



LA County 2020 Presidential Primary Frequently Asked Questions



What is LA's new voting experience?

LA County's new voting experience provides greater flexibility.

- Vote-by-mail voters may return their ballots by mail or to any vote center or secure ballot drop-off boxes throughout the county. You don't need to pay for postage.
- In-person voters can vote Feb.22-March 3, including weekends, and at any of 1,000 vote centers. All vote centers are fully accessible and secure.

Can I still vote if I'm not registered or my registration is not current?

Yes. Visit any vote center Feb.22-March 3, including weekends, to register or update your registration and vote the same day. Find a vote center near you locator.lavote.net/locations/vc

Can I vote early?

Yes, please do! Avoid the lines and vote early. Visit any vote center starting February 22. Vote centers are open weekends. Find a vote center near you at locator.lavote.net/locations/vc If voting by mail, you can return your ballot at any time. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked or delivered to a vote center or ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on March 3.

How do I vote in-person?

Visit any vote center in the county Feb. 22-March 3 to vote in-person. You are no longer limited to voting in one place on a single day. You choose when and where to vote. Find a vote center near you at locator.lavote.net/locations/vc

What is a vote center?

Vote centers are the places where you can vote and get assistance with your ballot. They replace neighborhood polling places, are accessible and offer expanded services to voters. Eligible voters can visit any vote center in the county to:

- Register and update voter registration, such as address or political party preference
- Vote
- Drop off a vote-by-mail ballot
- Use accessible voting equipment
- Receive language assistance in Armenian, Chinese, Cambodian/Khmer, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Vietnamese, Hindi, Japanese, Thai and Russian

How do I vote by mail?

To vote by mail you must be registered as a permanent vote-by-mail voter, or you must request a vote-by-mail ballot by February 25. Click the link to request a vote-by-mail ballot lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail/apply-to-vote-by-mail.

Sign your envelope and return it by U.S. mail, at a ballot drop box or at any vote center. You don't need a postage stamp. If close to Election Day, drop off your ballot at a drop box or vote center. Find a drop box near you locator.lavote.net/locations/vbm?id=4085 or find a vote center near you locator.lavote.net/locations/vc

What is Accessible Vote by Mail?

Voters with disabilities can request an accessible vote-by-mail ballot to use their own assistive technology. To receive an Accessible Vote by Mail ballot, you must request one and be registered as a permanent vote-by-mail voter or request a one-time, vote-by-mail ballot by February 25. Learn more lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail/ravbm.

I am not registered with a political party; how do I vote for president?

If you are not registered with a political party, you are a No Party Preference voter and your ballot will not list candidates for U.S. President unless you request a party ballot.

- To request a party ballot by mail, click below and complete the form by February 25. lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail/apply-to-vote-by-mail
- To request a party ballot in-person, visit any vote center Feb. 22-March 3. Find a vote center near you locator.lavote.net/locations/vc.

There are special rules on voting for president for No Party Preference voters:

- The Democratic Party, American Independent Party and Libertarian Party allow voters who are not registered with a political party to vote their party's ballot. Requesting one of these party ballots for the presidential primary does not change your voter registration.
- The Green Party, Peace and Freedom Party, and Republican Party allow only voters registered with their party to vote in their presidential primary. To vote for one of these parties' candidates, you need to change your voter registration.

Where can I find candidates for U.S. President on my ballot?

Candidates for U.S. President are listed last on your ballot in accordance with Senate Bill 25. The law requires that the LA County ballot be organized by level of government, starting with local offices and ending with national offices. You do not have to vote on everything that is on your ballot for your ballot to be counted.

Is LA County's new voting equipment secure?

LA County's new voting equipment is secure and reliable. There are no internet connections. The equipment was extensively tested and independently reviewed. There is a paper ballot which will allow for audit and recount if needed. Learn more vsap.lavote.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Security-Features-flyer_final.pdf

What is the Interactive Sample Ballot (Poll Pass)?

LA County's Interactive Sample Ballot lets voters pre-mark their ballot selections on a computer or mobile device. The ISB generates a Poll Pass, which is scanned at the vote center and transferred to the official ballot. The ISB saves time. Learn more lavote.net/isb

Why does it take so long to get final election results in California?

California election laws help ensure every vote gets counted and this takes time. For example, election officials must give vote-by-mail voters with a mismatched signature an opportunity to provide a clearer signature, and given postal delays, vote-by-mail ballots that are postmarked by Election Day or earlier are counted if received within three days after Election Day. Additionally, California has more voters than any other state in the nation.