

How to Vote? You Have Options!

Vote from home

If you register by October 19th, you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail with instructions on how to fill it out and return it. You can:

- Send your ballot by mail -- no stamp needed!
 - Remember to sign and date your ballot envelope.
 - Make sure your ballot is post-marked on or before Election Day.

Vote in person

If you prefer to vote in person, you can! To make the process as easy as possible, try to bring your ballot with you to turn in if you received one by mail.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. 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.

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

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 here: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/.

Will There Be Public Health Protections?

Yes. Polling place staff will wear masks and follow public health guidelines, and will set up polling places to allow for physical distancing. Voters must comply with state and local public health requirements, including wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distancing.

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

- Drop it off at any polling place in your county.
 - You can look up polling places on your county elections office website or check <https://www.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.

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 an Election Day voter protection hotline:

- **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)** NALEO Educational Fund toll-free bilingual English-Spanish hotline.

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 translated materials are available and if the staff present speaks your preferred language.

The languages that may be offered in your county include: **Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Hmong, Ilocano, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mien, Mongolian, Nepali, Punjabi, Spanish, Syriac, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.**

You can find a handout on language access in voting that explains what languages are available in your county at: <https://www.advancingjustice-alc.org/know-your-voting-rights/>.