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**It's Your Right, Exercise it!**

**GO VOTE!**



**Be Educated ~ Be Informed ~ Be Safe**



## You have the following Rights:

- ✓ **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 in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.
    - Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

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- ✓ **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.

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# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

- ✓ The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
- ✓ The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- ✓ 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 election's office or at your polling place.
    - Vote using a provisional ballot.
- ✓ The right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- ✓ The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place in California.
- ✓ The right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an election official or the Secretary of State's office.
  - On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
  - By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
  - By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)



# WHERE IS MY BALLOT?

The California Secretary of State is now offering voters a new way to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. The “Where’s My Ballot?” tool lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way.

- Sign up at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov). When you sign up for “Where’s My Ballot?” you will receive automatic updates when your county elections office:
  - Mails your ballot.
  - Receives your ballot.
  - Counts your ballot.
  - Or if there are any issues with your ballot.
- Voters who sign up at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov) can choose to receive automatic updates by:
  - Email
  - Text Message (SMS)
  - Voice Call
- You may request additional copies of the Official Voter Information Guide by contacting your county elections official or by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

## References:

<https://www.ocvote.com>

<https://www.fvap.gov>

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status/>

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>

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