

Your Guide to Voting in California



GENERAL ELECTION

Election Day is
Nov. 3, 2026

What's on the ballot?

- ✓ 52 U.S. House seats
- ✓ 20 State Senate seats
- ✓ 80 State Assembly seats
- ✓ Secretary of State
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ California State Supreme Court and Court of Appeal justices and local judges and district attorneys
- ✓ More state, county, and city offices including school boards as well as local ballot measures
- ✓ Governor
- ✓ Lieutenant Governor
- ✓ 4 State Board of Equalization seats
- ✓ Attorney General
- ✓ Controller



FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE AND SAMPLE BALLOT
sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place

MORE ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact your county elections office for local information.
sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/
[county-elections-offices](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices)



Mail and online voter registration deadline is
Oct. 19, 2026

Three ways to register:

Register online

You'll need a California driver license or ID card number, the last four digits of your SSN, and your date of birth.

registertovote.ca.gov

Register by mail

Download a registration form online or pick one up from your county elections office, then mail it in.

registertovote.ca.gov

Register in person

Visit your county elections office or any voting location through Election Day to register in person.

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices



REGISTRATION ID RULES

You'll need a California driver's license or ID number or the last 4 digits of your SSN to register.



CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Voting in person

POLLING HOURS

7:00am – 8:00pm

Nov. 3, 2026

As long as you are in line before 8:00pm you may cast your ballot.

What to bring

Photo ID is not required to vote. However, first-time voters in a federal election who didn't provide a driver's license or ID number or SSN when registering may need to show ID once. A utility bill, bank statement, passport, government document, driver's license, or student ID all work.

You're also allowed to bring personal notes on the ballot issues and candidates with you into the polling place.

Same-day conditional voter registration

You can register and vote the same day at your polling place. Make sure to have your California driver's license or ID card number or the last 4 digits of your SSN.



EARLY VOTING

Oct. 24 – Nov. 2, 2026

Vote centers will be open in most counties.

Oct. 31, 2026

Every county will offer in-person early voting.



FIND AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION OR DROP BOX

caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov

Voting by mail

MAIL VOTING DEADLINES

Domestic mail ballots must be:

POSTMARKED BY

Nov. 3, 2026

AND RECEIVED BY MAIL

**Nov. 10,
2026**

OR RECEIVED IN PERSON

8:00pm

Nov. 3, 2026

at a drop box, your county elections office, or any polling place

Who can vote by mail

Every active registered California voter may vote by mail. Ballots are sent automatically starting October 5, 2026, no request needed.

Returning your mail ballot

You may return your completed ballot by mail, bring it to a voting location or elections office, or use a secure ballot drop box. **Drop boxes are available starting October 6, 2026.** Find locations through your county elections office.

WHO CAN RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Anyone can return your ballot on your behalf as long as they're not paid per ballot. Just fill out the authorization section on your ballot envelope.



TRACK YOUR BALLOT

california.ballottrax.net/voter/

**Need
assistance?**

SECRETARY OF STATE
VOTER HOTLINE
800-345-8683

FREE MULTILINGUAL
NONPARTISAN HELP LINE
866-687-8683

ACCESSIBLE VOTING
INFORMATION
bit.ly/4zUnKuy