

Statewide Special Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is
from October 6 through November 4, 2025.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
on November 4, 2025, Election Day!



CALIFORNIA TRUSTED INFO

Every registered voter
in California will receive
a vote-by-mail ballot.

Vote-by-mail ballots
are mailed on or before
October 6.

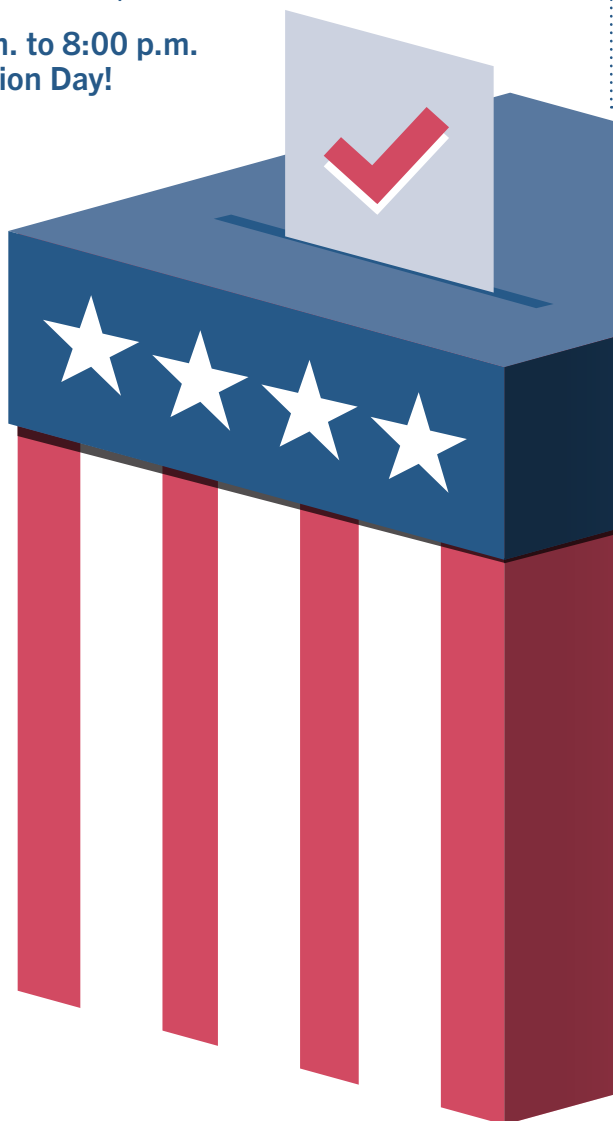
Vote-by-mail ballots
can be voted and
returned as soon as
they are received.

Vote-by-mail drop
boxes open October 7.

In-person voting
options will be available
in all counties.



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**Official
Voter
Information
Guide**



Certificate of Correctness




I, Shirley N. Weber, Secretary
of State of the State of
California, do hereby certify that
the information included herein
will be submitted to the electors
of the State of California at the
Statewide Special Election to
be held throughout the State
on November 4, 2025, and that
this guide has been correctly
prepared in accordance with
the law. Witness my hand and
the Great Seal of the State in
Sacramento, California, this
17th day of September, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley N. Weber".

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 -  On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**

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Top Contributors to State Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) raises at least \$1 million, it must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the list when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at:
fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html

To research campaign contributions for candidates or ballot measures, visit the Secretary of State's website at powersearch.sos.ca.gov.



Visit the Secretary of State's Website to:

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity cal-access.sos.ca.gov OR powersearch.sos.ca.gov
- View this voter guide in other languages voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Check your registration status and registration information voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place or a vote center on Election Day sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place OR voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail
- Read helpful information for first-time voters sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day electionresults.sos.ca.gov



Message from the Secretary of State

Dear California Voter,

Your participation in every election is vital to ensuring democracy thrives. As a California voter, you will have an opportunity to vote in the upcoming November 4, 2025, **Statewide Special Election**. This election will ask you to **approve or reject** a ballot proposition.

You have a number of ways to participate as California continues to protect and expand your right to vote. We uphold universal vote-by-mail ballots, multiple in-person voting approaches, same-day voter registration, and provisional voting, all designed to make voting accessible and secure.

This Voter Information Guide is designed to help you make an informed decision on Proposition 50. Inside, you will find key details about when, where, and how to cast your ballot, as well as an impartial summary and analysis of the measure. The guide presents official arguments both in favor of and against Proposition 50, along with rebuttals, so you can consider multiple perspectives before making your choice.

Your Guide Includes:

- A neutral summary of Proposition 50, with arguments for and against, including contact information for supporters and opponents. (PAGE 5)
- Clear instructions on how to vote—by mail, in person, or via secure drop box. Plus, reminders to sign and seal your ballot. (PAGE 7)
- Information on **Where's My Ballot** alerts at *WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov*.
- Details on extended voting days and vote centers in Voter's Choice Act counties, where you can register and vote on the same day. (PAGE 6)

Participating in elections is vital to having a say in decisions that affect our lives and how our community operates. I encourage you to take the time to learn about the issue and the implications of this election, then make your choice. Voting means your voice will be heard and you have a say in the future.

Thank you for keeping our democracy strong!

QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

PROP
50

AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California's new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 50—The Election Rigging Response Act—approves temporary, emergency congressional district maps to counter Donald Trump's scheme to rig next year's congressional election and reaffirms California's commitment to independent, nonpartisan redistricting after the next census. Vote Yes on 50 for democracy in all 50 states. Learn more at StopElectionRigging.com.

