

Voter Registration Information

To register you must:

- be a United States citizen
- be 18 years of age on or before the day of the Election
- be a resident of the State of California
- not be in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- not judicially determined to be mentally incompetent to vote

You do not need to know how to read or write in English, or another language. No tests are given when you register to vote.

How to Register to Vote

- You must fill out a voter registration application form and send it to your county's registrar of voters.
 - You can fill out a form online at: <https://registertovote.ca.gov>
 - You can request a form from your county registrar's office.
 - You can call 1-800-345-VOTE and request that a form be mailed to you.
 - You can pick up forms at post offices, public libraries, city halls or DMV offices.
- You may not register for someone else. You may help someone fill out the form, but that person must sign the form.
- To register you must provide the following information:
 - Your full name - first, middle, and last.
 - Your complete home address - *not a post office box*.
 - Your complete date of birth - month/day/year.
 - The name of the state in the U.S.A. or foreign country where you were born.
 - In which language you prefer to receive Election materials - language choices will vary by county.
 - The address at which you were last registered to vote (if any).
 - Your signature and the date you signed the form.
- You will receive a notice by mail that you are registered to vote. If you do not receive the notice within three weeks of mailing, you can check your voter status at: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>.

The last day to register to vote for the November 6, 2018 election will be Monday, October 22, 2018. You will receive a post card indicating your polling place location. Sample ballots are mailed 29 days prior to the election and will be available at polling places.

Vote by Mail Ballots

Any voter in California can request a vote by mail ballot. You can request a vote by mail ballot by checking the box on your voter registration form or visit: <https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail/apply-to-vote-by-mail> More than half of California voters use this easy, convenient method.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the last day I can register to vote?

Up until the 15th day before any election. For the November 6, 2018, the last day to register is October 22nd.

Who can register to vote?

Any U.S. citizen may register to vote if he or she is at least 18 years old by election day, a resident of California, has not been legally judged mentally incompetent to do so, and is not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony.

I have just moved. Do I need to re-register?

YES. You must re-register every time you move.

I did not vote in the last Election. Do I need to re-register?

In general, you are registered for as long as you live at the same address, and you should continue to receive election materials in the mail.

I am on parole for a felony. May I register to vote?

No. You may register when your parole period is completed.

I will be 18 years old on Election Day, but after the close of registration. May I register to vote?

Yes. You can pre-register to vote as early as 16 years old and on your 18th birthday you will automatically be registered to vote.

I have moved. May I change my address over the phone?

No, you must notify the county registrar of voters by mail, in person or online at: <https://registertovote.ca.gov> .

I am away at school. Do I use my college or parents' address?

You may use either one, but only one. Use whichever you consider to be your permanent residence.

Can I vote by mail (absentee)?

YES, more than half of California voters mail in their ballots and you can join them! It's convenient, easy and available to all voters regardless of age or disability. There's a form in your sample ballot. Complete it and return it at least seven days before the election, and be sure to mail your ballot early, or deliver it to any polling place on Election Day.

Voter Registration at Colleges and Universities

Voter registration is an important outreach tool for engaging students in our campaign. Students at Colleges and Universities are often new to the area and need to register or in some cases re-register. It's important to conduct a focused, time-limited effort in coordination with other campaign activities. Your voter registration drive could:

- Set up tables with registration forms, iPads and information on campus and at nearby locations that serve students.
- Take advantage of large campus events such as rallies, concerts, sporting events, etc. to register voters.
- Coordinate activities with the department offices to display voter registration material within their departments and on public counters.
- Make use of interns who receive course credit for participating in civic efforts such as voter registration drives.

Tabling at Shopping Centers

Shopping centers, malls, supermarkets, and other centers of commercial and community activity are often great sites for voter registration efforts. An advantage of conducting your drive at locations such as these is the ability to contact large numbers of citizens in a short time. One of the disadvantages is that many of the people you contact will already be registered to vote.

Be aware that the shopping center has the right to impose some rules on the time, place, and manner of this access. In order to conduct a voter registration drive at shopping centers, it is a good idea to contact the manager ahead of time and let him/her know what you are planning. In general, the following guidelines will give you an indication of what the shopping center may require of you:

- The shopping center may prevent you from placing your table or other materials in a location that could disrupt or interfere with pedestrian traffic flow.
- The shopping center may designate certain areas for voter registration.
- If the shopping center is an enclosed mall, you may be prohibited from registering people inside any store, but you shouldn't be confined just to the parking lots and entrances.
- In general, you should confine your activities to the general area near your table, and not harass, impede or block pedestrian traffic.
- The shopping center may not turn you down because they do not agree with the political philosophy of your campaign.
- Shopping centers may not limit access to a certain number of hours a day or days per week, nor deny access altogether during specified times of the year, such as Holidays.
- The shopping center cannot prevent you from soliciting donations or contributions for you're the campaign during your registration drive.

These are general guidelines for your rights and responsibilities. A good working relationship with the management of the shopping center is your best guarantee of access to the premises for your registration drive.