

General Election - November 3, 2026

Who is eligible to vote?

To vote in California, you must first be registered to vote. You can register if you meet all of the following requirements. You must be:

- 1 A U.S. citizen and a resident of California
- 2 18 years or older on Election Day
- 3 Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
- 4 Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

How do I register?

- Confirm if you are already registered to vote at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. Make sure your information is correct.
- If you are not registered (or if you need to reregister because you moved or changed your name), you can register online.
- You can also get a paper form at the DMV, post office, library, or county elections office.
- If you are registered by Monday, October 19, you will receive your ballot in the mail automatically.

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How can I vote?

If you register on time, you will receive your ballot in the mail. There are 3 ways to vote: drop it off, vote by mail, or vote in person.

Option 1: Drop it Off



You can drop off your ballot at your county elections office, a secure drop box, or any polling place. You can look up drop boxes at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov. Make sure you drop it off before 8 p.m. on November 3.

Option 2: Vote by Mail



You can return your ballot by mail—no postage needed! Remember to sign, date, and seal the provided envelope. Make sure it is postmarked by November 3. We recommend mailing your ballot at least one week before Election Day.

Option 3: Vote In Person



Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Many counties also offer in-person early voting starting on Saturday, October 24. You can look up your polling place at sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place.