Register to Vote

Before you can vote in Los Angeles County, you must register to vote. This is the first step in the voting process. You must be registered to vote at least 15 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election.

You may register to vote in L.A. County if you are:

• A citizen of the United States
• At least 18 years of age or older on or before Election Day
• Not found mentally incompetent by a court of law

You are not:

- Serving a state prison term for a felony conviction in a County jail under contract between state and local officials.
- On parole/probation for a felony conviction as a condition of your release from prison/jail.

Get your Sample Ballot

The Sample Ballot booklet is just that – an example of your ballot. It is specific to the information you provided on your voter registration form, such as where you live and the party preference.

Your Sample Ballot is a great tool to use before and on Election Day. You can find the following items in your Sample Ballot Booklet:

• Candidates and measures you can vote for on Election Day
• Candidate statements
• Assigned polling place
• Vote by Mail Ballot Application

The RR/CC automatically mails Sample Ballots to registered voters 30 to 40 days prior to every election. You can even request an E-Sample Ballot to be sent to you by email. In addition, you can access your Sample Ballot online with the Sample Ballot Lookup.

Vote at your Convenience

Vote at the Polls

Voting at a designated polling place on Election Day is the most common way to vote. Polling places are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All the supplies needed to vote are on site at the polling place, where pollworkers are there all day to assist voters and answer voting questions.

Vote by Mail

Vote by Mail is becoming increasingly more popular as it provides much more flexibility and convenience to fill out your Ballot from home. Those who choose to Vote by Mail also have the option to deliver your ballot to your polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Effective January 1, 2015, Vote by Mail ballots postmarked by Election Day will be counted if received within three days by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Vote Early

Starting 29 days before an election, voters can come to the RR/CC HQ in Norwalk to vote early. Two weeks before the election, the office is open Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.