

# CALIFORNIA VOTER GUIDE

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2024

GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

ELECTION  
2024

## ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- A United States citizen
- A resident of California
- At least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the election
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for conviction of a felony
- Not have been judged by a court of to be mentally incompetent to register and vote

*\*You can pre-register to vote at 16 years old and your registration will become active at 18\**

You will need to update your registration when:

- You move
- You change your name
- You change political party affiliation

*In California every eligible voter, including individuals experiencing homelessness, have the right to vote. They are able to register to vote as long as they have a location where they can receive mail which includes a shelter where they spend most of their time. In the case they don't have a fixed address, they must provide a clear description of their living location so they can be assigned a voting precinct.*

Register Online: <https://covr.sos.ca.gov/>

Check your registration status: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

## VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

### FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2024:

**Last day to register to vote for the March 5<sup>th</sup> Primary Election**

For those that miss the registration deadline, in person same day voter registration may be available at your county elections office, polling place, or voting center.

*Voter registration application is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese*

## VOTING DEADLINES

### FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

County election offices will begin mailing ballots

### FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Ballot drop-off locations open

### FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Vote centers open for early in person voting in all VCA counties

### MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

All ballots and votes must be received or postmarked

### MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

All ballots must be received

## MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

### MAIL IN VOTING

- All California active registered voters will receive a mail in ballot
- After completing the ballot, insert the ballot into the envelope provided and complete all required information on the envelope
- Mail in ballots can be returned by:
  - Mail by signing and using the prepaid envelope (Must be postmarked by March 5th)
  - Drop-off Location
  - In person to your polling place or county elections office (Must be dropped off by 8PM on March 5th)
  - Authorizing someone to return your ballot for you (Anyone may return your ballot for you, as long as they are not paid. The authorization section must be filled out on the ballot envelope for this method)
- County Elections officials will compare your signature in your voter registration record to your ballot to ensure authenticity

### IN PERSON VOTING

- Your county may allow in person early voting. Check for more information at <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>
- ID may be required during voting if valid identification was not provided during the voter registration process

## TIPS & RESOURCES

- College students and voters abroad: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/students>
- College students can only vote once: in their hometown or in California
- Military and Overseas voters: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters>
- Polling Place Hours: 7:00AM – 8:00PM
- Primary elections for President are partisan so you must be registered with a political party to vote in the presidential primary.
- Accessibility resources for voters with disabilities: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voters-disabilities>
- List of accepted voter identification if needed: [https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/regulations/hava\\_id\\_regs\\_from\\_barclays\\_3\\_3\\_06.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/regulations/hava_id_regs_from_barclays_3_3_06.pdf)
- Polling Locations: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>
- Track your mail in ballot: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>