Expanding Use of COVR:
What Community Organizations Can Do

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What CBOs Can Do

• Put a link to the online registration portal (http://registertovote.ca.gov) on your website and Facebook page
• Post a flyer in your lobby
• Add COVR information to existing outreach work. (e.g. include COVR in voter engagement work)
• Spread the word by distributing a flyer to your network (e.g. other CBOs, media contacts, government agencies, religious institutions, businesses, chambers of commerce)
Register to Vote Online
www.register-to-vote.ca.gov

The California Secretary of State has made it easier for United States citizens in California to register to vote by allowing individuals to register online. This applies whether the person is registering for the first time or changing information regarding a prior registration (such as changing an address or political party affiliation).

Can I register to vote if I don’t speak or read English?
Voters are not required to speak or read English in order to vote. Beginning April 2014, you are able to register to vote online in nine languages in addition to English:

- Chinese
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Khmer
- Korean
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Vietnamese

Can I get my ballot and voting materials in another language?
If you would like to receive your ballot and other voting materials in one of the languages listed above, you can request translated materials when you register to vote. If you are already registered to vote, you can request translated voting materials by contacting your county registrar of voters. The easiest way to find the contact information is by going to your registrar of voters’ website.

Where do I go to register to vote online?
You can register online using a computer or mobile device by going to the California Secretary of State’s website: www.register-to-vote.ca.gov. You will not need to obtain or print out a form. By registering online, you will save the cost of postage.

How can I get a voter registration form if I don’t have internet access? Your local post office, library, and government offices have voter registration forms. Once you fill out the form, mail it to the address listed on the form.
[Sample letter asking community group, media outlet, government agency, business, or faith institution to help promote awareness of online voter registration]

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[name and address]

Re: Help spread the word about online voter registration

Dear [Name]:

I write to you on behalf of [Organization], a community nonprofit organization. We are involved with the local community in [city/region] by encouraging community members to participate in our democratic process.

An important and exciting development has happened for California democracy and I wanted to share the news with you – and ask for your help in spreading the word.

In 2012, the California Secretary of State rolled out an online system of voter registration that makes it easier to register for elections. With online registration, there is no need to get or print out a paper form, and there is no need to pay for postage. Everything happens online – once you hit the “submit” button, you are finished with the form.

The online voter registration system is available at the Secretary of State’s website: [http://registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov). Californians will continue to be able to use the online system for the 2014 elections. And starting in April 2014, the system is available in eight Asian languages, in addition to English and Spanish: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.
Language Access Toolkit Available

• A toolkit created by Advancing Justice-LA can be found at:

• The toolkit contains factsheets, flyers, and sample letters regarding topics affecting voters who are not yet fully proficient in English, including COVR 2.