



VOTE SAFE at Early Voting Locations

One or more early voting locations will be available in many counties for **at least four days** beginning the Saturday before the **November 3, 2020**, election. Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

You can help keep voting locations safe for voters and election workers in these three ways:

1 Skip the line.

You can return completed ballots **by mail** with no stamp needed, at a secure **ballot drop box**, or at a **voting location**. Voting locations will have separate lines for voters dropping off completed ballots.



Find a nearby drop box or voting location at CAEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov

2 Vote early.

If you visit a voting location in person, **go before Election Day** to help with physical distancing. One or more voting locations in many counties will be open for **at least four days** beginning the Saturday before Election Day.

3 Follow safety procedures.

Protect your health and the health of other voters and election workers at voting locations by taking the following precautions:

VOTING LOCATION SAFETY CHECKLIST



Wear a face covering while at the voting location.



Keep 2 arms' length distance from other people.



Wash hands before and after entering the voting location.



Use hand sanitizer after touching doors or voting equipment.



Bring a ballpoint pen to avoid touching high-contact surfaces.



Want more information about how to stay safe while voting?

Review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html

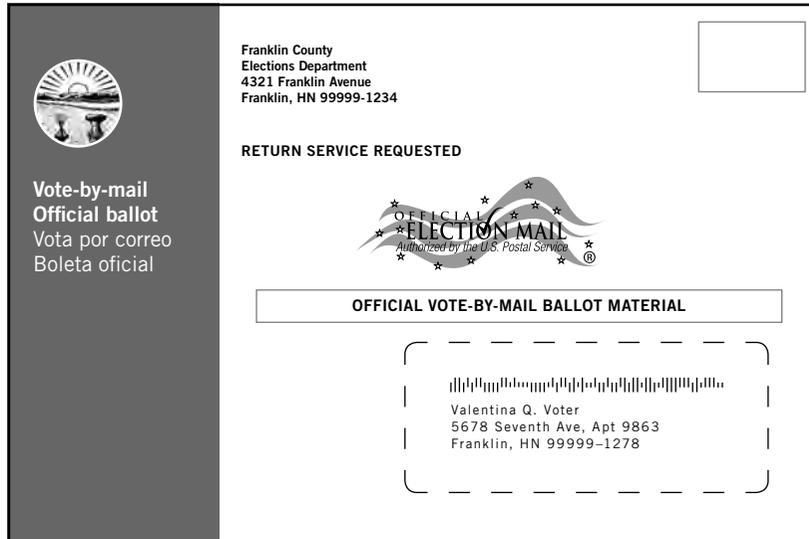
Voters who can vote by mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations.

County elections offices will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots to California voters beginning **October 5, 2020**. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by **November 3, 2020**; ballots returned at a secure ballot drop box must be deposited by **8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020**.



VOTE SAFE with Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

All California voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the **November 3, 2020**, election. Your county elections office will begin mailing ballots, similar to the one pictured below, beginning **October 5, 2020**.



Voting by mail is ***SAFE*** and ***EASY***.

After marking your choices on your ballot, simply:

- Seal it.**
Secure your ballot inside the envelope from your county elections office.
- Sign it.**
Make sure the ***signature on your ballot envelope matches*** the one on your CA driver license/state ID, or the one you provided when registering. Your county elections office will compare them to protect your vote.
- Return it.**

<p><u>By mail</u>—Make sure your ballot is postmarked by November 3, 2020. No stamp required!</p>	OR	<p><u>In person</u>—Drop your ballot off at a secure drop box, polling place, vote center, or county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.</p>
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- Track it.**
You can sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov for alerts by text (SMS), email, or voice call on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot.

Voters who can vote by mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations. Voting locations will be available in all counties before Election Day. Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office or at your polling place, or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 -  On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**



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.



Complete the 2020 Census Today!



Taking just a few minutes to answer the **9 simple questions** helps determine dollars that fund important programs for the next 10 years.

The Census provides billions of dollars to help support key community services, including:



HEALTHCARE FACILITIES & EMERGENCY SERVICES



CHILDREN'S NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS



HOUSING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

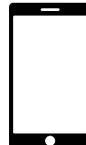


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS CREATION

Californians can help achieve a complete count by participating in one of three ways:



ONLINE AT
my2020census.gov



BY PHONE AT
844-330-2020



BY MAIL
Complete and return your Census form!

All communities deserve the opportunity to thrive and provide for their families.

Complete the Census before September 30, 2020.

