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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.

In-Person Vote Centers Open: **Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

### 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; and
- not found by a court to be “mentally incompetent.”

### Already Registered?

Check and update your voter registration information. Use [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](https://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](https://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 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.

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

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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 vote center.***

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 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/](https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/)

### **Option 3 - 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, February 24 through Tuesday, March 5**. 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/](https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/).

Election Day is **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. 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 the vote center workers 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.

### **Where Do I Go to Vote?**

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### 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 other documents will work as well. 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) 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. 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, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Syriac, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

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You can find a handout that explains what languages are available in your county at:  
**[bit.ly/alc-kyvr2024](https://bit.ly/alc-kyvr2024)**

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