5 Tips to Get Ready for Election Day

1. Register to vote by Monday, May 23
   You can update your voter registration or register for the first time at registertovote.ca.gov
   OR request a paper application by calling 1-800-345-VOTE.

2. Check your political party status
   Contact your county elections office to verify your registration and political party.
   www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/

3. Understand party rules when voting for President
   • If you want to vote for a Republican Presidential candidate you must be registered with the Republican Party.
   • If you want to vote for a Democratic Presidential candidate you must be registered with the Democratic Party or be registered as a "No Party Preference" or "decline to state" voter.
   • If you are registered as "American Independent Party" your Presidential choices will be limited to American Independent Party candidates.

4. Request a ballot by Tuesday, May 31, if you want to vote by mail
   To apply for a vote by mail ballot you can complete and mail the application form printed on the Sample Ballot you will receive in early May, or contact your county elections official.
   www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/

5. Vote for only 1 out of 34 candidates running for U.S. Senate
   Look at your ballot carefully. The candidates may be listed in two or more columns or on two pages but you can only vote for one.

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