

HOW TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS

BY MAIL

Vote-by-mail ballots have officially been sent to all active, registered California voters for the November 3rd, 2020 General Election.

Mail in ballots must be postmarked by November 3, 2020, but don't wait to return yours. There are certain to be many ballots mailed in the closing days of the campaign, and it is important that the votes are counted as quickly as possible to avoid the inevitable baseless fraud claims. It will also reduce crowds and lines at voting locations and make the process safer for everyone. Use the prepaid, first class postage return envelope to mail your ballot back to your county elections office. You can also visit: CAEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov to find ballot drop-off locations near you.

Make sure that your ballot envelope is signed, sealed and dated. The signature on the return envelope must match the one you used to register. If you prefer to drop your ballot off at an official secure drop box, polling place, vote center, or county elections office, you must do so by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.

After you vote, you can track your ballot. Sign up for alerts on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), email, or voice call at:

WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

IN PERSON

If you plan to vote in person, you will find all the information you need, including a link to a map and list of vote center locations, here:

<https://lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/voting-in-person>

Electioneering, i.e., promoting candidates or ballot measures near voting centers, is illegal and could result in your being refused entry. In California, displays of a candidate's name, likeness or logo, or a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo, are prohibited. You must also avoid buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing electioneering information.

I think it's important that people err on the side of caution and consider anything that could be a political statement, like BLM or other activist-related garb, might cause a problem. No one wants to be turned away after hours in line over a dispute about clothing.

The website below has the official information on "electioneering" which addresses political activity at polling sites, which includes apparel.

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/electioneering.aspx>

[Please remember to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing at the voting center.](#)

[NOW GO VOTE!](#)