

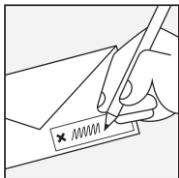
# Make sure your Vote-By-Mail ballot is counted

Do you live in **Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, or San Mateo** County? There are big changes to your elections starting this year. You will have more days and more ways to vote!

**All registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail** about a month before the election. Instead of going to your old polling places, you will have 3 choices for how to vote:

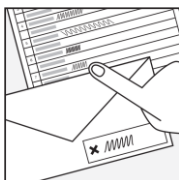
- Mail your ballot back
- Drop it off at any secure Ballot Dropbox in the county
- Vote in person at any Vote Center in the county.

**These three tips will help make sure your ballot is counted:<sup>1</sup>**



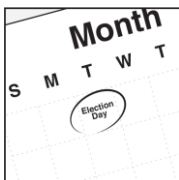
## Sign your Vote-by-Mail envelope

When you get your ballot it will come with a special envelope for mailing it back. You must sign and date this Vote-by-Mail return envelope for your ballot to be counted.



## Match your signature

Your signature on your Vote-by-Mail return envelope must be the same as the signature on file at the elections office. If it doesn't match, then your ballot may not be counted. If you registered to vote at the DMV or online, the signature will be the one on your Driver's License or State ID. If you're unsure of which signature you registered with, you can always re-register with your updated signature.



## Return your ballot on time

If you are mailing your ballot back, it must be postmarked by Election Day. If you are dropping off your ballot at a Ballot Dropbox or Vote Center, the deadline is by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## What happens if you lose your Vote-By-Mail ballot?

Even if you lost your Vote-by-Mail ballot, you can still vote in person at any Vote Center in your county up to Election Day. You can also request another Vote-by-Mail ballot by contacting your county elections office. To find your county elections official's contact information, visit: [sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices](https://sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices)

<sup>1</sup> If you want to know more about why Vote-by-Mail ballots are rejected, you can read a report from Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles: [www.advancingjustice-la.org/sites/default/files/issuebrief-vbm-FINAL-1.pdf](https://www.advancingjustice-la.org/sites/default/files/issuebrief-vbm-FINAL-1.pdf)