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in Contra Costa County



VOTING MATTERS:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

BALLOT INFORMATION

- ✓ Ballots will be mailed to ALL registered voters on or before October 5, 2020; if someone has not received their ballot by October 19 call the county elections department at 925-335-7800.
- ✓ Every vote by mail ballot packet will include an "I Voted" sticker!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ✓ Last Day to register to vote in order to receive a ballot by mail: October 19, 2020.
- ✓ You can still register up to and on Election Day in person at the Registrar's office or any polling place.
- ✓ If you've recently moved don't forget to update your voter registration and check your voter registration status at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov, at least 15 days before Election Day (October 19, 2020).
- ✓ If you are registering less than 15 days before Election Day you will need to complete the [Same-Day Voter Registration](#) process and request your ballot in person at your elections office or polling location.
- ✓ To check if you are registered: If in Contra Costa County: cocovote.us or call 925-335-7800. If elsewhere in CA: registertovote.ca.gov.
- ✓ If voter has not previously received a ballot by mail they will have received a postcard asking them to: a) update their address if needed at registertovote.ca.gov prior to September 1, and, b) update their signature to ensure that their ballot will be counted.
- ✓ Registration: Track your ballot at california.ballottrax.net/voter.

VOTING INFORMATION

- ✓ Every voter will receive a Voter Information Guide translated into Spanish and Chinese. It includes a Sample Ballot with instructions in English, Spanish and Chinese. Guides are being mailed beginning September 24.
- ✓ If someone is not registered but is eligible to vote, they can register and vote at one of the Early Voting sites or on Election Day at an in-person polling site.
- ✓ Voters can return their ballots from October 5 – November 3; ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received within 17 days of the election (11/20/2020).
- ✓ Voters can drop off their ballots at one of 37 Drop Box sites starting on October 5 up until 8 pm on Election Day. The boxes are emptied daily. For a list of sites consult the Voter Information Guide or: cocovote.us.
- ✓ 17 Regional Early Voting sites will be open from October 30, 31 and November 2 and Election Day; for a list of sites consult the Voter Information Guide or cocovote.us.
- ✓ Polling place assignments for each voter will appear in the Voter Information Guide available in early October at cocovote.us and will be open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm on Election Day. 15 satellite voting polling sites will be established in areas with high in-person voting rates.
- ✓ **Submit your ballot in October—do not wait until November!**
- ✓ If you haven't mailed in your ballot at least one week ahead of time don't—drop it off at one of the drop off sites.

KEY POINTS

- No stamps needed on mail-in ballots.
- Local elections can be decided by a single vote.
- In addition to the Presidential election there are important local and state elections/ballot measures on the ballot.
- You do not have to vote the entire ballot.