

# Language Assistance for California Voters

Everything you need to know to vote in March 2024 in the language of your choice



## Quick Tips!

- If you vote in person, ask the staff at your polling place or vote center what materials they have available in the language you prefer. Also, ask if any staff speak your preferred language or if they have a hotline staffed with bilingual workers.
- If you vote by mail, go online to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov> to indicate your preferred language. If translated materials are available for your area, they will be mailed to you for free.

**For the March 2024 election, registered voters will automatically get a ballot in the mail. You may also be able to get translated materials in the mail - it depends on your language and where you live.**

A translated ballot, a translated example ballot (sometimes called a “sample”, “reference”, or “facsimile” ballot), and/or a translated county voter information guide may be available. (A “facsimile” ballot is a translated example ballot that will help you understand your English ballot. *You cannot actually vote on it.*) Any materials available will be sent to you for free.

If you want translated materials to be sent by mail you need to tell the county you prefer a language other than English.

→ To find out what materials are available to you and to request translated materials, call your county elections office using the number listed below.

→ You can also go online to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov> to indicate your preferred language. Do this as soon as possible to get translated materials in time for the election.

**Registered voters may mail their ballot in, drop it off, or vote in person. You can find more information on how to submit your ballot at: [bit.ly/alc-kyvr2024](https://bit.ly/alc-kyvr2024).**

## Language Assistance When Voting In Person

### **You can have in-person help when voting:**

If there are bilingual poll workers at your polling place or vote center, **they should be wearing a badge, ribbon, or sticker** saying which languages they speak. If there are no bilingual poll workers that can assist you, ask if there is a hotline staffed with bilingual workers that you can call.

You are allowed to **bring up to two people to help you vote** as long as those people do not represent your employer or union. Bring a family member or friend!

### **You may be able to find translated ballots:**

Look up your county of residence in the chart below to see if your preferred language is covered and what language assistance is provided.

## Language Requirements by County

### **If your preferred language falls into Group A for your county:**

Everything available in English should also be available in your language by mail and in person at your voting location. That includes translated ballots you can vote on.

**If your preferred language falls into Group B for your county:**

Translated example ballots *may* be available by mail and at your polling place or vote center. There should be copies for you to take into the voting booth to assist you in voting on the English ballot. There should also be a translated sign telling you which languages have translated example ballots available and which languages are spoken by the poll workers present.

<b>County</b>	<b>Group A: Translated Ballot and Other Voting Materials Available</b>	<b>Group B: Translated Example Ballots Available</b>
Alameda (510) 272-6973	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese	Burmese, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Mien, Mongolian, Punjabi, Telugu
Alpine (530) 694-2281	--	--
Amador (209) 223-6465	--	Spanish
Butte (530) 552-3400, option 1 or (800) 894-7761	--	Hmong, Spanish
Calaveras (209) 754-6376	--	Spanish*
Colusa (530) 458-0500	Spanish	--
Contra Costa (925) 335-7800	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish	Hindi, Korean, Laotian, Nepali, Punjabi, Filipino, Tamil, Telugu, Vietnamese
Del Norte (707) 464-7216		Spanish
El Dorado (530) 621-7480	--	Chinese, Spanish
Fresno (559) 600-8683	Spanish	Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Khmer, Laotian, Punjabi, Filipino, Vietnamese
Glenn (530) 934-6414	Spanish	--
Humboldt (707) 445-7481	--	Spanish, Hmong
Imperial (442) 265-1060	Spanish	--
Inyo (760) 878-0224	--	Spanish
Kern (661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683	Spanish	Filipino, Punjabi
Kings (559) 852-4401	Spanish	Filipino
Lake (707) 263-2372	--	Spanish

\*Indicates translated, votable ballots will be available instead of translated example ballots.

