Completing and Returning Voter Registration Forms

Qualifications to Register to Vote:
- A United States citizen and resident of California
- At least 18 years of age on or before Election Day
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, or
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

Completing the Form
Return your form as soon as possible. The earlier you are registered, the sooner you will receive your Vote by Mail ballot. Make sure that your form is complete by filling out the bolded sections of the forms. Leaving those sections blank may cause a delay in processing your form:

Section 1 - *Qualifications: Be sure to check both boxes if they apply. Your form cannot be processed if the U.S. citizenship box is not checked. If you are not a U.S. citizen, then you are not eligible to register and vote.

Section 2 - *Legal Name: We recommend you register to vote using the same name as shown on your California driver’s license (DL) or identification card (ID).

Section 3 - Identification: If you have a California DL/ ID number and/or Social Security Number (SSN), write that information in this section. If you do not have either, you may leave the fields blank.

Section 4 - *Address Where I Live: You must provide a street address for the address at which you live. Include the apartment, unit, space, or building number, and/or letter if it applies to the address.

If you do not have a fixed address, you may give an exact description of where you live. Include cross streets, route, etc.

P.O. Boxes or Mail Drops may not be used as a residence address. They may only be used as a mailing address.

Section 5 - Address Where I Receive Mail: If your mailing address is different from your residence address, please provide your mailing address. Any address can be used as a mailing address which includes a P.O. Box or Mail Drop.

Section 6 - Registration History: Complete the registration history section, using the address that you were previously registered.

Section 7 - Vote by Mail: Under the Voter’s Choice Act, every voter will automatically be sent a Vote by Mail ballot; however, you are not required to use it. Every voter also has the option to go to a Vote Center and vote in person instead.

Section 8 - Political Party Preference: If you prefer not to select a political party, you may check the No Party/None box. Leaving this field blank will automatically default your political party preference to No Party Preference.

Section 9 - Optional Voter Information: Email, phone number, language preference, and other voting requests are optional.

Section 10 - *Affidavit: Sign and date your form. Your form must be signed under penalty of perjury in order to be validated and processed.

Returning the Registration Form
- Tear off and keep the bottom portion of the form as your receipt. Once processed and validated you will receive a voter notification card in the mail within four to six weeks.
- Forms may be mailed and must be postmarked on or before the registration deadline.
- Forms may be returned in person at the Registrar of Voters’ Office; however, returning them by mail is preferred.
- If you are returning a form on behalf of the voter, you must return it within 3 days of receiving it.

Paper & Online Registration Deadlines
- Eligible citizens who need to register or re-register to vote within 14 days of an election can complete a Conditional Voter Registration. You must vote in person at the Registrar of Voters or at any Vote Center that same day.

California Online Voter Registration
You may also register to vote at www.registertovote.ca.gov

The Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) was implemented in Santa Clara County (SCC) in 2020. VCA allows registered voters in SCC to visit any Vote Center location, as well as the Registrar of Voters’ Office to cast a ballot, drop-off a Vote by Mail ballot, receive a replacement ballot, register to vote, get language or accessibility assistance, and receive any of the services usually available at the Registrar of Voters.

YOUR VISION. YOUR DECISION.

Learn more at www.sccvote.org/voterschoice or call (866) 430-VOTE (8683) for more information.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to watch our How to Register to Vote video.

* Your form cannot be processed if these fields are left blank.

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“How to” Videos

The Registrar of Voters’ Office has several videos available on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/sccvote, or available upon request at (408) 282-3008.

The videos include the following:

- How to Register to Vote
- How to Vote by Mail
- How to Vote in Person at a Vote Center
- How to Vote a Remote Access Vote By Mail Ballot (RAVBM)
- How to Vote if you are Military or Overseas Voter

The County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters Is Going Green!

State law gives voters the option to receive their County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) electronically. The CVIG is the booklet mailed to all registered voters before every election that has information about candidates, local measures, sample of the ballot, voting and ballot drop off locations and much more. It is available in several languages including English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Go Green today! Join the Registrar of Voters in our commitment to save tax dollars and save precious resources!

Sign up to receive your County Voter Information Guide electronically

- Request by phone (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or Toll Free (866) 430-VOTE (8683)
- Go online https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/voting/pages/go-green.aspx
- Scan QR® code on the left

Ways to view your County Voter Information Guide electronically:

- Once you Opt-Out to receive the CVIG by mail, you will automatically receive an email from the Registrar of Voters’ Office every election with the link to access your CVIG online.
- Visit our website www.sccvote.org, choose the appropriate Election and click on “County Voter Information Guides”
- Download our APP – SCCVOTE
- Scan QR® Code