HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE & VOTE IN AN ELECTION

Below you will find the basic steps that must be taken to become a voter and cast a ballot in an election.
You will need to contact the Registrar of Voters in your state to learn about any additional state requirements.
You may also visit the U.S. Election Assistance Commission or visit your secretary of state's homepage.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A VOTER

The U.S. Constitution sets requirements for voter eligibility that must be adhered to by every state. You will qualify to register to vote if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You are at least eighteen years of age by the date of the election.
3. You are not imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony (this varies from state to state).
4. You have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent to register and vote. For more information, read the National Voter Registration Act.
5. You have registered to vote within your state's required number of days before the election. Request this information from the registrar of voters or visit your secretary of state's website for details.

HOW TO REGISTER OR PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE

To begin, check the **requirements to vote** to find out if you may register to vote in California.

In California, if you are 16 years old or older, you are able to pre-register to vote, so when you turn 18, you are all set to vote.

Californians must be registered to vote at least 15 days before Election Day. If the registration deadline has passed for an upcoming election, in most elections you may still be able to register to vote. Visit the CA Secretary of State's website for more information.

Once you register, you may vote in all state and local elections. You will not need to register to vote again unless you change your name or change your political party preference. If you move, you can update your California residence address by re-registering to vote. If you have already updated your residence address at the Department of Motor Vehicles or the U.S. Postal Service, your registration will be automatically updated with your new address.

WHERE DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

Register to vote ONLINE at registertovote.ca.gov

OR you may pick up a PAPER voter registration application at any DMV and most post offices, public libraries, and government offices.

HOW WILL I IDENTIFY MYSELF WHEN REGISTERING TO VOTE?

To register, you will be asked for basic personal information, including but not limited to:
First name, Middle name, Last name, Suffix: Jr. / Sr. / II / III / IV, Email, Phone number, Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY), Place of birth, California Driver License Number or Social Security Number, Street address, City, State, Zip, and County

VOTING IN AN ELECTION

Visit www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/ to find the location of the polling site where you will be casting your ballot.

When you arrive at the polling site, you will be directed to a table to check in. Your name will be checked against the voter registration list and you will be handed a ballot. A poll worker will direct you to the voting equipment used by your polling site. When you have completed the voting process, a poll worker will usually offer you an "I Voted" sticker that indicates you have fulfilled your civic duty.

Mock Election for 2018 Midterm Elections: Voting Guide

Please note that this is not the ballot for a real election or the mock election.
To participate in your school's mock election, visit tinyurl.com/mockelection18

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA:

JOHN H. COX	(Businessman/Taxpayer Advocate)	Party Preference: Republican
GAVIN NEWSOM	(Lieutenant Governor/Businessman)	Party Preference: Democratic

CALIFORNIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

ED HERNANDEZ	(State Senator/Businessman)	Party Preference: Democratic
ELENI KOUNALAKIS	(Businesswoman/Economic Advisor)	Party Preference: Democratic

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE:

ALEX PADILLA	(Secretary of State)	Party Preference: Democratic
MARK P. MEUSER	(Election Law Attorney)	Party Preference: Republican

CONTROLLER:

KONSTANTINOS RODITIS	(Businessman/CFO)	Party Preference: Republican
BETTY T. YEE	(California State Controller)	Party Preference: Democratic

CALIFORNIA TREASURER:

GREG CONLON	(Businessman/CPA)	Party Preference: Republican
FIONA MA	(CPA/Taxpayer Representative)	Party Preference: Democratic

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL:

STEVEN C BAILEY	(Retired California Judge)	Party Preference: Republican
XAVIER BECERRA	(Appointed Attorney General of the State of California) Party Preference: Democratic	

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER:

RICARDO LARA	(California Senator)	Party Preference: Democratic
STEVE POIZNER	(Businessman/Non-Profit Director)	Party Preference: None

UNITED STATES SENATOR:

DIANNE FEINSTEIN	(United States Senator)	Party Preference: Democratic
KEVIN DE LEON	(California Senator)	Party Preference: Democratic

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:

MARSHALL TUCK	(Schools Improvement Director)
TONY K. THURMOND	(Educator/State Legislator)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF:

ALEX VILLANUEVA	(Sheriff's Lieutenant, Los Angeles County)
JIM MCDONNELL	(Sheriff)

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Proposition 1: HOUSING PROGRAMS AND VETERANS' LOANS BOND

YES	A "yes" vote supports this measure to authorize $4 billion in general obligation bonds for housing-related programs, loans, grants, and projects and housing loans for veterans.
NO	A "no" vote opposes this measure to authorize $4 billion in general obligation bonds for housing-related programs, loans, grants, and projects and housing loans for veterans.

