

WEBSITE NAVIGATION INFORMATION

SECTION 1 DATES & USEFUL LINKS

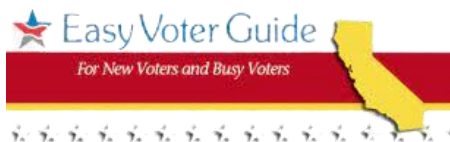
2026 California Midterm

- The last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2026, Midterm Election is October 19, 2026
- All California active registered voters should have received a vote-by-mail ballot in the first week in October.
- Your county elections office began mailing ballots before October 5, 2026.
- Ballot drop-off locations open by October 1, 2026.
- Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop-off location, or a local vote center.
- Vote centers open for early in-person voting in all Voter's Choice Act counties beginning on Saturday, October 24th.
- Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 7 days after Election Day. After October 24th, hand deliver your mail in ballot to a Vote Center or Drop Box.
- The last day to request a replacement ballot is Tuesday, October 27.

RESOURCES TO BE AN INFORMED VOTER



[VOTE411](https://www.vote411.org/)



<https://cavotes.org/easy-voter-guide/>



**Official Voter
Information
Guide**

<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

BALLOTPEDIA

[https://ballotpedia.org/California_2026
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[https://calmatters.org/california-
voter-guide-2026/](https://calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2026/)

SECTION 2

“MAKE MY BALLOT COUNT” TOOLKIT

TOOLKIT

Tool #1 Register or Check Your Voter Registration

It's always a good idea to check your voter registration 4-6 weeks before an election to make sure your information is up to date. Visit <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> to register or check your status. The deadline to register online or by hardcopy registration form is October 19th. After this date, eligible voters must register in person at a Vote Center and vote the same day. Vote Centers open on Saturday, October 24th.

Tool #2 Know someone subject to threats and other harassment?

They may qualify for California's **Safe at Home Program**. For further information, please have them contact Safe at Home toll free at 1-877-322-5227 or visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home>. These individuals should not register using the routine processes.

Tool #3 Voters Experiencing Homelessness

For information about voting if you do not have a residence go to <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/pdfs/trusted-info/trusted-info-homelessness.pdf>

Tool #4 Need to Receive VBM Ballot at a Temporary Address?

If you have a temporary address change, you don't have to re-register. The Registrar can send your vote-by-mail ballot to a temporary address for the upcoming Midterm Election.

- Start by checking the mailing address in your voter registration record at <https://www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/register-to-vote/register>
- Use the VBM Replacement feature to update your mailing address on or before Tuesday, October 27th <https://lavote.gov/Apps/VoteByMail/Index?id=4269>

Tool #5 Voting by Mail

First week in October all registered voters were sent a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2026, Midterm Election. Make sure the vote-by-mail ballot is addressed to you. Contact the Registrar's Office at voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov if a ballot is misdirected.

Safeguard your vote-by-mail materials until you are ready to mark your ballot. After you have voted, insert your ballot first in the security sleeve (use it if supplied) and then the envelope provided. 1) Seal, 2) sign, and 3) date the envelope in the space provided. Return your ballot as soon as practicable.



You do not have to fill out the address portion of the envelope.

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
ENCOURAGES VOTE-BY-MAIL. EASY, SAFE,
AND SECURE! POST ON OR BEFORE
OCTOBER 24TH. AFTER THIS DATE, USE A
DROP BOX OR VOTE CENTER.**

Tool #6 Returning Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Voters are advised that they are responsible for how their Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots are returned and with whom they entrust their ballots. The Los Angeles County Registrar recommends returning a ballot either through US mailbox, an official drop box, or delivering to a poll worker at an open Vote Center during Early Voting days or on Election Day.

You may return your voted ballot by:

- Mailing it to the Registrar's Office in Norwalk.
 - Use the envelope provided with pre-paid postage and return address.
 - Legally, Vote-by-mail ballots that are mailed must be postmarked on or before Election Day, November 3rd and received by the Registrar's Office no later than 7 days after Election Day, November 10th.
 - We recommend mailing it early – on or before October 24th!
 - If you are not sure your vote-by-mail ballot will arrive in time if mailed, take it to any polling place or Vote Center in California between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or any Early Voting Center during hours of operation. **(Important if the voter is in another California county when completing their ballot.)**
- Returning it in person to a polling place, Vote Center or the LA County Registrar's Office in Norwalk.
 - Find a convenient Vote Center at [LA County Vote Centers - Los Angeles County RR/CC](#).
 - Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered must be received no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3rd.
- Dropping your ballot into one of your county's ballot drop boxes.
 - Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered to a ballot drop-off location must be inserted in the box no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3rd.
 - For convenient Drop Box locations visit <https://locator.lavote.gov/locations/vbm?culture=en>
- Authorizing someone to return the ballot on your behalf.
 - Anyone may return your ballot for you, as long as they do not get paid on a per ballot basis.
 - For your ballot to be counted, you must fill out the authorization section found on the outside of your ballot envelope. See image.