CON Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians—dismantling safeguards that keep elections fair, removes requirements to keep local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor political parties. Vote NO to protect fair elections and keep citizens—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Governor Newsom's Ballot
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StopElectionRigging.com

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Hold Politicians
Accountable
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info@votersfirstact.org
VotersFirstAct.org

Election Day Information

Polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.

Find Your Polling Place or a Vote Center

Polling places and vote centers are established by county elections officials. Look for your polling place address or vote center locations in the county Voter Information Guide that you receive in the mail a few weeks before Election Day.

You may also visit the Secretary of State's website at vote.ca.gov or call our toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



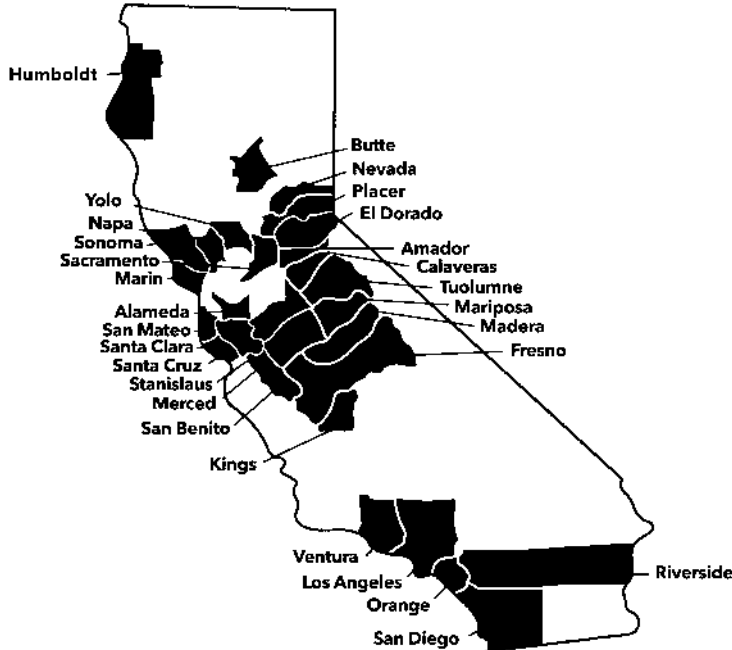
Election results for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election are available after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on the California Secretary of State's Election Results website at electionresults.sos.ca.gov.

Results will begin to be posted at 8:00 p.m. and will be updated throughout Election Night. In the days afterwards, the results will be updated at 5:00 p.m. each day throughout the canvass as counties count the remaining ballots.

The official certified results of the election will be posted by December 12, 2025, at sos.ca.gov/elections.

More Days, More Ways to Vote

with the California Voter's Choice Act



Vote in person up to 10 days prior to Election Day

- Alameda
- Amador
- Butte
- Calaveras
- El Dorado
- Fresno
- Humboldt
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Madera
- Marin
- Mariposa
- Merced
- Napa
- Nevada
- Orange
- Placer
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Benito
- San Diego
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Santa Cruz
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Tuolumne
- Ventura
- Yolo

In California, every active registered voter will automatically receive a ballot in the mail before every election. Check your voter registration status to ensure you receive your ballot.

Use a drop box:

Return your ballot to a secure drop off location in any county **up to 28 days before the election**

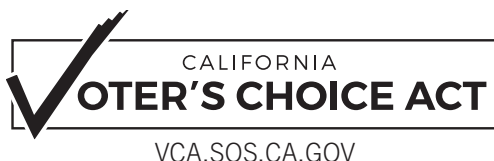
Vote center:

- Vote in person anywhere in the county **up to 10 days before the election**
- Register to vote and vote same day
- Drop off your ballot

Vote by mail:

Return your ballot by mail **as soon as you receive it**

Visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov or call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to learn more.



Want to skip the line and vote early?
Scan the QR Code to learn more!



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

All California voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage return envelope for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. County elections officials will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots no later than October 6, 2025.

The vote-by-mail ballot voting period begins as soon as ballots are in the mail. Make your voice heard early! Return your vote-by-mail ballot during the voting period of October 6 through the close of polls on November 4.

Voting by Mail is EASY.

Democracy is counting on you! Follow these five easy steps to exercise your right to vote:

- ☒ **Complete it.**
Mark your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot.
- ☒ **Seal it.**
Secure your ballot inside the vote-by-mail ballot return envelope you received from your county elections office.
- ☒ **Sign it.**
Sign the outside of your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.

Make sure your signature matches the one on your CA driver's license/state ID, or the one you provided when registering to vote. Your county elections office will compare them before they count your ballot.
- ☒ **Track it.**
Sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive updates on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text message (SMS), email, or voice call.
- ☒ **Return it.**
By drop box—Drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at a secure official drop box in your county at any time between October 7 through the close of polls on November 4.

In person—Drop your completed vote-by-mail ballot off at a secure drop box, polling place, vote center, or county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on November 4. Voting locations will be available in all counties before Election Day. Voting locations offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

By mail—Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Make sure your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope is postmarked no later than November 4.



All voters can get critical updates on their ballots through California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool. **Signing up takes less than three minutes!**

What you'll be able to track:



You can select to receive notifications on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), email, or voice call, including alerts if there are any issues with your ballot and instructions for how to correct them to make sure your vote is counted.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to track your ballot every step of the way!

