



2023-24 Election Education Series

Part Two: Voter Registration and Primary Election Voting



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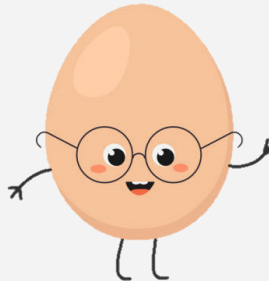
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VOTER REGISTRATION



Who, What, When, Where, Why, How?

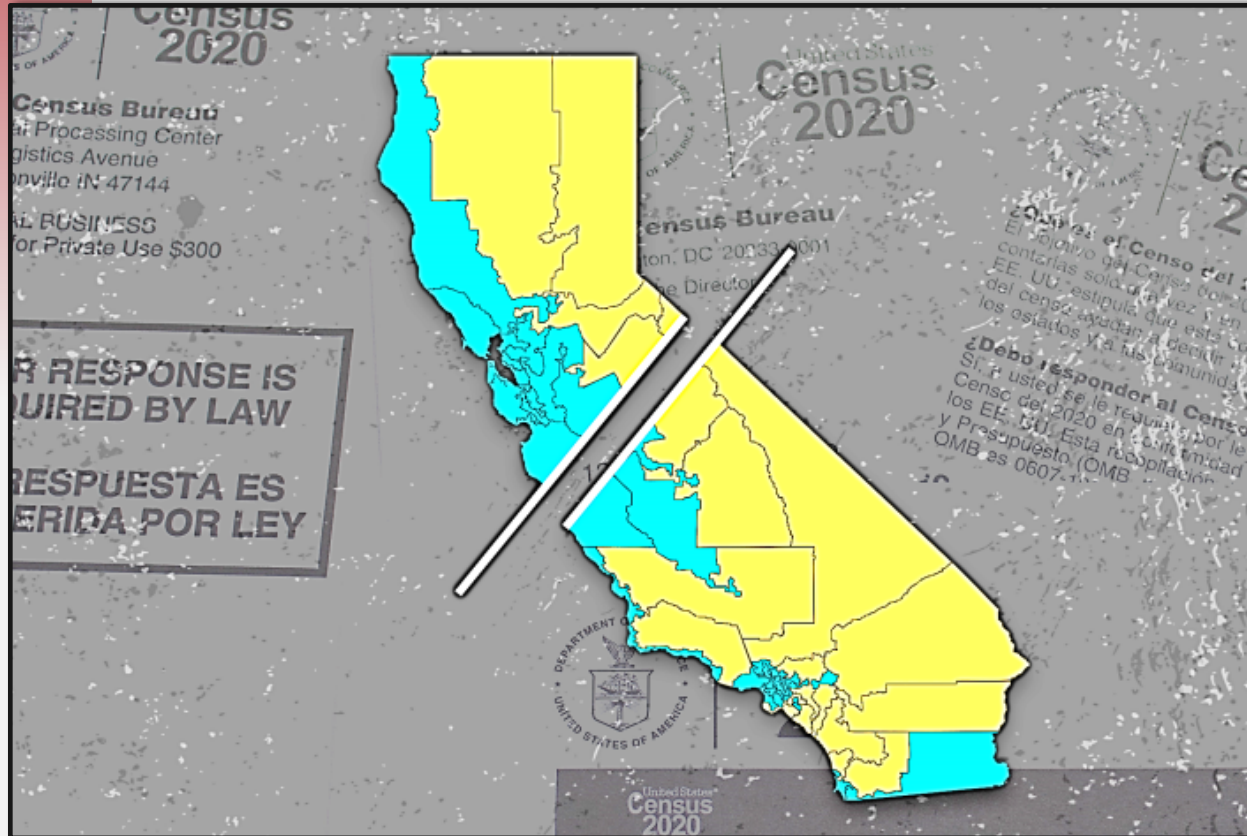
Question 1: WHO can register?

Must be:

- ☑ A U.S Citizen and a Resident of California,
- ☑ 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- ☑ Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony,
- ☑ Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.



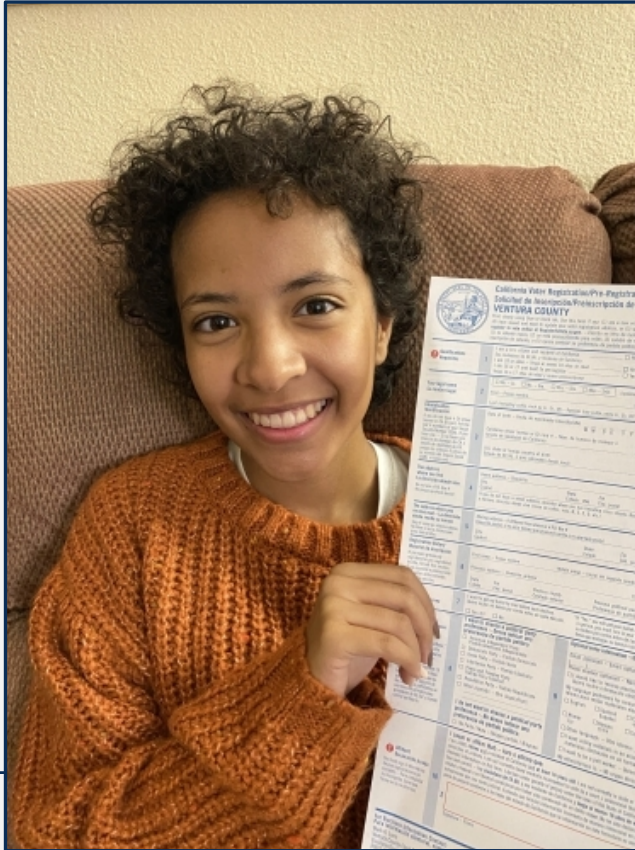
“Resident of California”



Lifelong Resident,
Transplant,
Military,
College,
Overseas,
Unhoused...

