

This factsheet is for all counties **EXCEPT Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne** counties.

Know Your Voting Rights



Getting ready to vote

To vote in an election, you must first register to vote!

You can register if you are:

- a U.S. citizen;
- a resident of California;
- will be 18 years or older on Election Day;
- not currently in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- 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 mailing address
- Add or update an email address to get timely information from your county elections office
- Indicate your preferred language to get translated materials if they are available in your area!

Want to register?

Through **Monday, October 19th** 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 19th**. No stamp needed!

What If I Need to Register After October 19th?

No problem! You can still use “same-day voter registration” to register and vote all the way up to Election Day.

Option 1:

October 19th - November 2nd Go to your county elections office to register and vote.

Find your elections office address here: sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

November 3rd (Election Day)

Go to any polling place in your county to register and vote. If you want to vote on all the local races, try to go to a polling place close to your home. Enter your address here to find your local polling place: 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 here: sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

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 “Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail.”



CALIFORNIA'S 2020 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Starting October 5, 2020	Ballots Mailed to All Registered Voters
Tuesday, October 6, 2020	Ballot Drop Boxes Open
Monday, October 19, 2020	Registration deadline to receive all your election materials on time. See below for more options if you miss this deadline.
Starting October 31, 2020	Most counties will have early voting available
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day)	Last Day to Vote

How to Vote? You Have Options!

Vote from home

If you register by October 19th, you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail with instructions on how to fill it out and return it. You can:

- Send your ballot by mail -- no stamp needed!
 - Remember to sign and date your ballot envelope.
 - Make sure your ballot is post-marked on or before Election Day.

Vote in person

If you prefer to vote in person, you can! To make the process as easy as possible, try to bring your ballot with you to turn in if you received one by mail.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** As long as you are in line by 8pm, you will be able to cast your vote.

Most counties will also offer in-person voting starting Saturday, October 31, 2020. Check with your local elections office.

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 here: 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.

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

Language assistance differs by county. Call your county elections office or visit a vote center to ask if translated materials are available and if the staff present speaks your preferred language.

The languages that may be offered in your county include: **Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Hmong, Ilocano, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mien, Mongolian, Nepali, Punjabi, Spanish, Syriac, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.**

You can find a handout on language access in voting that explains what languages are available in your county at: advancingjustice-alc.org/know-your-voting-rights.

- Drop it off at any polling place in your county.
 - 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.

Will There Be Public Health Protections?

Yes. Polling place staff will wear masks and follow public health guidelines, and will set up polling places to allow for physical distancing. Voters must comply with state and local public health requirements, including wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distancing.

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 an Election Day voter protection hotline:

- **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)** NALEO Educational Fund toll-free bilingual English-Spanish hotline.