



## **YOUR VOTING RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA**

### **Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

#### **Who can vote?**

- In order to vote in the election on November 3, you must be registered to vote. If you are not already registered to vote, you can register **online or postmark your registration by October 19**. You can find out if you are registered or if your voter info is current here: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>.
- If you miss the October 19 voter registration date, you can conditionally register and vote on the same day in person on or before Election Day.
- To register to vote:
  - You must live in California, be a U.S. citizen, and be age 18 or older on Election Day;
  - You must not currently be in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.
- Voter registration info: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/registering-vote/>

#### **Can I vote by mail?**

- **Any registered voter may vote by mail instead of going to the polls on Election Day.**
- **All registered California voters will be mailed a mail-in ballot** because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Check your ballot status here: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
  - Sign up for ballot status updates here: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>
- Visit this page if your address has changed recently, you recently registered, or if you lost your ballot: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/#apply>
- How to vote with your mail-in ballot:
  - Drop your ballot into one of your county's ballot drop-off locations **as early as October 6**;
  - Mail it to your county election office by **October 27**; OR
  - Return it in person to a polling place or the office of your county elections official.
  - Find your county info at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>.

#### **How do I vote in person?**

- **Early Voting** in person will begin on **Saturday, October 31** and continue through **Monday, November 2**.
- **On Election Day**, vote at your polling place or at a vote center, if available in your county
- **Info on polling locations and vote centers in your county:** <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/>
- **ID?** In most cases, California voters are not required to show identification (ID) when they vote. You only need to provide your ID before voting if you are voting for the first time in California and you did not include your driver license number, California ID number, or Social Security Number when you registered to vote, OR if you are voting for the first time in California and you registered to vote by mail and did not include a copy of your ID with your mail registration.

#### **Can I bring someone to help me vote?**

- Yes. If you need help reading in English or help voting, you can bring a person into the voting booth to help you vote. You can bring any person except your employer, an agent of your employer, your union representative, or a candidate running in the election. The person you bring does not need to be a registered voter.

#### **Can I receive assistance in Spanish?**

- In these California counties, you are entitled to a Spanish language ballot and assistance in Spanish: Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Ventura.
- If your county is not listed above, your polling place may have a Spanish language facsimile ballot or other Spanish-language materials to assist you in voting. Contact your county for more information.

**What if my name is not on the list of voters?**

- If your name is not on the list, or there is a problem with your ID, you have the right to vote on a provisional ballot. Be sure to ask for a provisional ballot if there is a problem at the polling place.

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