# IN-PERSON CALIFORNIA VOTER QUICK GUIDE

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Know your rights. Know your options. Make your vote count.**

## LOST OR FORGOTTEN MAIL-IN BALLOT?

You can still vote in person. Ask an election worker for a replacement ballot. You may instead receive a provisional ballot so officials can verify you have not already voted.

## IN LINE AT 8 P.M.?

If you are in line when the polls close at 8 p.m., you still have the right to vote, even if it takes longer to cast your ballot.

## NO ID?

Most California voters do not need to show ID. Some first-time voters may be asked for identification. If you cannot provide it, you can request a provisional ballot.

## MADE A MISTAKE ON YOUR BALLOT?

Ask an election worker for a replacement ballot before you cast your vote if you accidentally mark the wrong candidate or make another mistake.

## WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

A provisional ballot lets you vote when your eligibility or status cannot immediately be confirmed. It counts once you are found eligible. If your name is missing from the voter list, you may request one.

## NEED HELP VOTING?

You can request accessible voting equipment or assistance marking a ballot. You may choose someone you trust to help, except your employer or union representative.

## NOT REGISTERED? YOU CAN STILL VOTE

Eligible voters can use Same Day (Conditional) Voter Registration at a county elections office or designated in-person voting location. Your ballot counts after verification.

## STILL HAVE YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT?

Return your completed ballot in its signed and sealed return envelope to an official ballot drop box or authorized voting or drop-off site by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## REPORT VOTER FRAUD, INTIMIDATION, OR VOTING IRREGULARITIES

If you witness or suspect voter fraud, intimidation, misconduct, or other voting irregularities, report your concerns to an election worker or contact either hotline:

**California Confidential Voter Hotline: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)**

Official state help with California voting rules and election complaints.

**National Election Protection Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683)**

Independent, nonpartisan voting-rights assistance and reporting of problems.

**Find voting locations: sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place**

Source: California Secretary of State voter guidance | Lift Up Public Schools | Nonpartisan voter information