Los Angeles County
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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Vote By Mail Instructions

Presidential Primary Election
March 3, 2020

DON'T WAIT, VOTE EARLY!

LAVote.net

Information for Voters

Alternate Ballot Order (Senate Bill 25)

Senate Bill 25 was approved by the Governor on September 29, 2018 requiring the County of Los Angeles to conduct elections using an alternate ballot order for three years once the voting system is updated. With the implementation of Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP), our new Ballot Marking Device will be able to accommodate the changes in the ballot. The new ballot order will begin with City/Local offices and measures and will end with the President and Vice President nominees.

Crossover Voting for No Party Preference Voters

If you registered to vote without stating a political party preference, you are a No Party Preference (NPP) voter. For presidential primary elections, each political party has the option to allow NPP voters to request their party's presidential ballot. The following parties will allow NPP voters to request their party's presidential ballot:

- American Independent
- Democratic
- Libertarian

NPP voters can request a crossover at any Vote Center. To request a Vote by Mail ballot, voters can fill out and return the application on the back cover of this booklet, or complete the online application at LAVote.net.

The following parties do not allow NPP voters to request their party's presidential ballot:

- Green
- Peace and Freedom
- Republican

NPP voters can receive a party's ballot by changing their party affiliation at any Vote Center through Conditional Voter Registration. To receive a Vote by Mail ballot for one of these parties you must change your party affiliation by completing a new voter registration by February 18.

Offices on the Ballot

The ballot for this election includes both partisan and non-partisan nominating offices. Your ballot may also include local nonpartisan contests (County Board of Supervisors, County District Attorney, Superior Court Judges, School or Special Districts, and/or City offices).

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Party-Nominated Offices

If you indicated a political party preference when you registered to vote, you may only vote for party-nominated partisan offices for that particular party in the Presidential Primary Election.

The United States Presidential candidate is nominated by members of his or her political party through presidential primary elections. However, a political party may allow a voter who has declined to disclose a party preference (No Party Preference) to vote in that party's primary election.

Voter-Nominated Offices

All voters may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office. The “Top Two” candidates at the Primary Election advance to the General Election.

The following voter-nominated offices for this election are: U.S. Congressional, State Senator and State Assembly.

A Write-in candidate will only move on to the General Election if the candidate is one of the “Top Two: candidates in the Primary Election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the Primary Election, and a candidate nominated for a nonpartisan office at the Primary Election is not the official nominee of any party at the ensuing General Election. The top two candidates at the Primary Election advance to the General Election for the nonpartisan office.

A majority of votes cast (50 percent plus 1 vote) is required to elect a candidate for County Board of Supervisors, Judges of Superior Court, County District Attorney, City Council, or City Mayor. If no candidate receives 50% +1, a run-off will occur.

Do you need assistance voting?

If a voter declares under oath that they are unable to mark a ballot that voter may receive assistance marking their ballot by two (2) persons of their selection. (E.C. 14282)

Review your Sample Ballot and visit LAVote.net to make sure you are ready for the election.

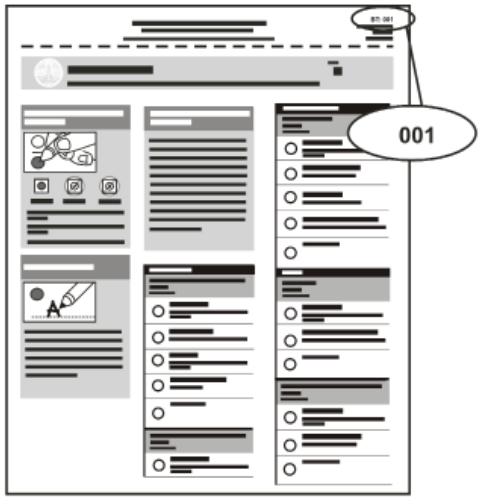
Check your material

Your Vote By Mail package consists of:

Ballot group numbers on materials **must** match. **Example:** 001 (Ballot Group)

If ballot group numbers do not match, please call **(800) 815-2666, option 2.**

1 Official Ballot Card



2 Ballot Return Envelope

3 Ballot Secrecy Sleeve

Important:

If you did not receive an Official Ballot Card, mark your choice on the Official Sample Ballot page and insert into Ballot Return Envelope.

