Know Your Voting Rights

California's 2024 General Election - November 5, 2024

Ballots Mailed to All Registered Voters: Starting October 7, 2024

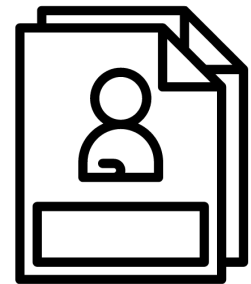Ballot Drop Boxes Open: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Register by October 21, 2024 to receive all your election materials on time by mail. See below for more options if you miss this deadline.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Getting Ready to Vote

To vote in an election, you must first register to vote! You can register to vote if you meet all of the following requirements:

- a U.S. citizen;
- a resident of California;
- 18 years or older on Election Day;
- not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
- not found by a court to be "mentally incompetent."

Already Registered?

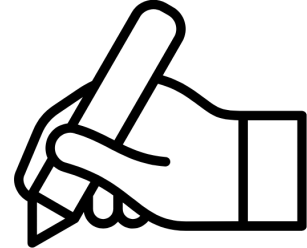Check and update your voter registration information. Use voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to:

- ✓ Confirm your home address
- ✓ Add or update an email address to get timely information from your county elections office
- ✓ Get voting materials in your preferred language if they are available in your area

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Want to Register?

Through **Monday, October 21,** you can register:
- online at registertovote.ca.gov;
- at the DMV, post office, library, or your county elections office; or
- by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to request a voter registration form (which must be in the mail by October 21). No stamp needed!

What If I Miss the Voter Registration Deadline?

No problem! You can still register and vote on any day leading up to and including Election Day (Tuesday, November 5).

Option 1: Go in-person to register and vote on the same day.

Option 2: If you are not registered to vote and cannot go to a voting location, contact your county elections office to ask how you can register and vote remotely by using the "Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail" system.

You can find your county elections office contact information at https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices.

October 21 - November 4	November 5 (Election Day)
Go to your county elections office to register and vote. Find your elections office address at sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.	Go to any polling place in your county to register and vote. If you want to vote on all the local races, go to a polling place close to your home. Find your local polling place by entering your address at sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place. You can also call your county elections office to find out where to go. Find your elections office phone number at sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

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How to Vote? You Have Three Options!

You can mail your ballot in, drop it off, or vote in person at a polling place.

If you register by October 21, you will automatically receive a ballot in the **mail** with instructions on how to fill it out and return it.

Option 1 - Vote by Mail

Send your ballot by mail -- no stamp needed!

- Remember to sign and date your ballot envelope.
- Make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day: November 5, 2024.

Option 2 - Drop it Off

Drop off your ballot at any polling place in your county before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

- You can look up polling places on your county elections office website or check sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place for the polling place near your address.
- There might also be secure drop boxes available where you can deposit your ballot in the weeks leading up to Election Day. You can find your county's drop off locations at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

Option 3 - Vote In Person

If you prefer to vote in person, you can! To make the process as easy as possible, take the ballot you received in the mail with you to turn in (if you received one).

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** *As long as you are in line by 8 p.m., you will be able to cast your vote.*

You might be able to vote early in person. To find out if in person early voting is available, look at your county elections office website or check caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

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Walk into your polling place, find the main table, and give the poll workers your name and address. If you prefer voting in a language other than English, ask if they have any materials in that language and if any of the poll workers speak that language.

Where Do I Go to Vote?

Your assigned polling place can be found on the materials you receive from your county elections office prior to the election. You can also look it up at sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/.

Do I Need to Show My ID When Voting?

In almost all instances, no. You only need to show documents if you are voting for the first time and you did not include your driver's license number, state ID number, OR Social Security Number when you registered to vote. If this is the case, many documents will work. Call your elections office in advance if you are concerned.

Can I Bring Someone to Help Me Vote?

Yes. California law allows you to bring up to two people to help you vote in person, as long as they do not represent your employer or your union. Bring a family member or friend.

What If I Run Into Problems While Voting?

Do not give up! **Ask to use same-day voter registration** to re-register and vote. If you are unable to do so for some reason, **ask for a provisional ballot**, which is a ballot that will be counted after Election Day if elections officials confirm your eligibility.

Or, call one of these Election Day voter protection hotlines:

- 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) for assistance in English.
- 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683) for assistance in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Urdu, Hindi, and Tagalog.
- 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682) for assistance in English and Spanish.
- 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287) for assistance in English and Arabic.

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Will I Be Able to Vote in Languages Other than English?

Language assistance differs by county. If you vote by mail, call your county elections office to find out what is available in your preferred language in your county. If you vote at a polling place, ask if materials are available in your preferred language and if the staff present speaks that language. You can also look for signs in your language.

Your county may offer elections materials and assistance in these languages: Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Hmong, Ilocano, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mien, Mongolian, Nepali, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Syriac, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

You can find a handout that explains what languages are available in your county at: **bit.ly/alc-kyvr2024**

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