<b>County</b>	<b>Group A: Translated Ballot and Other Voting Materials Available</b>	<b>Group B: Translated Example Ballots Available</b>
Lassen (530) 251-8217	--	Spanish
Los Angeles (800) 815-2666	Cambodian, Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Korean, Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese	Armenian*, Bengali*, Burmese*, Farsi*, Gujarati*, Hindi*, Indonesian*, Japanese*, Khmer*, Mongolian*, Persian*, Russian*, Telugu*, Thai*
Madera (559) 675-7720	Spanish	Punjabi*
Marin (415) 473-6456	--	Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese
Mariposa (209) 966-2007	--	Spanish, Filipino
Mendocino (707) 234-6819	--	Spanish
Merced (209) 385-7541	Spanish	Chinese, Hmong, Mien, Punjabi
Modoc (530) 233-6205	--	Spanish
Mono (760) 932-5537	--	Spanish
Monterey (831) 796-1499	Spanish	Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese
Napa (707) 253-4321	Spanish	Filipino
Nevada (530) 265-1298	--	Spanish
Orange (714) 567-7600	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese	Persian, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Filipino
Placer (530) 886-5650	--	Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, Filipino
Plumas (530) 283-6256	--	Spanish
Riverside (951) 486-7200	Spanish	Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese
Sacramento (916) 875-6451	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish, Vietnamese	Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mien, Punjabi, Filipino, Telugu, Urdu
San Benito (831) 636-4016	Spanish	--
San Bernardino (909) 387-8300	Spanish	Chinese, Indonesian, Korean, Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese
San Diego (858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese	Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Somali, Persian

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<b>County</b>	<b>Group A: Translated Ballot and Other Voting Materials Available</b>	<b>Group B: Translated Example Ballots Available</b>
San Francisco (415) 554-4375	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish	Burmese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino*, Thai, Vietnamese
San Joaquin (209) 468-8683	Spanish	Chinese, Hindi, Hmong, Khmer, Laotian, Punjabi, Filipino, Urdu, Vietnamese
San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5228	--	Spanish, Filipino
San Mateo (650) 312-5222	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish, Filipino	Burmese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean
Santa Barbara (805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683	Spanish	Chinese, Korean, Filipino
Santa Clara (408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683	Chinese (includes Taiwanese), Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese	Hindi*, Japanese*, Korean*, Khmer*, Gujarati, Nepali, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu
Santa Cruz (831) 454-2060	--	Spanish
Shasta (530) 225-5730	--	Spanish
Sierra (530) 289-3295	--	Spanish
Siskiyou (530) 842-8084	--	Spanish
Solano (707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683	--	Spanish, Filipino
Sonoma (707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-8683	Spanish	Khmer, Filipino, Vietnamese
Stanislaus (209) 525-5200	Spanish	Khmer, Punjabi, Syriac
Sutter (530) 822-7122	--	Spanish, Punjabi, Filipino
Tehama (530) 527-8190	--	Spanish
Trinity (530) 623-1220	--	--
Tulare (559) 624-7300	Spanish	Burmese, Filipino, Laotian
Tuolumne (209) 533-5570	--	Spanish
Ventura (805) 654-2664	Spanish	Chinese, Gujarati, Filipino, Vietnamese

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County	Group A: Translated Ballot and Other Voting Materials Available	Group B: Translated Example Ballots Available
Yolo (530) 666-8133	--	Chinese, Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, Russian
Yuba (530) 749-7855	--	Hmong, Spanish

The California Secretary of State offers voting assistance in ten languages. Use the toll-free Voter Hotlines listed below to get answers to questions about voting and elections or request mail delivery of voter materials.

- (800) 345-VOTE (8683) – English**
- (800) 232-VOTA (8682) - Español / Spanish**
- (800) 339-2857 - 中文 / Chinese**
- (888) 345-2692 - हिन्दी / Hindi**
- (800) 339-2865 - 日本語 / Japanese**
- (888) 345-4917 - ខ្មែរ / Khmer**
- (866) 575-1558 - 한국어 / Korean**
- (800) 339-2957 - Tagalog**
- (855) 345-3933 - ภาษาไทย / Thai**
- (800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese**
- (800) 833-8683 – TTY/TDD**

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