Proposition 2: USE MILLIONAIRE'S TAX REVENUE FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION HOUSING BONDS MEASURE

YES	A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state to use revenue from Proposition 63 (2004)—a 1 percent tax on income above $1 million for mental health services—on $2 billion in revenue bonds for homelessness prevention housing for persons in need of mental health services.
NO	A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to use revenue from Proposition 63 (2004) on $2 billion in revenue bonds for homelessness prevention housing for persons in need of mental health services.

Proposition 3: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATERSHED CONSERVATION BOND INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports this measure to authorize $8.877 billion in general obligation bonds for water infrastructure, groundwater supplies and storage, surface water storage and dam repairs, watershed and fisheries improvements, and habitat protection and restoration.
NO	A "no" vote opposes this measure to authorize $8.877 billion in general obligation bonds for water infrastructure, groundwater supplies and storage, surface water storage and dam repairs, watershed and fisheries improvements, and habitat protection and restoration.

Proposition 4: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BONDS INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports authorizing $1.5 billion in bonds for the construction, expansion, renovation, and equipping of children's hospitals in California.
NO	A "no" vote opposes authorizing $1.5 billion in bonds for the construction, expansion, renovation, and equipping of children's hospitals in California.

Proposition 5: PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports amending Proposition 13 (1978) to allow homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer their tax assessments, with a possible adjustment, from their prior home to their new home, no matter (a) the new home's market value; (b) the new home's location in the state; or (c) the buyer's number of moves.
NO	A "no" vote opposes amending Proposition 13 (1978) to change how tax assessments are transferred between properties for homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled.

Proposition 6: VOTER APPROVAL FOR FUTURE GAS AND VEHICLE TAXES AND 2017 TAX REPEAL INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to: (a) repeal fuel tax increases and vehicle fees that were enacted in 2017, including the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RRAA) and (b) require voter approval (via ballot propositions) for the California State Legislature to impose, increase, or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees in the future.
NO	A "no" vote opposes this initiative, thus: (a) keeping the fuel tax increases and vehicle fees that were enacted in 2017, including the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RRAA), in place and (b) allowing the state legislature to continue to impose, increase, or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees through a two-thirds vote of each chamber and without voter approval.

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Proposition 7: PERMANENT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME MEASURE

YES	A "yes" vote supports allowing the California State Legislature to establish permanent, year-round daylight saving time (DST) in California by a two-thirds vote if federal law is changed to allow for permanent DST.
NO	A "no" vote opposes allowing the California State Legislature to establish permanent, year-round daylight saving time (DST) in California by a two-thirds vote if federal law is changed to allow for permanent DST.

Proposition 8: LIMITS ON DIALYSIS CLINICS' REVENUE AND REQUIRED REFUNDS INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports requiring dialysis clinics to issue refunds to patients or patients' payers for revenue above 115 percent of the costs of direct patient care and healthcare improvements.
NO	A "no" vote opposes requiring dialysis clinics to issue refunds to patients or patients' payers for revenue above 115 percent of the costs of direct patient care and healthcare improvements.

Proposition 10: LOCAL RENT CONTROL INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports allowing local governments to adopt rent control on any type of rental housing, thus repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act.
NO	A "no" vote opposes the initiative, thus keeping the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act and continuing to prohibit local governments from enacting rent control on certain buildings.

Proposition 11: AMBULANCE EMPLOYEES PAID ON-CALL BREAKS, TRAINING, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports: (a) allowing ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during breaks paid at their regular rate; (b) requiring employers to provide additional training for EMTs and paramedics; and (c) requiring employers to provide EMTs and paramedics with some paid mental health services.
NO	A "no" vote opposes: (a) allowing ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during breaks paid at their regular rate; (b) requiring employers to provide additional training for EMTs and paramedics; and (c) requiring employers to provide EMTs and paramedics with some paid mental health services.

Proposition 12: FARM ANIMAL CONFINEMENT INITIATIVE

YES	A "yes" vote supports banning the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a specific number of square feet.
NO	A "no" vote opposes banning the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a specific number of square feet.

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