Your 2020 Census data is safe, protected, and confidential.

CaliforniaCensus.org

@CACensus



The California Secretary of State is now offering voters a new way to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. The “Where’s My Ballot?” tool lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way. Sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.

When you sign up for “Where’s My Ballot?” you will receive automatic updates when your county elections office:

- Mails your ballot,
- Receives your ballot,
- Counts your ballot, or
- If there are any issues with your ballot.

Voters who sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov can choose to receive automatic updates by:

- Email
- Text Message (SMS)
- Voice Call

**Tracking your ballot
—when it is mailed, received, and counted—
has never been easier.**

WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov



OVERVIEW OF STATE BOND DEBT

PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

This section describes the state's bond debt. It also discusses how the bond measure on the ballot, if approved by voters, would affect state costs to repay bonds.

State Bonds and Their Costs

What Are Bonds? Bonds are a way that governments and companies borrow money. 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. 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.

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

What Are the Main Types of Bonds? The two main types of bonds used by the state are general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. One difference between general obligation bonds and revenue bonds is how they are repaid. The state repays general obligation bonds using the state General Fund (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 tax and sales tax revenues. The state repays revenue bonds from the General Fund but also from other sources, such as

fees paid by users of the funded project (such as from bridge tolls). Another difference between state general obligation and revenue bonds is how they are approved. General obligation bonds issued by the state have to be approved by voters, while revenue bonds generally do not.

What Are the Costs of Bond Financing?

After selling bonds, the state makes regular 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 state pays somewhat more for projects it funds through bonds than for projects it funds up-front because of interest. The amount of additional cost depends primarily on the interest rate and the time period over which the bonds have to be repaid.

Bonds and State Spending

Amount of General Fund Debt. The state has about \$80 billion of General Fund-supported bonds on which it is making annual principal and interest payments. In addition, the voters and the Legislature have approved about \$38 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. Currently, we estimate that the state is paying about \$7 billion per year from the General Fund to repay bonds.

Proposition on This Ballot. There is one general obligation bond measure on this ballot. Proposition 14 would allow the state to borrow \$5.5 billion primarily for

OVERVIEW OF STATE BOND DEBT

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stem cell research and the development of new medical treatments in California.

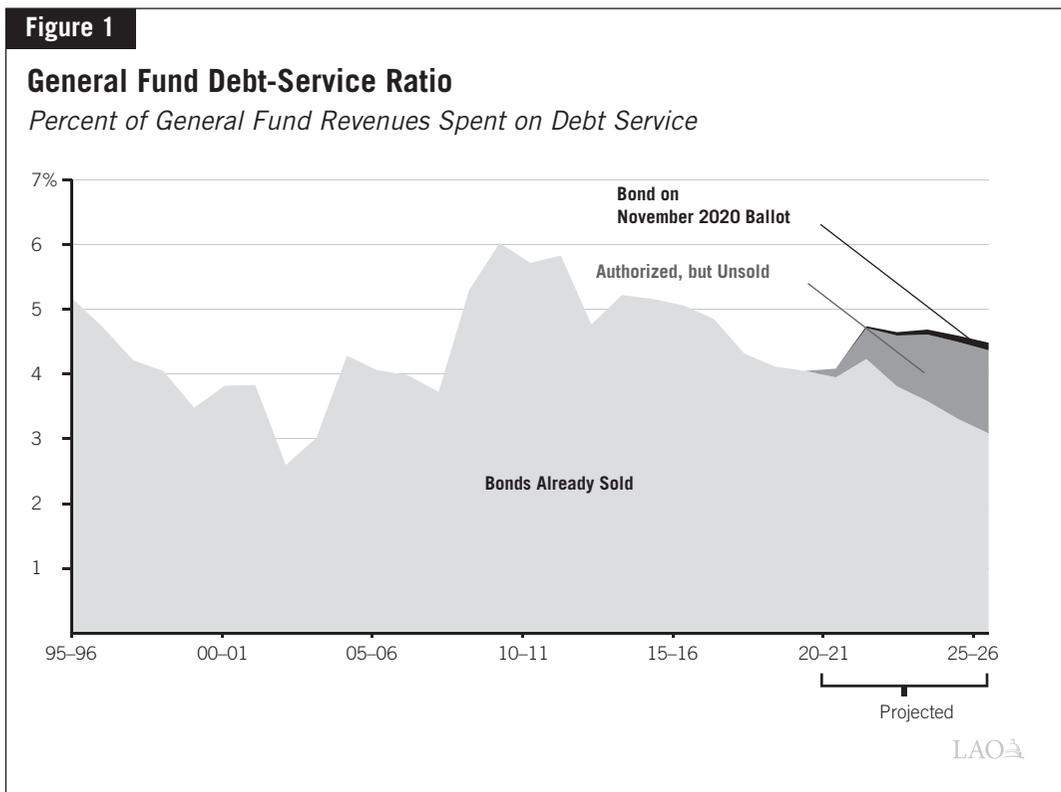
This Election’s Impact on Debt Payments.

