants.

We believe no person should ever be subjected to bullying, harassment, assault or discrimination because of race, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, physical disability, economic status or religion.

California Democrats believe in compassion, fiscal responsibility, progress and inclusion. We invite you to join our effort to build the future California deserves.

**(916) 442-5707**  
**Website: [www.cadem.org](http://www.cadem.org)**  
**[facebook.com/cadems](https://facebook.com/cadems)**  
**Twitter: @CA\_Dem**

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## ★ REPUBLICAN PARTY ★

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The California Republican Party is focused on listening to all Californians. We are working to restore our state as the leader in economic growth, job creation and, most of all, affordability.

We recognize that the cost of living is harming Californians' ability to provide a good life for their families. We want to make California the land of opportunity again—where everyone can get a slice of the American Dream. California should be a state where residents feel safe to run their businesses and raise their families.

**Jim Brulte, State Chairperson**  
**1001 K Street, 4th Floor**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

We see a future with opportunity, where hard work leads to better jobs and pay. We envision a California where communities are safe, roads are built, air is clean and water is plentiful. Republicans want every child to have access to well-paid, effective teachers for a world-class education.

Our doors are open to you and we hope you will make the decision today to protect, improve and rebuild this state by joining the California Republican Party. Visit us at [cagop.org](http://cagop.org) to learn more.

**(916) 448-9496**  
**E-mail: [info@cagop.org](mailto:info@cagop.org)**  
**Website: [www.cagop.org](http://www.cagop.org)**

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## ★ AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY ★

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The American Independent Party is the party of ordered liberty in a nation under God. We believe in strict adherence to written law. We believe the Constitution is the contract America has with itself. Its willful distortion has led to the violation of our Tenth Amendment guaranteed right to limited government—which inevitably requires oppressive taxation. Its faithful application will lift that burden.

Freed from the lawless oppression of Progressive rule, we may then compassionately and justly use our energy and ingenuity to provide for ourselves and our families. We will then establish truly free and responsible enterprise and reassert the basic human right to property.

We believe in protecting all human life however weak,

**American Independent Party of California**  
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# Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

## Check your county Voter Information Guide



Your county Voter Information Guide will:

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

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

**Vote centers** are available for voters living in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties. See page 33 for more information on the Voter's Choice Act and vote centers.

## 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-VOTE (8683)



Visit [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)



Download an audio MP3 version at [voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio](http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio)

# 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 and receive election materials 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](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov) to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time.
- **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.
- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each election. We encourage you to update your registration each year, if needed; however, you *must* re-register to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference, or if you do not participate in four consecutive statewide general elections. Visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/) for more election resources designed especially for you.

## Dates to remember:

**May 21:** last day to register to vote and request your ballot

**May 29:** last day to update or change how you want to receive your ballot

**June 5:** Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day **and** received by your county elections office no later than June 8. Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, on Election Day.

## For more information contact:

California Secretary of State



(800) 345-VOTE



[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/)

Federal Voting Assistance Program



(800) 438-VOTE



[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

# Earn money and make a difference— Serve as a Poll Worker on Election Day!

Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important day in our democracy—Election Day!

## Who can be a poll worker?

To serve as a poll worker you must be:

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

## What does a poll worker do?

- ✓ Sets up and closes a polling place
- ✓ Helps voters understand their rights
- ✓ Protects ballots and voting equipment

## Why be a poll worker?

- ✓ Get involved and assist voters
- ✓ Contribute to your community and meet your neighbors
- ✓ Earn extra money (amount varies by county)

## High School Poll Workers

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 86 of this guide) or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

# Check Your Voter Status Online



Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at [VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](http://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
- Find a vote center (for voters living in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties)
- Find upcoming elections in your area
- Receive your Voter Information Guide (VIG) by email before each statewide election (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 some personal information like first name, last name, California driver license or identification card number, social security number (last 4 numbers), and date of birth.

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 receive the state VIG in the mail, information on statewide candidates and ballot measures will still be available at the VIG website (<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>) before each statewide election.

Go to [VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](http://VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov) to get started.

## Pre-register at sixteen. Vote at eighteen.

Online Pre-registration is now available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://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.

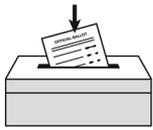
Pre-register in 4 easy steps:

1. Visit [www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://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](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).

Simply complete the online Pre-registration application and on your 18th birthday, you will automatically be registered to vote.



## Election Day Information

**Polls and vote centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote. Do you live in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, or Sacramento county? Visit page 33 for additional information on vote centers and ways you can vote in these counties.**

5 ways to find your polling place or a vote center:



Check your county Voter Information Guide your county elections official mailed to you



Call (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Online at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place) or [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov)



Text *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)



On the “Vote California” mobile app (available at the iOS or Android store)

## Just Moved?

If you moved to your new address after **May 21**, 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 or vote center after the May 21, 2018, voter registration deadline. Visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/).

## Conditional Voter Registration

Did you forget to register? No problem! Did you know that during the period of 14 days prior to Election Day through and including Election Day, you can go to the office of your county elections official or a vote center to conditionally register to vote and vote? This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR). Here’s how it works:

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

Once the county elections official processes the affidavit of registration, determines that you’re eligible to register, and validates your information, the registration becomes permanent and your CVR provisional ballot will be counted.

To learn more visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/>

Vote centers are available for voters living in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties. Visit [VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov](http://VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov) or see page 33 for more information on the Voter’s Choice Act and vote centers.

# 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](http://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.

## 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 or a vote center to conditionally register to vote and vote. To learn more visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/).

# 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 [www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/](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).

# 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 elections 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 [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://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.

# 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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#### May 7, 2018

First day to vote-by-mail.

#### May 21, 2018

Last day to register to vote. You can “Conditionally” register and vote at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.

#### May 29, 2018

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

### JUNE

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#### June 5, 2018

**Election Day!**