Note: To get more information email voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

Voters who cannot return their VBM ballot can designate any person to return their ballot as long as there is no compensation involved for that individual, group or organization returning the ballot.

! If the voter is unable to return their ballot, the person below is authorized to return the ballot on their behalf.

Signature of person returning ballot Name (Printed) Relationship to the voter

Tool #7 Need a Replacement Vote By Mail Ballot?

Go to <https://lavote.gov/Apps/VoteByMail/Index?id=4269> to request a replacement VBM before Tuesday, October 27! You can obtain a replacement VBM envelope at any Vote Center during hours of operation.

Tool #8 Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Ballot Tracking

Under the California Elections Code, a voter who casts a vote-by-mail ballot can find out if the ballot arrived at his or her county elections office (Registrar's Office), if the ballot was counted, and, if not, the reason it was not counted.

Sign up to track your ballot at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive an automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notification about your ballot. This service is free in California.

Tool #9 Vote by Mail Ballot Signature Verification

When your vote-by-mail ballot is received by the LA County Registrar's Office, your signature on the return envelope will be compared to the signature on your voter registration record to ensure they match.

- To preserve the secrecy of your ballot, the ballot will then be separated from the envelope before it is tallied/counted.
- All valid vote-by-mail ballots are counted in every election in California, regardless of the outcome or closeness of any race.
- For additional information on how and when ballots are verified and tabulated, please visit California's description of how the [official canvass of the vote](#) is completed.

Tool #10 Signature Mismatch Against Voter Registration Database

The Registrar will make every effort to count your vote.

- Your signature is required to verify your identity and process the ballot.
- If the signature on your vote-by-mail return envelope does not match what is in the voter registration database, the Registrar will notify you by mail and ask you to complete and return a Signature Verification Statement. Verify process with the Registrar! voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov.
- When instructed download the [Signature Verification Missing Signature PDF](#) and return it by 5 PM on November 25, 2026.
- Carefully read the instructions for returning it. You may have the option to drop it off or mail it back. In either case, return it *immediately* so your ballot can be counted.

Tool #11 Unsigned Ballot Statement on Vote by Mail Envelope

Your signature is required to verify your identity before they can process the ballot.

- If you returned your vote-by-mail ballot without signing the return envelope, the Registrar will mail you a document called the Unsigned Ballot Statement asking for your signature.
- You have several days after Election Day to return the statement for your ballot to be processed.
- The deadline to submit the [Signature Verification Missing Signature PDF](#) is 5 PM on November 25, 2026.
- If you misplace the form, download the form and return it by 5 PM on November 25, 2026.
- Once again, return it *immediately* so your ballot can be counted.

Tool # 12 Check Provisional Ballot Status

- Every voter who casts a provisional ballot is entitled to find out if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason it was not counted.
- Provisional ballot status will be available thirty (30) days after the election. Status may be checked at <https://lavote.gov/pbstatus>

Tool #13 Wondering if your ballot was counted?

You can find out if you ballot was counted by going to https://lavote.gov/av_inquiry

Tool #14 Did You Miss the October 19th Voter Registration Deadline?

Same-day voter registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration in state law, is a safety net for Californians who miss the voter registration deadline.

- Eligible citizens who need to register or re-register to vote can register and vote on the same day at their county elections office, polling place, or vote center starting October 24th.
- Their provisional/conditional ballots will be processed and counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process.
- Please see **Tools #15 “Voting in Person – Have a Plan” & #16, “How to Vote in Person”**

Tool #15 Voting in Person – Have a Plan

Consider voting in person if ...

- you are registered to vote but do not have a residence or mailing address
- you missed the voting registration deadline of October 19
- you signed up to track your ballot and it has been 7 days since the ballot was mailed to you and you haven't received it
- you are a registered voter, it is October 30, and you have not received a ballot in the mail

How to Vote in Person?

