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REQUIRING VOTER IDENTIFICATION

A very limited number of voters voting for the first time in California may be required to show ID. If so, virtually any kind of identification may be used, including a CA drivers license or ID card, a passport or even a work ID with your name and picture on it. Voters with no ID can still vote on a provisional ballot. If you have questions about ID or why you are being asked to show ID, please call the Voter Protection Hotline: (877) 321-8683.

SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

- Starting October 20 and through November 3 Election Day, you can register and vote on the same day at your county elections office or during in-person voting hours at a polling place or vote center.

WHEN TO REQUEST A "PROVISIONAL BALLOT"

- If you believe you are registered to vote but are not on the voter registration list. (In this case, you should fill out a new voter registration form and then cast a provisional ballot.)
- If you lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, or did not bring your ballot with you.
- Please note that you can vote in-person ONLY at a polling place or vote center in your home county.

It is your right as a voter to cast a provisional ballot regardless of any issues you might face at the polling place. Your provisional ballot is counted after election officials have confirmed the validity of your voter registration and that you did not already vote in the election.

VOTE EARLY!

- In-person:** Return your ballot to any official ballot drop-box or polling location in California by 8:00PM on November 3, Election Day. Anyone can drop off your ballot as long as they are not paid on a per-ballot basis and they have completed the authorization on the ballot envelope.
- By mail:** If you are returning your ballot via mail, we recommend sending it early to ensure it is postmarked by Election Day, November 3, 2026.

WHEN TO CALL THE VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE

(877) 321-VOTE [8683]

Short Polling Hours on Election Day

Call if a voting location did not open at 7:00am, closed before 8:00pm, or closed at 8:00pm with voters still in line.

Voter ID / Provisional Ballots

Call if poll workers are checking voters' IDs or refuse to issue provisional ballots.

Long Lines To Vote

Call if there are long lines due to a shortage of poll workers, slow response dealing with machines or other issues.

Short Supplies

Call if the voting location is running low on ballots, provisional ballots, or other materials.

Voter Intimidation

Call if there is intimidation or challenging of voters or misinformation at the polling place.

Illegal Election Activities

Call if electioneering activities are occurring within 100 feet of a voting location or drop box, including wearing campaign apparel, displaying campaign signs, projecting audible references to candidates, etc.

Updating Voter Rolls

Call if poll workers won't update the rolls once an hour (if possible) up until 6:00pm.

MORE INFO



Track your mail-in ballot



Multilingual voter resources



Early voting & ballot drop-off locations



CADEM endorsed candidates & voting info

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GET READY FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION:

All active registered voters in California will receive a ballot in the mail for the November 3, 2026 General Election starting October 5, 2026.

- **Already registered? Verify your status!** If you're already a registered voter, check that all your information is up to date at: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.
- **Haven't registered yet? Register today!** If you're not registered or need to update your registration because you've moved or changed your name, you can register online at registertovote.ca.gov or pick up a registration form at your local DMV, post office, library, or county elections office.

The last day to register online to vote in the November 3 General Election is October 19, 2026. If you're registered by October 19, you'll receive your ballot in the mail. If you miss the online registration deadline, you can still register and vote in-person on Election Day (Nov 3) at your elections office or polling place.



BALLOT DROP-BOX

VOTE EARLY! Starting October 6, 2026, you can drop your ballot in any official ballot drop-box near you. Find a drop-box near you at: caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

The deadline to drop your ballot in an official ballot drop-box is 8PM on Election Day, November 3, 2026.



VOTE IN-PERSON

In-person voting begins October 24 in all [Voter's Choice Act counties](#), and statewide on October 31. You can vote on Election Day, November 3, at a polling place or vote center between 7AM-8PM.

To vote in-person, registered voters can bring their mailed ballot to any vote center, or receive a ballot and vote in-person at a [county elections office](#). If you forgot or lost your mailed ballot, you may be asked to fill out a form stating that you have not already voted.

Please note: You can vote in-person *ONLY* at a polling place or vote center in your home county.



VOTE BY MAIL

If you are voting by mail, we recommend mailing it back as soon as possible to ensure it's postmarked by November 3, Election Day.

To vote by mail, fill out your ballot, place it in the provided envelope, sign it with the same signature on your government-issued ID, date it and seal the envelope. Drop it in your mailbox or at any USPS office or USPS drop-off location. No postage needed!



Track your ballot every step of the way! Click here or visit:
california.ballottrax.net/voter

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