How to Vote in California’s 2020 General Election

GET READY

IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE: you should go to voterstatus.sos.gov to make sure all of your information is correct. Check your address, email address, and indicate if you want to receive translated elections materials.

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED: you can register online at registertovote.ca.gov or go get a form at the DMV, post office, library, or your county elections office. You can also register up to and on Election Day if you miss the deadline.

VOTE BY MAIL

If you’re registered by October 19th, you will receive your ballot in the mail. You can return it by mail. No postage needed! Make sure it is post-marked before the end of the day on November 3.

You can drop it off in a secure location at your county elections office or any polling place or vote center. Many counties also have drop boxes open starting in early October.

VOTE IN PERSON

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You can look up your polling place here: sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place

Most counties will also offer in-person voting starting Saturday, October 31, 2020, and some will have in-person voting even earlier. Check with your local elections office.

You can look up early voting locations & drop-boxes here (not available in all counties): caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov

To make the process as easy as possible, try to bring your ballot with you to turn in if you received one by mail.