



How to Vote in California

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online at California's [online registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing an [application form](#). If you have already registered, you can check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by October 19 if registering remotely, or you can register in-person on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** An ID and social security number are only required if you register to vote online.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a conservator, you can still vote, unless a judge has said you cannot. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy](#) agency for help understanding or restoring your vote. You can also look at their [toolkit](#) for tips on how to get your voting rights restored



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot. Learn about any policies on your ballot, usually called "ballot measures," on your [state elections website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, find your polling place through [California's Voting Information Tool](#).

- **When can I vote?** California allows in-person early voting, so you can vote starting October 5 up until November 2 and avoid lines on election day! Please check with your county for specific details.
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, California allows voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need to bring any ID when you vote.

4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, any California voter can vote by mail without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** Your state will automatically send you a mail ballot as long as you are registered to vote. If you have not registered to vote yet, you will need to register.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** You don't need to request a vote-by-mail ballot this election if you are a registered voter. If you have not registered the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is October 27, after which you will need to request your mail-in ballot in person. If you need to request a vote-by-mail ballot, request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Voters in California can request a [Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail Ballot](#) that can be completed electronically. This ballot must still be printed out and must be requested by October 27. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since California requires this signature to match your past signatures. If receiving assistance, the person assisting you may need to sign an affidavit on the ballot.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. If you are completing your ballot remotely, someone assisting you may need to complete an affidavit to be returned with the paper ballot.

- **How do I return my ballot?** Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 20. Ballots can also be delivered in-person to a polling place, vote center county election office, or a drop-box by 8pm on November 3. Return your ballot as soon as possible, if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting in California.
- **Can I track if my ballot was counted?** Yes, you can track your ballot on [California's ballot tracker](#).

5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:

California Secretary of State
 Address: Elections Division, 1500 11th St., 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814
 Phone: (916) 657-2166, (800) 345-VOTE (8683), (800) 833-8683 (TTY/TDD)
 Website: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

Disability Rights California
 Address: 1831 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
 Phone: 916-504-5800, 800-719-5798 (TTY), 800-776-5746 (Toll Free)
 Email: info@disabilityrightsca.org
 Website: www.disabilityrightsca.org/
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
 - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
 - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
 - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
 - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
 - [California Easy Voter Guide](#)
 - [Disability Rights California's Voting Publications](#)

- [Voter's Edge California](#)
- [Disability Vote California](#)