Marking your ballot

- Use only **black** or **blue** ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill the entire circle matching your vote choice.
- **Do not** vote for more choices than indicated.
- **Do not** punch a hole through the ballot card.

Misplaced or damaged ballot

- Call **(800) 815-2666, option 2** to request a replacement ballot before Election Day.

FAXED BALLOT OATH

Complete and return this form with your voted ballot.
Both OATH and BALLOT must be received by 8:00 pm (PST) on Election Day.

Fax your voted ballot and oath to (562) 232-7924 or (877) 614-1127
(remember to use the country code if faxing from outside of the United States)

In choosing to return your ballot by fax, you have waived your right to have your voted ballot kept secret (California Elections Code, Section 3106). Once received, your vote choices will be duplicated by an elections official onto ballot card(s). However, every effort will be made to ensure your vote is kept confidential.

1. PRINT NAME: _____ **2. DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

First Name | Middle Name or Initial | Last Name

3. RESIDENCE ADDRESS (please print)

Number and Street – as registered (P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc. not acceptable) | (Designate, N, S, E, W if used)

City | County | Zip Code **U.S.A.**

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____ **EMAIL:** _____

OATH OF VOTER

Please read the following statement and then sign and date below

I declare as follows:

(1) I am a member of the active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a Merchant Marine; a member of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; a member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps of the United States; or a member on activated status of the National Guard or state militia; or an eligible spouse or dependent of such person; or an eligible U.S. citizen living outside of the territorial limits of the U.S. or the District of Columbia; and

(2) I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and I am eligible to vote in the California jurisdiction in which I am voting with the enclosed/attached ballot; and

(3) I am not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and

(4) I have not been found by a court to be mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and

(5) I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., except the California jurisdiction cited in this enclosed/attached ballot; and

(6) I am the person whose name appears on this document.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California or the U.S. that the foregoing is true and correct.

Your ballot will not be counted unless you sign this declaration and include it in the same fax transmission with your ballot. You must sign in your own handwriting.

My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document. The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury under the laws of the State of California or the U.S.

X_____ _____

YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE - DO NOT PRINT (Power of Attorney NOT ACCEPTABLE) | Date

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

VOTER ID #	BALLOT GROUP #	AV ID #	SERIAL #

County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 12400 Imperial Hwy Norwalk CA 90650 USA

Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
   - a U.S. citizen living in California
   - at least 18 years old
   - registered where you currently live
   - 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

2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**

4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

   Ask an elections official at a Vote Center for a new ballot,

   Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your Vote Center, or **Vote using a provisional ballot.**

6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any Vote Center** in California.

8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.

9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

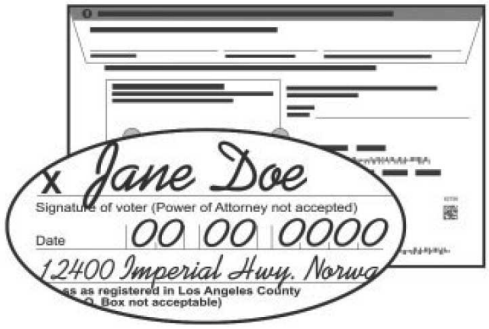
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

    If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.
    - On the web at **www.sos.ca.gov**
    - By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
    - By email at **elections@sos.ca.gov**

Return your voted ballot

Voted ballot must be received postmarked on or before Election Day and received by Elections Office no later than 3 days after Election Day - March 3, 2020.

By Mail



1. Remove ballot stub from Official Ballot Card. (This is your receipt).
2. Place Official Ballot Card in the Ballot Secrecy Sleeve.
3. Place sleeve in Ballot Return Envelope and print your residence address.
4. You can return your ballot by mail, there is no postage necessary.
5. **Sign** the back of the Ballot Return Envelope. If you don't sign it, it doesn't count. Signature must match voter registration record.

   Mail delivery may be delayed. Be sure to mail back your ballot early.

Ballot drop-off location

Beginning February 3, any voter may drop off their voted ballot. Visit **lavote.net** to find the nearest drop-off location.

Return by fax

Include the signed **Faxed Ballot Oath** when you transmit your voted ballot.

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(877) 614-1127

Questions or problems

(800) 815-2666, option 2