

Language Assistance for California Voters

Everything you need to know to vote in November 2020 in the language of your choice

Quick Tips!

- If you vote in person, always ask the staff at your polling place or vote center what materials they have available in the language you prefer. Also, ask if any staff speak your preferred language.
- If you vote by mail, go online to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov> to indicate your preferred language. If translated materials are available for your area, they will be mailed to you, free of cost.

Voting From Home

For the November election, registered voters will automatically get ballots in the mail.

You may also be able to get translated materials in the mail - it depends on your language and where you live.

A translated ballot, a translated “facsimile” ballot, and/or a translated county voter information guide may be available. (A “facsimile” ballot is a translated example ballot that will help you understand your English ballot. You cannot actually vote on it.) Any materials available will be sent to you for free.

If you want translated materials to be sent by mail you need to tell the county you prefer a language other than English.

→ To find out what materials are available to you and to request translated materials, call your county elections office using the number listed below.

→ You can also go online to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov> to indicate your preferred language. Do this as soon as possible to get translated materials in time for the election

Voting In Person

You can use verbal help when voting:

If there are bilingual poll workers at your polling place or vote center, **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:

Look up your county on the list below to see what language assistance is provided.

If your preferred language falls into Group A below for your county:

The language assistance available depends on where you are registered to vote. If it is available, then somewhere in your polling place or vote center, you should find a translated “facsimile” ballot posted clearly. There should be copies for you to take into the voting booth to assist you in voting on the English ballot. There should also be a translated sign telling you which languages have translated facsimile ballots available and which languages are spoken by the poll workers present.

If your preferred language falls into Group B below for your county:

All election materials will be translated at your polling place or vote center, including ballots you can vote on.

Language Requirements by County

Find your county of residence. If your preferred language is listed in **Group A**, translated “facsimile” ballots **may** be available by mail and at your polling place or vote center. A “facsimile” ballot is a translated example ballot that will help you understand your English ballot.

If your language is listed in **Group B**, everything available in English should also be available in your language by mail and in person at your voting location. That includes translated ballots you can vote on.

County	Group A: Translated “Facsimile” Ballots Available	Group B: Translated Ballot and Other Voting Materials Available
Alameda (510) 272-6973	Burmese, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Mien, Mongolian, Punjabi, Telugu	Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese
Alpine (530) 694-2281	--	--
Amador (209) 223-6465	Spanish	--
Butte (530) 552-3400, option 1 or (800) 894-7761	Hmong, Spanish	--
Calaveras (209) 754-6376	Spanish	--
Colusa (530) 458-0500	--	Spanish
Contra Costa (925) 335-7800	Hindi, Korean*, Laotian, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog*, Tamil, Telugu, Vietnamese*	Chinese, Spanish
Del Norte (707) 464-7216	Spanish	American Indian (determined at the county level)
El Dorado (530) 621-7480	Chinese, Spanish	--
Fresno (559) 600-8683	Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Khmer, Laotian, Punjabi, Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Glenn (530) 934-6414	--	Spanish
Humboldt (707) 445-7481	Spanish, Hmong	--
Imperial (442) 265-1060	--	Spanish
Inyo (760) 878-0224	Spanish	--
Kern (661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683	Tagalog, Punjabi	Spanish

*Indicates translated, votable ballots will be available instead of facsimile ballots.

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Kings (559) 852-4401	Tagalog	Spanish
Lake (707) 263-2372	Spanish	--
Lassen (530) 251-8217	Spanish	--
Los Angeles (800) 815-2666	Armenian*, Bengali, Burmese*, Farsi*, Gujarati, Indonesian, Mongolian, Telugu	Chinese (including Taiwanese), Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese
Madera (559) 675-7720	Punjabi	Spanish
Marin (415) 473-6456	Spanish, Vietnamese	--
Mariposa (209) 966-2007	Spanish, Tagalog	--
Mendocino (707) 234-6819	Spanish	--
Merced (209) 385-7541	Chinese, Hmong, Mien, Punjabi	Spanish
Modoc (530) 233-6205	Spanish	--
Mono (760) 932-5537	Spanish	--
Monterey (831) 796-1499	Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Napa (707) 253-4321	Tagalog	Spanish
Nevada (530) 265-1298	Spanish	--
Orange (714) 567-7600	Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Tagalog	Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese
Placer (530) 886-5650	Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog	--
Plumas (530) 283-6256	Spanish	--
Riverside (951) 486-7200	Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Sacramento (916) 875-6451	Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mien, Punjabi, Tagalog, Telugu, Urdu, Vietnamese	Chinese, Spanish
San Benito (831) 636-4016	--	Spanish

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San Bernardino (909) 387-8300	Chinese, Indonesian, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese	Spanish
San Diego (858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136	Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Laotian	American Indian (determined at the county level), Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese
San Francisco (415) 554-4375	Burmese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese	Chinese, Spanish
San Joaquin (209) 468-8683	Chinese, Hindi, Hmong, Ilocano, Khmer, Laotian, Punjabi, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese	Spanish
San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5228	Spanish, Tagalog	--
San Mateo (650) 312-5222	Burmese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog	Chinese, Spanish
Santa Barbara (805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683	Chinese, Korean, Tagalog	Spanish
Santa Clara (408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683	Hindi*, Japanese*, Korean*, Khmer*, Gujarati, Nepali, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu	Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese
Santa Cruz (831) 454-2060		Spanish
Shasta (530) 225-5730	Spanish	--
Sierra (530) 289-3295	Spanish	--
Siskiyou (530) 842-8084	Spanish	--
Solano (707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683	Spanish, Tagalog	--
Sonoma (707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-8683	Khmer, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese	--
Stanislaus (209) 525-5200	Khmer, Punjabi, Syriac	Spanish
Sutter (530) 822-7122	Spanish, Punjabi, Tagalog	--
Tehama (530) 527-8190	Spanish	--
Trinity (530) 623-1220	--	--

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Tulare (559) 624-7300	Burmese, Tagalog, Laotian	Spanish
Tuolumne (209) 533-5570	Spanish	--
Ventura (805) 654-2664	Chinese, Gujarati, Tagalog, Vietnamese	Spanish
Yolo (530) 666-8133	Chinese, Korean, Punjabi, Spanish,	--
Yuba (530) 749-7855	Hmong, Spanish	--

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