

GOTV in California

First things first

Register to vote:

- Go to: vote411.org/pflag
 - Check your registration status
 - If you are not registered – REGISTER NOW.
 - Find information about who is eligible to vote in California
- When you register you will be asked for your current address and ID Number (driver's license, state ID, or social security number).
- The voter registration deadline in California is October 19 (by mail and online) and November 3 (in-person).



**You can register to vote on Election Day
in California. Your vote will be counted
once the county elections office has
completed the voter registration
verification process.**

Voter Identification

In California, ID is **NOT** required to cast a ballot, except for some first-time voters.

- If you are voting for the first time after registering to vote and did not provide an ID number, you may be asked to show a form of identification when you go to the polls.
- For more information visit: vote411.org/pflag
- You can also call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Acceptable ID

A recent utility bill

Sample ballot
booklet you received
from your county
elections office

US Passport

Driver's License

Student ID

Official state ID card

And more!

Voting While Trans/Nonbinary

The state of California does not provide any specific guidance for trans and nonbinary voters. Here are a few recommendations from Advocates for Trans Equality:

- Bring valid ID and backups (voter registration card, utility bill)
- Share the #VotingWhileTrans guide with poll workers
- If needed, connect with a volunteer attorney on-site or call the National Election Protection Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Worst case, request and cast a provisional ballot and be sure to ask for follow-up instructions



Voting While Living With a Disability

- Any registered voter may vote using a vote-by-mail ballot instead of going to the polls on Election Day.
- All polling places are required to be accessible and have accessible voting machines.
- Curbside voting is available in California. Election officials can bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need to you in your car.
- You can use a Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system to vote using your own compatible technology at home. You must apply to receive a RAVBM: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/.
- You can also contact your county elections office: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices for additional information.

Voting as a New Citizen

Naturalized citizens have the same right to vote as citizens born in the United States. VoteRiders, a nonpartisan organization focused on voter-ID, recommends that new citizens:

- Update ID documents to be sure your citizen status is reflected accurately.
- Check your voter registration to ensure that you are registered (and then check again before your state's voter registration deadline).
- Familiarize yourself with the laws in your state that have to do with voting. Verify if language assistance is readily available.
- You can find additional information here: voteriders.org/voter/citizen



**All registered voters in California
will receive a ballot automatically
in the mail.**

Absentee voting or voting by mail

Vote by mail.

- Voters do not need to request an absentee ballot. All registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot automatically.
- In California, an absentee ballot must be received by the time polls close on Tuesday, November 3 if dropping it off in-person.
- You can find Vote-by-Mail Drop-Off Locations here:
caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/
- If returning by mail, the must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 10.



PFLAG recommends that voters get their ballots in the mailbox no later than Tuesday, October 20.

Early voting

Vote early.

- All registered voters in California can vote early for any reason.
- You can find information about early voting locations in California here: vote411.org/pflag
- Early voting dates differ by county. Voter's Choice Act counties will open early voting on October 24. All early voting locations will be open on Saturday, October 31.
- Information about early voting locations will be available here caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/ on October 5, 2026.



Voting on Election Day:

Vote on election day.

- Polls open in California at 7am and close at 8pm on Tuesday, November 3.
- You can find information about the location of your polling place here: vote411.org/pflag . You can also call (800) 345-VOTE (8683).
- If you arrive and are told you won't be allowed to vote:
 - Don't panic. Ask why, fix any problems, ask about same day registration, request a provisional ballot, etc.
 - Call 866-OUR-VOTE or 888-VE-Y-VOTA.



**If you are in line to vote
when the polls close,
STAY IN LINE.**