You can also copy this URL into your browser: wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov



PROPOSITION **50** **AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on page 18 and the Secretary of State's website at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

- In response to Texas' mid-decade partisan congressional redistricting, this measure temporarily requires new congressional district maps, as passed by the Legislature in August 2025, to be used in California's congressional elections through 2030.
- Retains California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and directs the Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031 after the 2030 census and every ten years thereafter.

- Establishes state policy supporting use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:

- One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide. County costs would be to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

**FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON ACA 8 (PROPOSITION 50)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 156, STATUTES OF 2025)**

Senate:	Ayes 30	Noes 8
Assembly:	Ayes 57	Noes 20

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. Congress. The U.S. Congress is the part of the federal government that makes laws. Congress has two parts: the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives (House). Each of the 50 states is represented by 2 senators, with 100 senators in total. The House has 435 members. The number of representatives in the House for each state depends on how many people live in that state. Each member in the House represents an area of the state called a congressional district. California currently has 52 congressional districts. Voters who live in each congressional district elect one member of the House every two years to represent them. The next election for all 435 representatives will be in 2026.

U.S. Census Counts States' Populations Every Ten Years. The number of people living in an area goes up and down over time. Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts the number of people who live in the U.S. The last census was in 2020, and the next census is in 2030. This count is used to determine how many people live in each state and how many

representatives in the House each state gets for the next ten years.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Each State Draws Congressional District Maps Following the U.S. Census. Every ten years, after the U.S. Census is completed, states draw new congressional district maps to reflect their number of House representatives and where people live. This process is called "redistricting." Each state decides what process to use to draw its new district maps. When drawing new maps, each state must follow federal laws. For example, each congressional district in the state must represent about the same number of people.

States Typically Do Not Redistrict Sooner Than Every Ten Years. States typically only draw congressional district maps every ten years, unless a court orders changes to comply with the law. In August 2025, however, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to adopt new maps for the 2026 elections without a court order. Several other states also are considering changes to their maps before the 2026 elections.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Congressional Redistricting in California. State legislatures draw congressional district maps in most states, but some states use commissions to do this job. Before 2010, the California Legislature drew the state's congressional district maps. In 2010, California voters gave this job to an independent commission known as the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Commission includes 14 members: 5 Democratic members, 5 Republican members, and 4 members who are not registered with either of those political parties. When the Commission draws new congressional district maps, it must follow federal and state laws. For example, state law requires, among other things, the Commission to avoid splitting up neighborhoods or local communities of interest to the extent possible. State law also prohibits the Commission from considering political parties, current office holders, or people running for office when it draws the maps.

Current California Congressional Districts. The Commission drew the current maps for California's 52 congressional districts. These maps were based on the 2020 U.S. Census and have been used since the 2022 congressional elections.

PROPOSAL

CALIFORNIA'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

Use Legislatively Drawn Congressional District Maps Until After the Next Census. Proposition 50 replaces California's current congressional district maps with new, legislatively drawn maps. (The total number of districts would not change.) Proposition 50's maps must follow federal law, but they are not required to follow the state requirements placed on the Commission. The state would use Proposition 50's maps for congressional elections starting in 2026. The state would use these maps until the Commission draws new district maps, following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Call for Change in Federal Law. Proposition 50 asks the U.S. Congress to change federal law and propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to

require redistricting be done by "fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide." Proposition 50 expresses voter support for this idea, but does not change federal law or require any particular action of Congress or the California Legislature.

FISCAL EFFECTS

Minor One-Time Costs to County and State Elections Officials. Counties run elections, and the state oversees them. Because most congressional districts in California would change at least some under the new maps, county and state elections officials would need to update election materials. This would result in one-time costs to counties of **up to a few million dollars** statewide and one-time costs to the state of **roughly \$200,000**. The state amount is much less than one-tenth of 1 percent (0.1 percent) of the state's roughly \$220 billion General Fund budget. (The General Fund is the account the state uses to pay for most public services, including education, health care, and prisons.)

CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

This section shows maps of the current and proposed congressional districts (1) statewide, as shown in Figures 1 and 2; (2) in the northern part of the state, as shown in Figures 3 and 4; and (3) in the southern part of the state, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. A description of the census blocks represented by each district in the proposed maps can be found at the following website: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB604

Visit sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2025-ballot-measure-contribution-totals for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure.

Visit fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 1

Current Congressional Districts



Note: See northern and southern congressional district maps for district numbers for the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions. Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 2

Proposed Congressional Districts



Note: See northern and southern congressional district maps for district numbers for the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions. Map reflects data posted to the California Legislature elections committees' (Assembly Elections Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee) websites.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 3

Current Northern Congressional Districts



ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 4

Proposed Northern Congressional Districts



Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Legislature elections committees' (Assembly Elections Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee) websites.

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Figure 5

Current Southern Congressional Districts



Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 6

Proposed Southern Congressional Districts



Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Legislature elections committees' (Assembly Elections Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee) websites.

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

STOP TRUMP FROM RIGGING THE 2026 ELECTION

Donald Trump and Texas Republicans are making an unprecedented power grab to steal congressional seats and rig the 2026 election before voting even begins.

Other Republican states are following suit. They want to steal enough seats to control Congress even if voters overwhelmingly reject their agenda.

This isn't politics as usual. It's an emergency for our democracy.

ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

We have already seen how Trump has recklessly imposed tariffs and hurt California families, denied disaster assistance to fire victims, and ordered mass arrests without warrants. The 2026 election for Congress represents our only chance to provide an essential check and balance on Trump's dangerous agenda.