We estimate that the total cost (including interest) to pay off the general obligation bond measure on this ballot would be about \$7.8 billion. This total would equal an average of about \$260 million per year for about 30 years, which is about 4 percent more than the state currently spends from the General Fund on its bond debt. The exact costs would depend on the specific details of the bond sales.

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 to pay for bond debt. 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 around 4 percent. If voters do not approve the proposed bond on this ballot, we project that the state’s DSR on already approved bonds will grow over the next couple of years—peaking at about 4.7 percent in 2021–22—and then begin decreasing. If voters approve the proposed general obligation bond on this ballot, we project it would increase the DSR by about one-fifth of one percentage point compared to what it would otherwise have been over the next couple of years. 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 include 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 (at least 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 committees, 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.

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.



U.S. presidential candidate statements can be found online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov

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.

Top Contributors to State 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>



Voter Registration

If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to re-register **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 toll-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, a vote center, or polling place to conditionally register to vote and vote. To learn more visit sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg/.

Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening situations (i.e. victims and survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder/dependent adult abuse) may qualify for confidential voter status if they are active members of the Safe at Home program. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit 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 toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Pre-register at sixteen. Vote at eighteen.

Pre-registration is available online for eligible 16- and 17-year-olds at registertovote.ca.gov or via the paper 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 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.

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



How to vote by mail

Who can vote by mail?

Every registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election. County elections officials will begin mailing ballots to voters by October 5, 2020. If you do not receive your vote-by-mail ballot or need to request a replacement, please contact your county elections office. County elections office contact information can be found on page 110 of this guide.

How to return your vote-by-mail ballot

After marking your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot, place it in the official envelope provided by your county elections office and seal it. **Sign** the envelope where directed. You have multiple options for returning your ballot.

To ensure your ballot arrives by the deadline, return it either:



By mail—must be postmarked on or before **November 3** and received by your county elections office no later than **November 20**. **No postage is required!**



In person—drop off at your county elections office or any vote center, polling place, or ballot drop-off location in California before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on November 3.

State law gives voters the freedom to designate anyone they choose to return their vote-by-mail ballots. However, we recommend that you only sign your completed ballot over to someone you trust. And never hand over your vote-by-mail ballot if you have not sealed and signed the back of the return envelope provided by your county elections office.

Even if you receive your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you can still vote in person 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 and envelope, you may have to vote using a provisional ballot. This ensures that you have not already cast a ballot.

All counties offer an accessible option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.



Want to see the November 3, 2020, General Election results after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.? Visit the California Secretary of State's Election Results website at electionresults.sos.ca.gov.

The Election Results website is updated every five minutes on Election Night as counties report results to the Secretary of State. County elections officials send semi-official election results to the Secretary of State's website after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. and continue to send updates at least every two hours until all election day ballots are counted.

Beginning on November 5 through December 3, 2020, the Election Results website will update every day at 5:00 p.m. as counties count the remaining ballots.

The official results of the election will be posted by December 11, 2020, at sos.ca.gov/elections/.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

California is committed to ensuring every voter can cast their ballot privately and independently.

For more detailed information about what assistance your county offers to voters with disabilities, please check your county Voter Information Guide or contact your county. County contact information is available on page 110 of this guide.

Voting at a 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 polling places and vote centers are required to be accessible to voters with disabilities and will have accessible voting machines.

Voting at Home

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. Contact your county elections official for more information.

Audio & Large Print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available in audio and large print versions. The guide is also 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 voterguide.sos.ca.gov



Download an audio MP3 version at voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I registered to vote?

To be eligible to register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

To check the status of your voter registration, visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

What if I forgot to register to vote or update my registration?

No problem! If you missed the October 19, 2020, voter registration deadline, California law allows you to register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at your county elections office or at any voting location in your county. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration.

