KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

California's 2022 Primary Election

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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;
- 18 years or older on Election Day;
- not currently in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony;
- not found by a court to be "mentally incompetent."
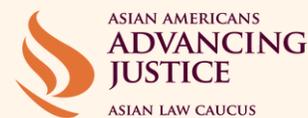
ALREADY REGISTERED?

Check and update your voter registration information. Use voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to:

- ✓ Confirm your home address
- ✓ Add or update an email address to get timely information from your county elections office
- ✓ Get voting materials in your preferred language if they are available in your area

WANT TO REGISTER?

Through Monday, May 23 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 May 23. No stamp needed!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Ballots Mailed to All Registered Voters: Starting May 9, 2022

Ballot Drop Boxes Open: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Register by Monday, May 23, 2022 to receive all your election materials on time by mail. *See below for more options if you miss this deadline.*

In-Person Vote Centers Open: Saturday, May 28, 2022 - Tuesday, June 7, 2022

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WHAT IF I MISS THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

No problem! You can still register and vote any day leading up to and including Election Day.

- Option 1: Visit your county elections office or any vote center in your county and use "Same-Day Voter Registration" to register and vote. You'll get a voter registration form and ballot to complete on the spot.
- 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 the "Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail" system.

How to Vote? You Have Options!

VOTE FROM HOME

If you register by May 23, you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail with instructions on how to fill it out and return it. You can:

1. Send your ballot by mail -- no stamp needed!
    - Remember to sign and date your ballot envelope.
    - Make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day: June 7, 2022.

2. Drop it off at one of many official ballot drop boxes located throughout the county or at a vote center -- again, no stamp needed!
    - Find nearby drop boxes and vote centers at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/

VOTE IN PERSON

If you prefer to vote in person, you can!

You can vote at any vote center in your county. All vote centers will be open from Saturday, June 4 through Tuesday, June 7. Some will be open for 10 days before Election Day. You will receive information about vote center locations and hours by mail, or you can check caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

On Election Day, vote centers 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.

Walk into any vote center and give them your name and address to receive a ballot. If you prefer voting in a non-English language, ask if they have any materials in that language and if any of the vote center workers speak that language.

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.

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 one of these Election Day voter protection hotlines:
- 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.

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 materials in your preferred language are available and if the staff present speak that language.

Your county may provide elections materials and assistance in these languages: 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 that explains what languages are available in your county at: advancingjustice-alc.org/know-your-voting-rights.