If Californians don't act now, Donald Trump will seize total power for two more years. Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act, will put a stop to their anti-democratic scheme. Here's what it does.

- **LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD.** Prop. 50 makes sure the 2026 mid-term elections are conducted on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Republicans.
- **COMMITTS TO FAIR REDISTRICTING.** Prop. 50 reaffirms California's commitment to independent redistricting and calls for a nationwide commitment to fair and impartial maps.
- **GIVES VOTERS THE POWER.** Prop. 50 puts the power in the hands of the People of California, not backroom politicians, to approve emergency congressional district maps in response to Trump's election rigging scheme.
- **IS FAIR AND PROPORTIONAL.** Prop. 50 provides emergency maps only because Republicans moved forward with their power grab.
- **IS TEMPORARY.** These maps expire in 2030. Prop. 50 preserves California's award-winning redistricting reforms and

reaffirms the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's authority to draw congressional districts after the next census. The stakes couldn't be higher. If Republicans rig the election and steal control of Congress next year, they'll continue to eliminate healthcare for millions of Americans, slash funding for schools, and cut essential services for veterans to pay for tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

PROTECT DEMOCRACY IN ALL 50 STATES

California has a duty to defend democracy. To do that, we can't unilaterally disarm or fight with both hands tied behind our backs. When Trump tries to rig elections, we must fight back with every tool available.

Prop. 50 draws fair maps that represent California's diverse communities and ensure our voices aren't silenced by partisan gerrymandering in other states.

California leads the nation in protecting voting rights and fair elections. When other states try to silence our voices and rig the system, we must respond decisively.

Join President Barack Obama, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, election experts, independent redistricting commissioners, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, California veterans, teachers, and nurses.

Vote YES on Prop. 50 to stop Trump's election rigging scheme.

Vote YES for checks and balances.

Vote YES to protect democracy in all 50 states.

Governor Gavin Newsom

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

U.S. Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

THE WRONG PATH—NO ON PROP. 50

We know American democracy is on fire, but accelerating gerrymandering only adds fuel! Politicians are seizing this crisis to justify a power grab.

PROP. 50 DOES NOT DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY

Prop. 50 is not a magic pill to cure the nation's ills. It claims to protect democracy, yet diminishes our communities' voices and is ineffective against any overreach of presidential power. Vote NO.

California gerrymandering allowed the Legislature to draw partisan seats without transparency or citizen input, solely to protect incumbents. By 2001, the government was gridlocked, with legislators held hostage to the extremes of their parties.

Voters rose up and handed line-drawing over to citizens, resulting in:

- **Competitive Districts:** Previously safe seats now must be earned.
- **Better Representation:** Women in the Legislature doubled, Asian representation tripled, Black representation nearly doubled, and Latino seats grew by 8%.

- **Government for the People:** With more moderate representatives, the Legislature passed bipartisan legislation, working for the interests of all Californians.

WE THE PEOPLE

Districts do not belong to either party; they belong to the People. But, party bosses want to call the shots—again. NO to a “pay-to-play” system.

Prop. 50 says this is “temporary,” yet the Legislature will bypass the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission again in 2028, 2030—and perhaps beyond. Don't be fooled.

Legislators drew this map behind closed doors for you to rubber-stamp. It is not your choice.

Vote NO on partisan gerrymandering. Vote NO on Prop. 50.

Cynthia Dai, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jeanne Raya, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jodie Filkins Webber, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50 ★

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PROPOSITION 50: A POWER GRAB BY POLITICIANS

Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians. Prop. 50 dismantles constitutional safeguards that keep election maps fair. It removes requirements to keep cities, counties, and local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor incumbents or political parties—putting politicians back in charge of drawing their own districts, or those of their friends.

A “NO” vote protects fair elections and keeps the people of California—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

NO ON PROP. 50: IT REPEALS LANDMARK VOTER-APPROVED ELECTION REFORMS

For decades, Sacramento politicians drew their own district boundaries behind closed doors with no public oversight—guaranteeing their reelection, denying voters a real choice, and shutting out many women and people of color from elected office.

In 2008, California voters approved historic election reform—creating the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Voters decided district lines should be drawn by a balanced panel of everyday citizens—not by politicians who stood to benefit.

Prop. 50 throws out citizen-drawn congressional maps created through a transparent public process with input from over 35,000 Californians. Instead, politicians secretly drew maps—leaving voters with NO real say.

NO ON PROP. 50: ANOTHER SCHEME TO PERMANENTLY END INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING

In 2008 and 2010, the Democratic Party and special interests spent millions of dollars to stop citizen redistricting. Later, the California Republican Party even sued to overturn citizen-drawn maps—and lost. Now, Sacramento politicians are scheming to regain control with Prop. 50.

Make no mistake: Prop. 50 is not temporary. For over half a decade, politicians get to impose their gerrymandered maps. Worse, it sets a dangerous precedent—opening the door for

Sacramento to keep drawing election maps beyond 2031—giving politicians permanent power to shield themselves and their allies from accountability for California’s high cost of living, skyrocketing housing costs, and rising energy bills.

NO ON PROP. 50: DON’T BE MISLED BY POLITICAL SPIN

The same politicians who opposed independent redistricting from the start now claim Prop. 50 will “save democracy.” In truth, Prop. 50 weakens fair representation by shutting the public out and bringing gerrymandering back to California.

