



Secretary of State

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 **(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.