

How to Vote in California's March 2024 Primary Election

Get Ready

If you are already registered to vote, visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to make sure all of your information is correct. If you are not registered, you can register online at registertovote.ca.gov or get a form at the DMV, post office, library, or your county elections office. You can also register up to and on Election Day (Tuesday, March 5). **If you're registered by February 20, you will receive your ballot in the mail.**

If you are not registered with a political party, your ballot will **not** have a presidential candidate on it. You can check your voter registration status at voterstatus.sos.gov. If your registration status is listed as "No Party Preference", you must either:

- Request a "cross-over" ballot or re-register with a political party (to vote in the Democratic, Libertarian, or American Independent party primaries)
- Re-register with a political party (to vote in the Republican, Green, or Peace and Freedom party primaries)

Option 1 - Vote by Mail

You can return the ballot **by mail**. No postage needed! Fill out your ballot, place it in the provided envelope, and sign, date, and seal the envelope. Make sure it is postmarked before the end of the day on March 5.

Option 2 - Drop it Off

You can **drop your ballot off** at your county elections office or any voting location. Most counties also have secure drop boxes that are available starting in early February. You can look up drop boxes at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

Option 3 - Vote in Person

Election Day is **Tuesday, March 5**. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** You can look up your polling place at sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place.

Many counties will also offer in-person voting from Tuesday, February 27 through Tuesday, March 5. Check with your local elections office or look up voting locations at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov. To make voting in person even easier, bring the ballot you received by mail to your voting location.