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Know Your Voting Rights

California's 2024 Primary Election

Ballots Mailed to All Registered Voters: **Starting February 5, 2024**

Ballot Drop Boxes Open: **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Register by **Tuesday, February 20, 2024** to receive all your election materials on time by mail. See below for more options if you miss this deadline.

Election Day: **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Getting Ready to Vote

To vote in an election, you must first register to vote! You can register to vote if you meet all of the following requirements:

- 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; and
- 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 **Tuesday, February 20** 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 February 20). No stamp needed!

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What do I need to do if I'm not registered with a political party but want to vote for a presidential candidate in the primary election?

Your ballot will **not** have a presidential candidate on it if you are not registered with a political party. You can check your voter registration status at voterstatus.sos.gov. If your registration status is listed as “No Party Preference”, you must either request a “cross-over” ballot or re-register with a political party.

To receive the American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian party ballot without re-registering for a party: You must apply for a “cross-over” ballot. A “cross-over” ballot allows voters who are not registered with a political party to submit a one-time ballot in the American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian party primaries. You can find an application for a “cross-over” ballot at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/no-party-preference. You can submit the application to your county elections office in-person, by mail, or by email.

To receive the Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican party ballot: You must re-register to vote with that party affiliation. You can re-register online at registertovote.ca.gov before February 20. After February 20, you can re-register in-person at a polling place, a vote center, or your county elections office.

What If I Miss the Voter Registration Deadline?

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

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

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.

You can find your county elections office contact information at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices>.

February 20 - March 4	March 5 (Election Day)
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<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>
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How to Vote? You Have Three Options!

You can mail your ballot in, drop it off, or vote in person at a polling place.

If you register by February 20, you will automatically receive a ballot in the **mail** with instructions on how to fill it out and return it.

Option 1 - Vote by Mail

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: March 5, 2024.

Option 2 - Drop it Off

Drop your ballot off at any polling place in your county before 8 p.m. 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. You can find your county's drop off locations at caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

Option 3 - Vote In Person

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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, March 5, 2024**. 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.

You might be able to vote early in person. To find out if in person early voting is available look at your county elections office website or check caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

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.

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.

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- 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) for assistance in English and Spanish.
- 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287) for assistance in English and Arabic.

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, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Syriac, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

You can find a handout that explains what languages are available in your county at:
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