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Election Day in California, Polls Open Now

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Californians will head to the polls to vote on twelve statewide propositions, and for U.S. President, U.S. House of Representatives, and State Legislative offices. Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

“As the polls open, voter registration is at an all-time high in California, with more than 22 million Californians,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. “If you still need to cast your ballot, make a plan before heading to the polls. With record voter registration and excitement around the Presidential Election, wait times will likely be longer than normal. Elections officials and poll workers have been working diligently to provide a safe and accessible election during a pandemic.”

“Voters who still have their vote-by-mail ballot should drop it off at any polling location, Vote Center, or ballot drop box. If you’re voting in-person, you have a right to cast your ballot as long as you are in line by 8:00pm. Californians can find all the resources they need to vote at vote.ca.gov” Padilla said.

Same Day Voter Registration

There is an opportunity for California citizens who missed the voter registration deadline — [Same Day Voter Registration](#) is available at every county elections office, polling place, or vote center. Voters will be asked to fill out a voter registration form and then be provided a ballot. Their ballots will be counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process.

Californians who are unsure of their voter registration status can quickly check it online at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov.

Voter Bill of Rights

“In California, we have a Voter Bill of Rights, to ensure that every eligible voter can cast a ballot easily, confidentially, and free from intimidation. The California Voter Bill of Rights is printed in the [Voter Information Guide](#), which was sent to every voting household in the state, and will also be posted in every polling place and vote center on Election Day. The Voter Bill of Rights is also available online in ten languages: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights/>.”

“The Secretary of State’s office also released a video outlining the California Bill of Rights in English and Spanish. It only takes minutes to review your rights before heading to the polls,” Padilla added.

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

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/>

Voter Hotline

“The Secretary of State's office also operates a toll free voter hotline. Voters can call to ask election-related questions, to file complaints, or to confidentially report potential election fraud or voter intimidation,” Padilla said.

Voter Hotlines:

- (800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English
- (800) 232-VOTA (8682) - español / Spanish
- (800) 339-2857 - 中文 / Chinese
- (888) 345-2692 - वोट / Hindi
- (800) 339-2865 - 日本語 / Japanese
- (888) 345-4917 - ខ្មែរ / Khmer
- (866) 575-1558 - 한국 / Korean
- (800) 339-2957 - Tagalog
- (855) 345-3933 - ไทย / Thai
- (800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese
- (800) 833-8683 - TTY/TDD