Prop. 50 is not democratic; it gives voters a take-it-or-leave-it decision on the most partisan maps in California’s history—a product of politicians’ secretive backroom deals with ZERO meaningful public engagement.

Prop. 50 divides communities to benefit politicians, splitting counties 114 times and cities 141 times—far more than the citizen-drawn maps.

“When politicians gerrymander, they divide our neighborhoods and weaken the voice of communities of color. Whatever happens in Texas, we cannot save democracy by destroying it in California. Vote NO on Prop. 50.”—Reverend Mac Shorty, Civil Rights Leader

NO ON PROP. 50: A MASSIVE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY

The Legislature has called a special election just to pass this politician-protecting constitutional change—costing taxpayers \$200,000,000.

With a massive budget deficit, Sacramento politicians are making painful cuts to health care, housing, education, and public safety. Instead of protecting important programs, they’re spending it on a political power grab.

Vote NO on Prop. 50.

VotersFIRSTAct.org

Roberto Moncada, Board Member
United Latinos Action

Faith Bautista Tamashiro, President
National Diversity Coalition

Taylor Shorty, Board Member
Community RePower Movement

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50 ★

WARNING: NO ON 50 IS BACKED BY TRUMP EXTREMISTS

Who’s spending millions against Prop. 50?

An anti-choice mega-millionaire named Charles Munger Jr. who wants to help Donald Trump and Red State Republicans rig the 2026 elections and hand Trump unchecked power for two more years.

Independent redistricting commissioners, election experts, and leading civil rights organizations—from the NAACP to the National Democratic Redistricting Committee—urge you to reject the lies spread by NO on 50’s phony front groups.

Lie #1: “Prop. 50 repeals landmark voter-approved election reforms.” This is plainly false. Prop. 50 calls on all states to end partisan gerrymandering and reaffirms the power of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw the lines after the next census.

Lie #2: “Prop. 50 removes requirements to keep cities, counties, and local communities together.” Prop. 50 does the opposite, keeping MORE cities and counties combined, and communities together than California’s existing maps.

Lie #3: “Prop. 50 puts politicians back in charge of drawing their own districts.” Untrue. Prop. 50 puts power to approve emergency maps in the hands of voters, not politicians.

Lie #4: “Prop. 50 permanently ends independent redistricting.” Also untrue. Prop. 50 is a temporary and proportional response to Trump’s election-rigging scheme and expires in 2030.

Californians cannot allow Donald Trump and Texas Republicans to rig the 2026 election and silence our voices.

Vote YES on Prop. 50.

Protect democracy, preserve nonpartisan redistricting and ensure a fair election in all 50 states.

Sara Sadhwani, Commissioner
2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jodi Hicks, President
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

Nikki Davis Milevsky, President
Sacramento City Teachers Association

PROPOSITION 50

This amendment proposed by Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 of the 2025–2026 Regular Session (Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025) expressly amends the California Constitution by adding a section thereto; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXI

First—This measure shall be known, and may be cited, as the “Election Rigging Response Act.”

Second—The people of the State of California find and declare all of the following:

(a) President Donald Trump has called on Republican-led states to undertake an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to rig the 2026 United States midterm elections before voting begins.

(b) The State of Texas has convened a special session of its Legislature to redraw congressional district maps to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(c) The Legislature of the State of Florida has established a select committee to advance an extraordinary mid-decade redistricting to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(d) Republicans have urged the State of Ohio to conduct its mid-decade redistricting to unfairly produce more Republican seats in Congress.

(e) Republican officials in the States of Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and South Carolina are also considering President Trump’s call for the mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(f) President Trump and Republicans are attempting to gain enough seats through redistricting to rig the outcome of the 2026 United States midterm elections regardless of how the people vote.

(g) President Trump’s election-rigging scheme is an emergency for our democracy.

(h) The 2026 United States midterm elections are voters’ only chance to provide an essential check and balance against President Trump’s dangerous agenda.

(i) California has long stood as a national leader for fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting.

(j) California calls on all other states to commit to fair and impartial drawing of maps.

(k) California has a duty to defend democracy.

(l) The 2026 United States midterm elections for Congress must be conducted on a level playing field without an extreme and unfair advantage for Republicans.

(m) The people of California, not politicians, should have the power to approve temporary congressional district maps in response to President Trump’s election-rigging scheme.

(n) It is the intent of the people that California’s temporary maps be designed to neutralize the partisan gerrymandering being threatened by Republican-led states without eroding fair representation for all communities.

Third—That Section 4 is added to Article XXI thereof, to read:

SEC. 4. (a) It is the policy of the State of California to support the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. The people of the State of California call on the Congress of the United States to pass federal legislation and propose an amendment of the United States Constitution to require the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

(b) In response to the congressional redistricting in Texas in 2025, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution or existing law, the single-member districts for Congress reflected in Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 21400) of Division 21 of the Elections Code shall temporarily be used for every congressional election for a term of office commencing on or after the date this subdivision becomes operative and before the certification of new congressional boundary lines drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission pursuant to subdivision (d).

(c) (1) The Attorney General has the sole legal standing to defend any action regarding a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b).

(2) The California Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings in which a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) is challenged.

(d) The Citizens Redistricting Commission established pursuant to Section 1 shall continue to adjust the boundary lines of the congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts in conformance with the standards and process set forth in Section 2 in 2031, and every 10 years thereafter as provided in Section 1.