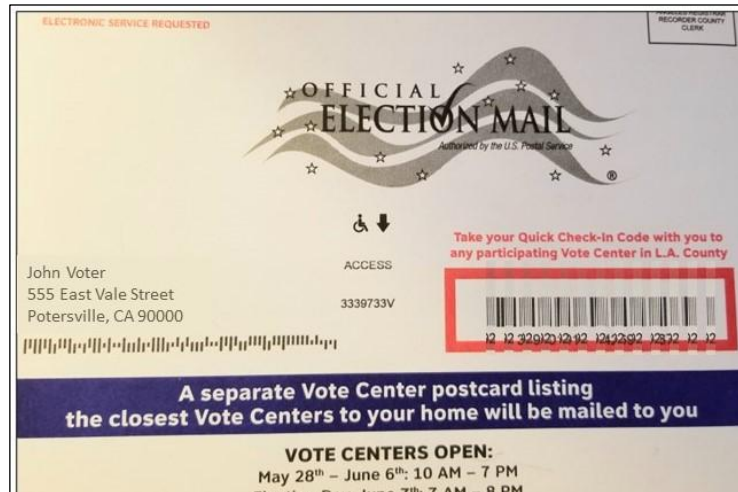
If you must vote in person, then you need to know a few ways to make the best use of your time:

- Plan to vote as early as October 24th.
- *Do not wait for Election Day*—avoid the lines!
- Find a convenient Vote Center at [LA County Vote Centers - Los Angeles County RR/CC](#)
- Review your sample ballot (hardcopy or email version) and decide how you are going to vote.
- Visit the links in the section “**RESOURCES TO BE AN INFORMED VOTER**” for resources that will help you decide.
- Access the Registrar’s Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB) at <https://lavote.gov/isb>.
- The ISB is a tool that allows you to access, review, and mark your selections on a smart device (at home or anywhere) prior to going to a Vote Center.
- **You are *not* voting online. You are saving your choices on your personal device so you can be ready to vote at the Vote Center.**
- You will receive a Poll Pass with a machine-readable QR code that you take with you to the Vote Center. Print your Poll Pass or save it onto your cell phone.
- This is more accurate than transferring your choices from a paper sample ballot to the ballot-marking device (BMD).
- Watch the YouTube videos *How to vote on the NEW Ballot Marking Device* at <https://youtu.be/CGLE0fkBc4c>. And *How to use the Interactive Sample Ballot* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3iGe4Pj9Cw>

The image shows a digital interface for marking a ballot. On the left, a list of judges for the Superior Court is shown, each with a radio button and a 'selected' status. On the right, the selected judge, Ben Forer, is shown, and a list of candidates for the position is displayed. A 'Write-In Candidate' field is also visible.

- Watch someone vote with it! These videos will give you an idea of what to expect.
- Remember that the BMD neither records nor counts votes.

- **And it is NOT connected to any other computer or the internet.**
- Instead, it helps fill out your *paper* ballot so it can be counted easily at the Registrar's headquarters.
- Expedite your check-in at the Vote Center.
- Take your **paper sample ballot** with you (if you have one) or visit <https://lavote.gov/vrstatus/> to obtain your **Quick Check-in Code** using the Voter Registration Verification feature.
- Instead of giving your information to the check-in clerk you can scan your personal barcode to start the process! See sample ballot image below with Quick Check-In Code.



- You are now ready to go to the Vote Center.
- Make sure you have your Poll Pass (paper or cell phone), Sample Ballot or Quick Check-in Code, and your identification, *if you are a first-time voter*. For acceptable forms of ID see <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/current-regulations/elections/help-america-vote-act-identification-standards>
- *Make sure you wear a mask and any other protective gear you feel you need.*
- At the Vote Center you will be checked in, given a paper ballot, and directed to an available BMD. Then you will populate your paper ballot using your QR Code obtained through the Interactive Sample Ballot process or fingertip, review it first on the screen and again on the printed ballot, and cast your paper ballot. There are poll workers on site to assist you.
- Collect your “I Voted!” sticker and celebrate!

Voting for the First Time

If voting for the first time, you will need to show identification.

- Take your California Driver's License, California ID, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. However, if you cannot provide any of the above-mentioned:
 - A copy of a recent utility bill, the county Voter Information Guide you received from your county elections office, or another document sent to you by a government agency are examples of acceptable forms of identification.
 - Other examples include your passport or student identification card. More at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/regulations/current-regulations/elections/help-america-vote-act-identification-standards>

Tool #16 Safety at the Polls

The Registrar has made every effort to ensure that all eligible voters get a chance to vote.

- Safety measures are in place to make voting as safe as possible. Learn more at <https://www.lavote.gov/docs/rcc/election-info/Safe-Election-Plan.pdf?v=2>
- Voters can safely vote in person at ANY Vote Center in L.A. County.
- Select Vote Centers will be open for business beginning on Saturday, October 24.
- All Vote Centers will be available beginning Saturday, October 31, through Election Day, November 3.

- Most Vote Centers will be open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the early voting period of October 24 – November 2.
- On Election Day, November 3, Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.