One Person,
One Vote

“18 or Older”



Happy Birthday!

**California Youth
can pre-register
at 16 & 17
years old!**

Question 2: WHEN do you register?

Register:

- ☑ When you're at least 18
- ☑ Just moved to California
- ☑ Just received your Citizenship

Re-Register:

- ☑ To Change Name
- ☑ Move New Address
- ☑ Released from custody
- ☑ To Change Political Party



Question 3: WHERE/HOW to register?

Paper Form, DMV, or Online

California Voter Registration/Pre-Registration Application
Solicitud de Inscripción/Preinscripción de Votante de California
VENTURA COUNTY

Print clearly using blue or black ink. Use this form if you: (1) are a new voter, (2) are pre-registering to vote, (3) have other information to update your voter registration address, or (4) want to change your political party preference. Use this form to register to vote online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. - Escríbalo en letra de molde usando tinta azul o negra. Use este formulario si: (1) es votante nuevo, (2) se está preinscribiendo para votar, (3) quiere cambiar su preferencia de partido político. También puede inscribirse en línea en RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Qualifications Requisitos

1 I am a U.S. citizen and resident of California
Soy ciudadano de EE.UU. y residente de California

I am 18 or older - Tengo al menos 18 años de edad
I am 16 or 17 and want to pre-register - Tengo 16 o 17 años de edad y quiero preinscribirse

☐ Yes-Sí ☐ No ☐ Yes-Sí ☐ No

Identification Identificación

If you do not have a CA driver license or CA ID card, list the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one. - Si no tiene una licencia de conducir de CA o tarjeta de identidad de California, liste los últimos 4 números de su número de Seguro Social (SSN), si lo tiene.

2 First - Primer nombre Last - Último nombre Middle - Segundo nombre

3 Date of birth - Fecha de nacimiento (month/day/year) M M D D Y Y Y Y

Elections Office, City Hall,
Library, Post Office

Return by mail



RegisterToVote.ca.gov

Fast and Convenient!

Question 4: WHAT information to register?

Name, Driver's License/Last 4 SSN

Date and Place of Birth

Home Address, Mailing Address

Previous Registration

Political Party

Optional: Email, Phone, Language, Ethnicity

Attestation, Signature, Date



Question 5: WHY is it done like this?



VOTECAL Statewide Database

Voter Registration information

Election Data

Security and Verification

Ballot Tracking

Check your registration!

voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING



March 5, 2024 Primary Election



Presidential Primary = PARTY NOMINATED

No Party Preference Voters



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PRESERVING HISTORY - PROTECTING DEMOCRACY



County Clerk County Recorder Elections

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 11/06/23 DEM: 223,948 REP: 143,568 **NONPARTISAN: 104,742** OTHER: 39,876 TOTAL 512,134

Now 20% of all VC Voters!

Closed Primary vs. Modified-Closed Primary



CLOSED PRIMARY

**Must be registered with party to vote this Presidential primary*

Green

Peace & Freedom

Republican

MODIFIED-CLOSED PRIMARY

**NPPs can request a “crossover” ballot to vote the Presidential primary*

American Independent

Democratic

Libertarian

No Party Preference Postcard



Detach here and return to address on reverse

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

March 5, 2024

I am not registered with any political party. However, for the **March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election**, I request a vote-by-mail ballot for the (choose only ONE):

- ☐ American Independent Party
- ☐ Democratic Party
- ☐ Libertarian Party

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS CARD BY DECEMBER 29, 2023

Alternatively, if you choose to vote in person, you can request one of the above parties' ballots at any Ventura County Vote Center.

To vote for a Presidential candidate in the **Peace and Freedom, Green, or Republican** party:

You must re-register with that party at the county elections office, online at registertovote.ca.gov or on a paper registration form, available at post offices, libraries and elsewhere.

Alternatively, if you vote in person, you can change your voter registration and receive a party ballot at any Ventura County Vote Center. *(If you are re-registering, you do not need to return this card.)*

Please open and read the other side of this card for important information on voting in the Primary Election.
DO NOT USE THIS CARD FOR NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGES.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. If a No Party Preference Voter doesn't request a crossover ballot or re-register with a party, what happens?**

There will be no presidential contest on your primary ballot.

- 2. Does requesting or voting on a crossover ballot change my party registration?**

No, you are still registered No Party Preference.

- 3. If I don't see the Presidential Candidate that I want, can I just write them in?**

The only names that are valid as write-ins are those who have qualified as write-ins.

Candidates who are listed ON a ballot, are NOT write-ins.

- 4. If I re-register in a party, can I go back to No Party Preference?**

Yes, simply re-register again as NPP after the election.

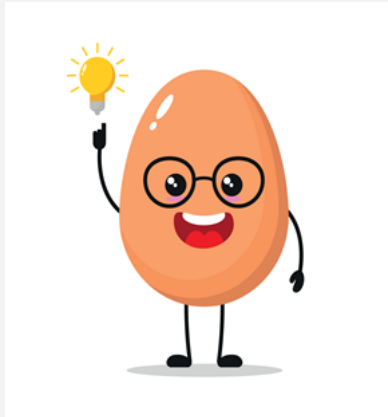
- 5. If a voter does not vote in the primary, will they be able to vote in November?**

Absolutely! Skipping the primary election does not disqualify you from voting in the General Election.

Your Homework Assignments

1. Visit VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov
and check your registration!

2. Tell your Family & Friends
to do the same!



THANK YOU!



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@VCClerkRecorder