Fourth—The provisions of this measure are severable. If any portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, or application of this measure is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this measure. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have proposed, and the voters hereby declare that they would have adopted, this measure and every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, and application not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this measure or application of this measure would be subsequently declared invalid.

Tips for California's Military and Overseas Voters

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter and receive election materials by mail, fax, or email. Be prepared!

- **Start early.** California's county elections officials must send ballots to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at registertovote.ca.gov to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time and can return your voted ballot by Election Day.
- **Know your options.** When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. Additionally, you may visit your county elections official's website for information about how to download your ballot and election materials. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.

Alert! The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has discontinued their service of faxing military and overseas voters' election materials to county elections officials.

What this means: you can no longer send your voted ballot to fax@fvap.gov.

If you wish to return your voted ballot by fax, you must send it directly to your county elections official.

- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each statewide election. However, you will need to update your voter registration if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference. Visit sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/ for more election resources designed especially for you.

Dates to remember:

October 20, 2025: Last day for military and overseas voters to register to vote for the Statewide Special Election.

October 21–November 4, 2025: Same Day Registration is available. You may “conditionally” register to vote and vote a provisional ballot during this time. Contact your county elections official for more information.

November 4, 2025: Election Day. Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day **and** received by your county elections office no later than November 12, 2025. Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

For more information contact:

California Secretary of State



(800) 345-VOTE (8683)



sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/

Federal Voting Assistance Program



(800) 438-VOTE (8683)



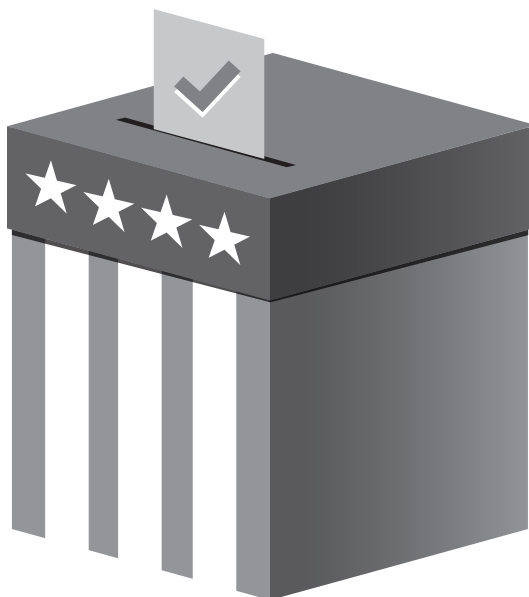
www.fvap.gov

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

WHERE:

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting, or drop box, the following activities are prohibited.



WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- **DO NOT** ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- **DO NOT** display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- **DO NOT** block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- **DO NOT** provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- **DO NOT** circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recalls, or candidate nominations.
- **DO NOT** distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- **DO NOT** display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- **DO NOT** commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- **DO NOT** provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- **DO NOT** illegally vote.
- **DO NOT** attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- **DO NOT** engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- **DO NOT** challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- **DO NOT** attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- **DO NOT** possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- **DO NOT** appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- **DO NOT** tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- **DO NOT** forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- **DO NOT** alter the returns of an election.
- **DO NOT** tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- **DO NOT** display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- **DO NOT** tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- **DO NOT** coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- **DO NOT** act as an election officer when you are not one.

EMPLOYERS cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote-by-mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

Look for Trusted Sources of Election Information

The Secretary of State is committed to ensuring elections are free, fair, safe, secure, accurate, and accessible. Misinformation, intentional or otherwise, continues to confuse voters and create distrust in the electoral process. California has one of the most extensive voting system testing and certification programs in the nation.

Our best defense against rumors and misinformation is you! False election information is more common than you think. If a claim seems outrageous or designed to upset you, it may not be true.

The best sources for trusted election information are your local and state elections officials. To find out more about election facts or common rumors being spread, visit catrustedinformation.sos.ca.gov.

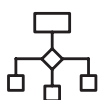
Report misinformation to votesure@sos.ca.gov.

California Election Security Safeguards



Secure Technology

- County voting systems are not connected to the internet
- Strong security techniques are practiced regularly
- Routine threat monitoring and vulnerability scanning in collaboration with our state and federal partners
- Rigorous voting system testing and certification performed by the California Secretary of State
- Only authorized elections staff have access to systems relevant to their role



Secure Processes

- VoteCal is a centralized statewide voter registration database. VoteCal checks against official records and is regularly updated
- Ballots and election technology must adhere to strict chain-of-custody procedures
- Paper ballots for all registered voters are available
- Post-election audits are performed by elections officials
- Signatures are verified on all vote-by-mail ballot envelopes
- Emergency planning for fire, flood, cyber incidents, and more



Secure Facilities and People

- Physical access control and security of locations
- Election processes open to observation during specific hours of operation
- Security and accessibility assessments completed for all locations
- Phishing and cybersecurity training provided for all staff
- Ballot drop boxes are secured and monitored



California Voter ID & Registration Requirements

Who Can Register to Vote in California?

To register, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a California resident
- 18 years or older on Election Day (or 16 or 17 years old to pre-register)
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for a felony
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

Do I Need to Show ID to Vote in California?

In most cases, NO. California does not generally require voters to show identification at the polls.

When MIGHT You Be Asked for ID?

You may need to show ID only if ALL the following apply:

- You're voting for the first time in a federal election
- You registered by mail or online, AND
- You did not provide your CA ID or SSN when registering

You'll be notified in advance if this applies to you.

Poll workers may only request an ID if the voter list clearly indicates it's required.

