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Secretary of State Alex Padilla Invites Californians to Serve as Poll Workers for the November 6, General Election

Bilingual Poll Workers in High Demand

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla is inviting Californians to serve as poll workers in their local communities for the upcoming November 6, 2018 General Election.

[Click Here for More Information on Serving as a Poll Worker](#)

[Click here for More Information on How to Serve as a Student Poll Worker](#)

“This November, young adults have the opportunity to serve the community by volunteering as a poll worker,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. “You can play an important role in ensuring a smooth election. Don’t miss this opportunity for hands on-experience in the democratic process by helping to run a polling place. Poll workers make our democracy possible.”

“County elections officials especially need more bilingual poll workers. Bilingual poll workers are vital to ensuring equal access for all voters,” Padilla said.

“Starting at 16, you can also earn while you learn. High school students are eligible to serve as paid poll workers once they turn 16 and have **at least** a 2.5 GPA,” Padilla added.

What do poll workers do?

- Set up and close a polling place
- Help voters understand their rights
- Protect the integrity of ballots and voting equipment

Californians interested in serving as poll workers should [contact their county elections office to sign up](#). Positions are paid and available in all parts of the state.

County elections officials in California are still in need of both English speaking and bilingual poll workers. Bilingual volunteers are often paid extra to serve as poll workers.

County elections officials provide training to poll workers. The Secretary of State's newly [updated poll worker training standards are available online here.](#)

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