



Language Assistance for San Mateo County Voters



Everything you need to know to vote in March 2020 in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, or Filipino/Tagalog

Quick Tips



If you vote in person

Always ask the staff at your vote center what materials they have available in the language you prefer. Also, ask if any staff speak your language.



If you vote by mail

Call your elections office and ask what translated materials they can send you before Election Day. Everything should be provided free of cost.

Before Election Day



You can get translated materials to help you prepare.

If you prefer to vote in **Spanish** or **Chinese**, translated versions of all election materials are available. This includes your ballot and the state and local voter information guides, which you will receive in the mail prior to Election Day and will contain helpful information about candidates and ballot measures. If the ballot and the voter guides you receive before Election Day are in English, call the elections office and ask for translated materials

If you prefer to vote in **Korean** or **Filipino/Tagalog**, you can call your county elections office's language assistance line (888-762-8683) to ask if a translated "facsimile" ballot can be mailed to you. Any materials available will be sent to you for free. (A "facsimile" ballot is a translated reference copy of the ballot that is available in select areas to help you understand your English ballot. You cannot actually vote on it.)

If you vote in person at a vote center



You can use verbal help.

There may be bilingual poll workers at your vote center who can help you. If they are present, **they should be wearing a badge, ribbon, or sticker** saying which languages they speak.

You are allowed to **bring up to two people to help you vote** as long as those people do not represent your employer or union. Bring a family member or friend!



You may be able to find translated ballots.

If your preferred language is Spanish or Chinese you will find translated ballots.

If your preferred language is Korean or Filipino/Tagalog you may find a translated "facsimile" ballot that mirrors the English-language ballot you will vote on. If the translated "facsimile" of your ballot is available, you should find a binder with copies available for you to take into the voting booth to assist you. Ask the staff to help you find the facsimile ballot that is right for you.