



Language Assistance for California Voters



Everything you need to know to vote in March 2020 in the language of your choice.

Quick Tips



If you vote in person

Always 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 language.



If you vote by mail

Call your elections office and ask what translated materials they can send you before Election Day. Everything should be provided free of cost.

BEFORE Election Day



You can get translated materials to help you prepare.

Call your county elections office to ask if a translated ballot, a translated “facsimile” ballot, and/or a translated county voter information guide is available.

Any materials available will be sent to you for free.

A “facsimile” ballot is a translated example ballot that will help you understand your English ballot. You cannot actually vote on it.

Use the following table to determine if translated ballots or “facsimiles” are available in your language.

ON Election Day



You can use verbal 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.

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.

If your preferred language falls into **Column A** below for your county:

Somewhere in your polling place or vote center, you should find a translated “facsimile” ballot posted clearly. 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 facsimile ballots available and which languages are spoken by the poll workers present.

If your preferred language falls into **Column B** below for your county:

All election materials will be translated at your polling place or vote center, including ballots you can actually vote on.

Language Requirements by County

Find your county of residence. If your preferred language is listed in **Column A**, translated “facsimile” ballots may be available by mail and at your polling place or vote center. A “facsimile” ballot is a translated example ballot that will help you understand your English ballot. Call your county elections office to ask.

If your language is listed in **Column B**, everything available in English should also be available in your language. That includes translated ballots you can vote on.

County	Column A Translated “Facsimile” Ballots Available	Column B Translated Versions of ALL Voting Materials Available
Alameda (510) 272-6973	Cambodian/Khmer, Korean, Punjabi	Chinese, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese
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, Spanish, Korean, Filipino/ Tagalog, Vietnamese
Del Norte (707) 464-7216	Spanish	American Indian (determined at the county level)
El Dorado (530) 621-7480	Chinese, Spanish	---
Fresno (559) 600-8683	Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Cambodian/ Khmer, Punjabi, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Glenn (530) 934-6414	---	Spanish
Humboldt (707) 445-7481	Spanish	
Imperial (442) 265-1060	---	Spanish
Inyo (760) 878-0224	Spanish	
Kern (661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683	Filipino/Tagalog, Punjabi	Spanish
Kings (559) 852-4401	Filipino/Tagalog	Spanish
Lake (707) 263-2372	Spanish	---
Lassen (530) 251-8217	Spanish	---

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Los Angeles (800) 815-2666	Bengali	Armenian, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, Japanese, Thai, Russian
Madera (559) 675-7720	Punjabi	Spanish
Marin (415) 473-6456	Spanish, Vietnamese	---
Mariposa (209) 966-2007	Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog	---
Mendocino (707) 234-6819	Spanish	---
Merced (209) 385-7541	Chinese, Hmong, Punjabi	Spanish
Modoc (530) 233-6205	Spanish	---
Mono (760) 932-5537	Spanish	---
Monterey (831) 796-1499	Korean, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Napa (707) 253-4321	Filipino/Tagalog	Spanish
Nevada (530) 265-1298	Spanish	---
Orange (714) 567-7600	Filipino/Tagalog, Farsi	Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese
Placer (530) 886-5650	Korean, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog	---
Plumas (530) 283-6256	Spanish	---
Riverside (951) 486-7200	Chinese, Korean, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Sacramento (916) 875-6451	Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Chinese, Spanish
San Benito (831) 636-4016	---	Spanish
San Bernardino (909) 387-8300	Chinese, Korean, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
San Diego (858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136	Arabic, Korean	American Indian (determined at the county level), Chinese, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese
San Francisco (415) 554-4375	Korean, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Chinese, Spanish
San Joaquin (209) 468-8683	Chinese, Cambodian/Khmer, Punjabi, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5228	Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog	---

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San Mateo (650) 312-5222	Korean, Filipino/Tagalog	Chinese, Spanish
Santa Barbara (805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683	Chinese, Korean, Filipino/Tagalog	Spanish
Santa Clara (408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683	---	Chinese, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Cambodian/ Khmer, Japanese, Hindi
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/Tagalog	---
Sonoma (707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-8683	Spanish, Cambodian/Khmer, Filipino/ Tagalog, Vietnamese	---
Stanislaus (209) 525-5200	Cambodian/Khmer, Punjabi, Assyrian/ Syriac	Spanish
Sutter (530) 822-7122	Spanish, Punjabi, Filipino/Tagalog	---
Tehama (530) 527-8190	Spanish	---
Trinity (530) 623-1220	---	---
Tulare (559) 624-7300	Filipino/Tagalog	Spanish
Tuolumne (209) 533-5570	Spanish	---
Ventura (805) 654-2664	Chinese, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Yolo (530) 666-8133	Spanish, Chinese, Korean	---
Yuba (530) 749-7855	Hmong, Spanish	---