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 in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

Completing the Form

To avoid a delay in processing your form, make sure that your form is valid and accepted by completing the bold sections below. Leaving the following 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.

Section 2 - *Legal Name: We recommend you register to vote using the same name as shown on your driver's license.

Section 3 - Identification: If you have a CA driver's license/ identification card number and/or Social Security number, write that information here. 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. If you do not have a street address, you may give an exact description of where you live. Include cross streets, route, etc.

Include the apartment, unit, space, or building number and/or letter if it applies to your address.

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

Section 5 - Address Where I Receive Mail: If your mailing address is different from your residence address, 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, wherever 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.

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

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: The information in this section is optional.

Section 10 - *Affidavit: Sign and date your form. Your form must be signed in order to be processed and approved.

Returning the Registration Form

- Tear off and keep the bottom portion of the form as your receipt. Once processed and approved, you will receive a voter notification card in the mail
- Forms may be mailed and must be postmarked by the registration deadline
- You may return the form in person at the Registrar of Voters office, however, returning 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 and vote at the Registrar of Voters or at any Vote Center.

California Online Voter Registration

You may also register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov

Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters
VOTER'S CHOICE
your new voting experience

The Voter's Choice Act (VCA) was implemented in Santa Clara County (SCC) in 2020. Under the VCA, registered voters in SCC can 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.

VOTER'S CHOICE, IT'S YOUR CHOICE

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

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