Here's how it works:

1. Visit your county elections office, a vote center, or polling place in your county—locations can be found in your county Voter Information Guide or at vote.ca.gov.
2. Complete a voter registration card.
3. Vote your ballot at your county elections office, vote center, or polling place.
4. Once the county elections official processes your registration and determines you are eligible, you will be registered to vote and your ballot will be counted.
5. Check if your ballot was counted by visiting voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. County elections offices have up until 60 days after Election Day to provide this information.

Where can I learn about candidates and propositions?

Check your county Voter Information Guide for information about local candidates and measures. Starting on page 16 of this guide you will find information about statewide propositions.

To find statements from presidential candidates, visit the Secretary of State's website at vote.ca.gov.

To research campaign contributions for state and local candidates, visit the Secretary of State's website at powersearch.sos.ca.gov.

To research campaign contributions for presidential and congressional candidates, visit the Federal Election Commission website at www.fec.gov.

What tools are available on the Secretary of State's website?

Visit vote.ca.gov for tools to help you:

- Check your voter registration information
- Register or re-register to vote
- Sign up for vote-by-mail ballot tracking
- Find your polling place or vote center
- Contact your county elections office

Where do I vote?

Every county has polling places or vote centers open on Election Day. All counties will also have one or more in-person, early voting locations. To find your county's early voting locations, visit vote.ca.gov or check your county Voter Information Guide.

You may also call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

You can also text "Vote" to GOVOTE (468683) to find the location of your polling place.

If you live in one of these counties: Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, or Tuolumne, you can vote in any vote center in your county. Visit voterschoice.sos.ca.gov.

How do I vote by mail?

For this election, every registered voter in California will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Your county elections office will mail ballots beginning October 5, 2020. For more information please see page 83 of this guide.

How much postage is needed to return my vote-by-mail ballot?

No stamp, no problem! Postage for vote-by-mail envelopes is prepaid by the county and free for all voters in California.

How can I return my vote-by-mail ballot?

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To ensure your ballot arrives by the deadline, return it either:

- By mail—must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by your county elections office no later than November 20. No postage is required!
- In person—drop off at your county elections office, any vote center or polling place in California, or any ballot drop-off location or drop box before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on November 3.
- State law gives voters the freedom to designate anyone they choose to return their vote-by-mail ballots. However, we recommend that you only sign your completed ballot over to someone you trust. Never hand over your vote-by-mail ballot if you have not sealed and signed the back of the return envelope provided by your county elections office.

Can I still vote in person this election?

While we recommend that you vote using your vote-by-mail ballot, there will still be in-person voting options in every county. Bring your vote-by-mail ballot to your county elections office or voting location and give it to a poll worker to exchange for a polling place ballot. If you do not have your vote-by-mail ballot and envelope, you may have to vote using a provisional ballot. This ensures that you have not already cast a ballot.

Can voters with disabilities vote by mail?

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How do I know the county received my vote-by-mail ballot?

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Can I get time off from work to vote?

All employees are eligible for paid time off for the purpose of voting if they do not have enough time outside of working hours to vote.

Employees can be given as much time as they need in order to vote, but only a maximum of two hours is paid. Employers may require employees to give advance notice that they will need additional time off for voting. Employers may require time off to be taken only at the beginning or end of the employee’s shift.

If you have questions, call the Secretary of State’s toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Do I need to show ID to vote?

In most cases, California voters do not have to show identification before they vote.

You may have to show one form of identification at the polling place if you are voting for the first time after registering by mail or online and you did NOT provide the following on your application (or any other identification):

- State-issued driver license or identification number, or
- The last four digits of your social security number.

The following are some of the acceptable types of identification according to state and federal laws:

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

For the full list, see “Polling Place ID Requirements” at sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards.

How can I help?

Participate as a poll worker! Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important part of our democracy—voting!

To serve as a poll worker, you must be:

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

Poll workers:

- Set up and close a polling place
- Help voters understand their rights
- Protect ballots and voting equipment
- Earn extra money (amount varies by county)
- Contribute to their community and meet their neighbors

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 their parents and school
- Attend a training session

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office or visit vote.ca.gov.

Check Your Voter Status Online



Visit the Secretary of State’s My Voter Status page at 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 or vote center
- Find upcoming elections in your area
- Receive your state 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 to enter your first name, last name, California driver license or identification card number, the last four digits of your social security number, 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 on the VIG website (voterguide.sos.ca.gov) before each statewide election.

Go to voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to get started.