For more information, visit vote.ca.gov or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

What Forms of ID Are Acceptable (if required)?

You can show a photo or non-photo ID, including:

- California Driver's License or State ID card
- U.S. Passport
- Student or Military ID
- Official mail from a government agency
- Paycheck or government check
- Utility bill or bank statement

For a complete list, see: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards

Photo ID is not required, it's just one of many valid options. ID does not need to show your address or be government-issued.

Don't Have ID When Voting?

You can still cast a provisional ballot. Your ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

Check Your Voter Status Online

Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

To check your voter status, you will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and your California driver's license or California identification card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov for important voter details.

Voting Rights Restored for Persons with a Prior Felony Conviction

You can register and vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen and a resident of California
- 18 years old or older on Election Day
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony

If you meet these requirements, you can vote even if you:

- Have a misdemeanor conviction (a misdemeanor will never prevent you from voting)
- Are on parole supervision or probation
- Are on post-release community supervision (PRCS)

For more information, please visit votingrightsrestored.sos.ca.gov.

Register or re-register to vote today!

If you were registered to vote and convicted of a felony, your previous registration may have been canceled.

Register or re-register to vote today online at registertovote.ca.gov. You can also request a paper voter registration card by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Democracy Needs You! Serve as a Poll Worker

Help your community members exercise their right to vote by signing up to be a poll worker. As a poll worker, you can make sure voters can easily and safely cast their vote. Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important right in our democracy—Voting! Complete your form today at pollworker.sos.ca.gov.

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit vote.ca.gov.

New to voting? Get started with 3 easy steps!

1. Register!

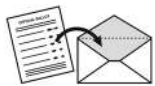
- Register to vote by **October 20, 2025**. Register online at registertovote.ca.gov or have a voter registration form mailed to you by calling the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683). Voter registration forms are also available at your county elections office, local post office, or library.
- Same Day Voter Registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration in state law, is a safety net for Californians who miss the voter registration deadline of October 20, 2025. Visit vote.ca.gov or see page 29 of this guide for more information.
- You are eligible to register to vote and vote if you are a United States citizen and a resident of California, 18 years old or older on Election Day, not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

2. Get informed!

- As a registered voter you will receive two information resources in the mail:
 - This Voter Information Guide, which contains information about the statewide ballot measure, the election process, and how to vote. To receive your guide in a different language, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit voterguide.sos.ca.gov.
 - A county Voter Information Guide, which contains a sample ballot, your polling place or vote center location, and other helpful information.
- State campaign expenditure and contribution information related to candidates or ballot measure committees is available at sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying.

3. Vote!

- You can return your ballot:



By drop box: Every active, registered voter in California will be mailed a ballot for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. You may personally deliver your ballot to any polling or ballot drop-off location in California by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.



In person: Polling locations are established by county elections officials and are open from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. To find a location to vote early before Election Day, visit caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

By mail: Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received no later than November 12, 2025.

Option for voters with disabilities: Counties offer an accessible voting option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials.



The California Motor Voter program is making registering to vote at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) more convenient and secure. All eligible individuals completing driver's license, ID card, or change of address transactions online, by mail, or in person at the DMV will be automatically registered to vote unless they choose to "opt out" of automatic voter registration.

The California Motor Voter program applies to Californians who are 18 years or older and meet all the following criteria:

- A United States citizen.
- A resident of California.
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony.
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Voter pre-registration is available for those 16 and 17 years of age. Their voter registration will become active automatically when they turn 18.

For more information, visit motorvoter.sos.ca.gov.

To register to vote online, visit registertovote.ca.gov.

Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status if they are active members of the Safe at Home program. This includes victims and survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abduction, and elder/dependent adult abuse, as well as public entity employees/contractors in fear for their safety because of their work for a public entity, and reproductive health care providers, employees, volunteers, and patients in fear for their safety because of their affiliation with a reproductive health care facility. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit sos.ca.gov/safeathome.

Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place, and the measures and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver's license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

California is committed to ensuring every voter is able to cast their ballot privately and independently.

For more detailed information about what assistance your county offers to voters with disabilities, please check out your county Voter Information Guide or contact your county elections official. County contact information is available at sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices.

Voting at a Polling Place or Vote Center

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- Your employer or anyone who works for your employer
- Your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

Curbside voting allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car.

All polling places and vote centers are required to be accessible to voters with disabilities and will have accessible voting machines.

Voting at Home

Remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM) systems provide an accessible option for voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.

Audio and Large Print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available in audio and large print versions as well in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese at no cost.

To order:



Visit vote.ca.gov



Call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Download an audio MP3 version at voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

County Elections Offices

Alameda County

(800) 834-6454
www.acvote.org

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov/

Amador County

(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org/government/elections

Butte County

(530) 552-3400 or (800) 894-7761
(Within Butte County)
www.buttevotes.net

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376 or (833) 536-8683
www.calaverasgov.us/

Colusa County

(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501
www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800
www.contracostavote.gov/elections/

Del Norte County

(707) 464-7216
www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/Elections

El Dorado County

(530) 621-7480
www.edcgov.us/Government/Elections

Fresno County

(559) 600-8683
www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County

(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections

Humboldt County

(707) 445-7481
www.humboldt.gov.org/Elections

Imperial County

(442) 265-1060
www.elections.imperialcounty.org

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224
elections.inyocounty.us/

