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Secretary of State Alex Padilla Releases New Voter Bill of Rights Video

SACRAMENTO – As the June 5 Statewide Direct Primary Election is quickly approaching, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla has released a new video to help voters know their voting rights.

[Click here to view the new 2018 California Voter Bill of Rights video.](#)

“I urge voters to take the time to know their rights before heading to the polls,” Secretary Padilla said. “The Voter Bill of Rights has never been easier to access. Know your rights by watching our new video or reading them in your copy of the [Voter Information Guide](#). The Voter Bill of Rights will also be posted in every polling place and vote center in California. As Secretary of State I’m proud my office has worked with several nonpartisan organizations, including the League of Women Voters of California and the Center for Civic Design, to ensure the Voter Bill of Rights and Voter Information Guide are written in plain language that is clear and easy to understand.”

The California Voter Bill of Rights is available online in 10 languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

To download the California Voter Bill of Rights visit: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights/>

Californians should review the Voter Bill of Rights before heading to the polls to ensure a smooth voting experience. For example, you have the right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list at your polling place. You will be provided a provisional ballot and your vote will be counted if elections officials determine you are eligible to vote.

You have the right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close. It is important that voters understand this right and don’t just walk away because it is 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Additionally, you also have the right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

You have the right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, and you haven’t already cast your ballot. You also have the right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place or vote center.

What if you need help at the polls? You have the right to ask questions of election officials about election procedures and watch the election process. You also have the right to get help casting your ballot.

It is also your right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to elections officials or the Secretary of State's Office. Information on filing a voter complaint can be found here:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint/>.

The California Secretary of State's office also operates a toll free voter hotlines at:

(800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English

(800) 232-VOTA (8682) - español / Spanish

(800) 339-2857 - 中文 / Chinese

(888) 345-2692 - हिन्दी / Hindi

(800) 339-2865 - 日本語 / Japanese

(888) 345-4917 - ខ្មែរ / Khmer

(866) 575-1558 - 한국어 / Korean

(800) 339-2957 - Tagalog

(855) 345-3933 - ภาษาไทย / Thai

(800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese

(800) 833-8683 - TTY/TDD

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