

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

California's 2022 Primary Election

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This factsheet is **only** for voters in Alpine, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Placer, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, and Yuba counties.

Getting Ready to Vote

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



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.*

Election Day
Tuesday, June 7, 2022



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WHAT IF I NEED TO REGISTER AFTER MAY 23?

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

- Option 1: Go in-person to register and vote on the same day.

May 23 - June 6	June 7 (Election Day)
<p>Go to your county elections office to register and vote.</p> <p>Find your elections office address at sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.</p>	<p>Go to any polling place in your county to register and vote.</p> <p>If you want to vote on all the local races, go to a polling place close to your home. Find your local polling place by entering your address at sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place.</p> <p>You can also call your county elections office to find out where to go. Find your elections office phone number at sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.</p>

- 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 any polling place in your county on Election Day.
 - 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.

VOTE IN PERSON

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

Election Day is Tuesday, June 7, 2022. 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.

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.



(CBS News)



(NY Post)

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 at 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.

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. If you vote by mail, call your county elections office to find out what is available in your preferred language in your county. If you vote at a polling place, ask if materials are available in your preferred language and if the staff present speaks that language. You can also look for signs in your language.

Your county may offer 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/.