County Elections Offices

Alameda County

(510) 272-6933
www.acvote.org

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov

Amador County

(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org/government/elections

Butte County

(530) 538-7761 or (800) 894-7761
www.buttevotes.net

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376
www.calaverasgov.us

Colusa County

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

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800
www.contracostacore.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) 600-8683
www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County

(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections/welcome

Humboldt County

(707) 445-7481
www.humboldtgov.org/890/Elections-Voter-Registration

Imperial County

(442) 265-1074
www.co.imperial.ca.us/regvoters

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224
elections.inyocounty.us

Kern County

(661) 868-3590
www.kernvote.com

Kings County

(559) 852-4401
www.countyofkings.com

Lake County

(707) 263-2372
www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/ROV.htm

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217
<http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-recorder/elections>

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666
www.lavote.net

Madera County

(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.votemadera.com

Marin County

(415) 473-6456
marinvotes.org

Mariposa County

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org/87/Elections

Mendocino County

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

Merced County

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

Modoc County

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

Mono County

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530
monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County

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

Napa County

(707) 253-4321
www.countyofnapa.org

Nevada County

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

Orange County

(714) 567-7600
www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650
www.placerelections.com

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE
<https://www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home>

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

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

San Benito County

(831) 636-4016
sbcvote.us

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County

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

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375
sfelections.org

San Joaquin County

(209) 468-2890 or (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.smcacre.org

Santa Barbara County

(805) 568-2200
www.sbcvote.com

Santa Clara County

(408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683
www.sccvote.org

Santa Cruz County

(831) 454-2060
www.votescount.com

Shasta County

(530) 225-5730 or (888) 560-8683
www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

Sierra County

(530) 289-3295
<http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/214/Elections>

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
vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County

(209) 525-5200
<http://www.stanvote.com>

Sutter County

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

Tehama County

(530) 527-8190
<http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/gov-departments/elections>

Trinity County

(530) 623-1220
<https://www.trinitycounty.org/Elections>

Tulare County

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

Tuolumne County

(209) 533-5570
www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Ventura County

(805) 654-2664
<https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections>

Yolo County

(530) 666-8133
yoloelections.org

Yuba County

(530) 749-7855
www.yubaelections.org

DATES TO REMEMBER!



REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

OCTOBER

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October 5, 2020

Counties will begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots.

October 19, 2020

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

NOVEMBER

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November 3, 2020 Election Day!

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All California voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, election. Learn more inside.

English: (800) 345-VOTE (8683) TTY/TDD: (800) 833-8683

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ខ្មែរ/Khmer: (888) 345-4917

Todos los votantes de California recibirán una boleta electoral de voto por correo para la elección del 3 de noviembre de 2020. Para preguntas o asistencia al votante, llame al número a continuación.

Español/Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

모든 캘리포니아 유권자는 2020년 11월 3일 선거를 위한 우편 투표지 받게 됩니다. 문의 사항 또는 유권자 지원을 원하시면, 아래 전화번호로 연락해 주십시오.
한국어/Korean: (866) 575-1558

所有加州選民將收到用於 2020 年 11 月 3 日選舉的郵寄投票選票。如有疑問或需要提供選民協助，請致電下列號碼。

中文/Chinese: (800) 339-2857

Tatanggap ang lahat ng botante ng California ng balota para sa pagboto sa pamamagitan ng koreo para sa halalan sa Nobyembre 3, 2020. Para sa mga katanungan o tulong sa botante, mangyaring tawagan ang numero sa ibaba.
Tagalog: (800) 339-2957

कैलिफोर्निया के सभी मतदाताओं को 3 नवंबर, 2020 के चुनाव के लिए 'डाक-द्वारा-मतदान करें' मतपत्र प्राप्त होगा। प्रश्नों या मतदाता सहायता के लिए, कृपया नीचे दिए गए नंबर पर कॉल करें।
हिन्दी/Hindi: (888) 345-2692

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ภาษาไทย/Thai: (855) 345-3933

すべてのカリフォルニア州有権者には2020年11月3日選挙の郵便投票用紙が送られます。お問い合わせまたは有権者の支援に関しては、以下の番号までお電話ください。
日本語/Japanese: (800) 339-2865

Tất cả các cử tri California đều sẽ nhận được lá phiếu bầu bằng thư cho kỳ bầu cử vào ngày 3 tháng Mười Một, 2020. Nếu có thắc mắc hoặc cần giúp về bầu cử, xin gọi số điện thoại dưới đây.
Việt ngữ/Vietnamese: (800) 339-8163