Kern County

(661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683
www.kernvote.com

Kings County

(559) 852-4401 or
(800) 289-9981 ext. 4401
www.votekingscounty.com

Lake County

(707) 263-2372 or (888) 235-6730
www.lakecountyca.gov/818/Registrar-of-Voters

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217
www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-recorder/elections

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666
www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections

Madera County

(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.votemadera.com

Marin County

(415) 473-6456
www.marinvotes.org

Mariposa County

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org/87/Elections

Mendocino County

(707) 234-6819
www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections

Merced County

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercedelections.org

Modoc County

(530) 233-6200
www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections/

Mono County

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530
monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274
www.montereycountyelections.us/

Napa County

(707) 253-4321
www.countyofnapa.org/396/elections

Nevada County

(530) 265-1298 or (888) 395-1298
www.nevadacountyca.gov/1847/Elections-Voting

Orange County

(714) 567-7600 or (888) 628-6837
www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650 or (800) 824-8683
www.placercountyelections.gov

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE
www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

(916) 875-6451 or (800) 762-8019
www.elections.saccounty.gov

San Benito County

(831) 636-4016
www.sanbenitocounty-ca-cre.gov/elections

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County

(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com/

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375
sfelections.sfgov.org

San Joaquin County

(209) 468-2890 or (209) 468-8683
www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County

(800) 834-4636
www.slovote.com

San Mateo County

(650) 312-5222
www.smcacre.org

Santa Barbara County

(805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683
www.sbcvvote.com

Santa Clara County

(408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683
www.sccvvote.org

Santa Cruz County

(831) 454-2060 or (866) 282-5900
www.votescount.com

Shasta County

(530) 225-5730
www.elections.shastacounty.gov

Sierra County

(530) 289-3295
www.sierracounty.ca.gov/214/Elections

Siskiyou County

(530) 842-8084
www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/elections

Solano County

(707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683
www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma County

(707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-8683
vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County

(209) 525-5200 or (833) 772-2260
www.stanvote.com

Sutter County

(530) 822-7122
www.suttercounty.org/elections

Tehama County

(530) 527-8190
www.co.tehama.ca.us/government/departments/elections/

Trinity County

(530) 623-1220
www.trinitycounty.org/214/Elections

Tulare County

(559) 839-2100
tularecoelections.org/elections/

Tuolumne County

(209) 533-5570
www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Ventura County

(805) 654-2664
www.venturavote.org

Yolo County

(530) 666-8133
www.yoloelections.org

Yuba County

(530) 749-7855
www.yubaelections.org

Check Your Voter Status Online



Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

To check your voter status, you will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and your California driver's license or California identification card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

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What if I forgot to register to vote or update my registration?

No problem! If you missed the October 20, 2025, voter registration deadline, California law allows you to register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at your county elections office or at any voting location in your county. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration.

Provisional Voting

Name not on the voter list at the polling place or the vote center?

You still have the right to vote with a provisional ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box. Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place or vote center.

A voter may need to cast a provisional ballot if they want to vote in person at a polling place or vote center but did not receive their vote-by-mail ballot or if they do not have their vote-by-mail ballot with them to surrender prior to voting in person.

Will my provisional ballot be counted?

Yes, your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

A provisional ballot may be used at any polling place or vote center in the county in which you are registered to vote. Only the election contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

How can you check the status of your provisional ballot?

Anyone who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



You can check the status of your provisional ballot at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

How to Fix a Missing or Noncomparable Signature on Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return Envelope

✓ Possible Issues With Vote-by-Mail or Provisional Ballot Return Envelopes

- **Missing Signature:** You forgot to sign your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.
- **Signature Doesn't Compare:** Your signature doesn't compare with the one on file with the elections official.

✓ What Happens Next?

- **Notification:** If there's an issue with your ballot, your county elections office will notify you by mail, phone, email, or from the Secretary of State's *Where's My Ballot?* tool.
- **How to Fix It:** You can access a form on your county elections official's website to provide your signature and confirm that you voted your ballot.
 - Check your mail or email for instructions from your county elections office
 - Fill out the form and follow instructions on how to return the form
 - Your options to return the form may vary by county
 - Failure to follow instructions may result in your ballot not being counted

✓ Stay Informed With *Where's My Ballot?*

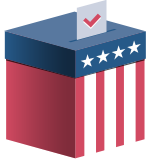
- **Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Get automatic updates on your ballot's status by signing up for *Where's My Ballot?*
- Receive notifications via **text, email, or phone** about:
 - When your ballot is mailed
 - When it is received
 - If it has been counted
 - If there are issues that need to be fixed
- **Sign up today at:**
wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov

✓ Important Deadlines for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election:

- **Mail ballots:** Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Must be postmarked no later than **November 4, 2025**, and received no later than **November 12, 2025**.
- **Deadline:** The deadline to fix your missing or noncomparable signature is 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2025, two days prior to the day your county certifies the election.

For more information, visit *vote.ca.gov* or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

DATES TO REMEMBER!



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

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October 6–November 4

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Vote-by-mail secure drop boxes open.

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NOVEMBER

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025

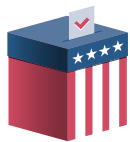
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English: (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Español/Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

中文/Chinese: (800) 339-2857

हिन्दी/Hindi: (888) 345-2692

日本語/Japanese: (800) 339-2865

ខ្មែរ/Khmer: (888) 345-4917

한국어/Korean: (866) 575-1558

Tagalog: (800) 339-2957

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Việt ngữ/Vietnamese: (800) 339-8163

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