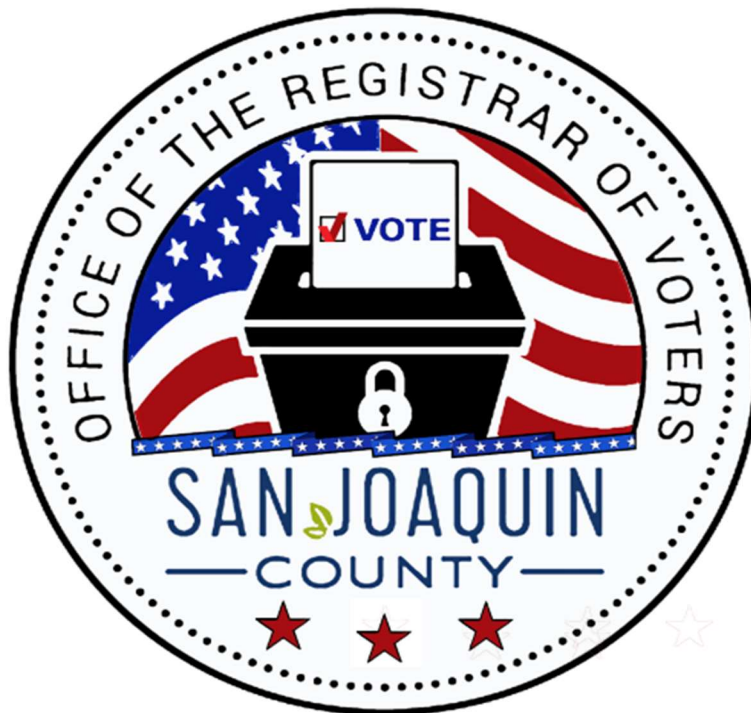


**County of San Joaquin**  
**Registrar of Voters**  
*Glossary of Election Words, Phrases, and Acronyms*  
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***From the Office of the San Joaquin County  
Registrar of Voters***

Terminology associated with the electoral process can be confusing and difficult to understand. With that in mind, we have created a *Glossary of Election Words, Phrases, and Acronyms* that we hope will provide some clarity on many of the words, phrases, and acronyms used in the election profession.

This glossary is intended to cover some of the more common terminology used by election officials in San Joaquin County. For a more extensive glossary, see the United States Election Assistance Commission glossary at:

<https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/glossaries-election-terminology>

We also invite you to visit our website for election information specific to San Joaquin County at [www.sjcrov.org](http://www.sjcrov.org). You can also check out our daily presence on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

San Joaquin County is not governed by the California Voter's Choice Act (VCA). This act gives counties the option to replace neighborhood polling places with vote centers distributed throughout the county. The VCA has its own unique jargon which we excluded from our glossary as they are not part of the election landscape in this county. You can read about the VCA at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/voters-choice-act>.

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<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
1% Manual Tally	A legally required manual count of ballots to verify the machine count of the votes before certification.
15-Day Close of Registration	Deadline in California, set by law, to register to vote prior to each election.
8D2 Cards	A voter residency confirmation card sent by first class forwardable mail that is used to confirm the address of a voter. This card is used to manage the voter registration file and confirm and correct addresses of voters who may have moved. This process is required under the Elections Code as a residency confirmation procedure often called “purging the voter file.”
Absentee Ballot	Outdated terminology. Now referred to as Vote-by-Mail Ballot.
Accessible Ballot	A ballot, typically an electronic touchscreen, upon which appears the names of candidates and ballot titles of measures to be voted on that is accessible for use by persons with disabilities by touching the designated area on the screen or by using an assistive device, such as audio listening device and braille touch pad or sip-and-puff.
Active Voter	A voter whose information is up to date, who can receive voting materials and who has most recently voted or whose address has been confirmed through an address residency confirmation mailing. An active voter is legally entitled to vote and sign a petition.
Address Correction Service (ACS)	Data provided through the United States Postal Service where a county elections official may utilize the information to manage and update voter registration records and mail residency confirmation cards.
Adopt a Poll Program	Organizations or groups of citizens can staff or manage a polling place for the Registrar of Voters’ Office.
Affidavit of Registration	Also known as a voter registration form, voter registration card, application for voter registration, and voter registration application. Every person who desires to be a registered voter must complete this form (except upon the production and filing of a judgement of the superior court). A properly executed affidavit shall be deemed effective upon receipt by the county elections official on or before the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before an election, and under other specified and timely conditions. Whenever a voter has moved, the voter shall execute a new affidavit of registration or a notice or letter of the change to be properly registered.
All Mail Ballot Election	A local, special, or consolidated election that is conducted wholly by mail, under certain conditions.

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Alternate Residency Confirmation	A procedure that requires the county elections official to mail a forwardable postcard to each voter listed on the rolls who has not voted nor changed their address in four years; and subsequently requires the voter to act, by responding to the postcard, indicating a desire to remain an “active” voter. See also Address Correction Service and Positive Purge.
Americans with Disabilities Act	Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. Federal legislation that sets specific minimum standards for employment practices, programs, and services, accessibility to buildings and websites, for persons with disabilities. Applies to polling places.
Ballot	One or more cards or sheets of paper upon which are printed the names of candidates and ballot titles of measures to be voted upon by marking the designated areas or touching an electronic touchscreen.
Ballot Drop Box	A secure receptacle established by the Registrar of Voters whereby a voted mail ballot may be returned. Often simply referred to as a “Drop Box.”
Ballot Drop Off Location (Interior or Exterior)	A location established by the Registrar of Voters where the secure Ballot Drop Box will be located, either inside or outside of a location.
Ballot in an Accessible Format	See Accessible Ballot.
Ballot Marking Device	A device used to assist a voter in marking their ballot. The device may be of any size, shape, or form, and the impression made on the ballot must clearly indicate the choice of the voter.
Ballot On Demand	A certified self-contained system that allows a county elections official to print, on demand, ballot cards onto official ballot card stock to provide to registered voters for voting. This system will supplement the official ballots prepared in advance of the election, on an as needed basis.
Ballot Pamphlet	A publication of the Secretary of State that includes information on state propositions. Also known as “voter information guide.” Not to be confused with the “sample ballot” produced and distributed by county election officials.
BOS (Board of Supervisors)	Governing body of the County of San Joaquin.
CACEO	California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials. Also known as CACEO.
California Code of Regulations	Legal document in which the Secretary of State codifies regulations to assure the uniform application and administration of state election laws.

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
California Elections Code	Laws that govern the administration of elections in California.
California New Motor Voter Program	Often referred to as Motor Voter. Program automatically registers eligible Californians who are completing a driver's license or state identification card. Also see National Voter Registration Act of 1993.
California Voting Rights Act	State law makes it easier for minority groups to prove that their votes are being diluted in "at-large" elections by expanding on the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.
Cal-Voter	The statewide voter registration database developed and managed by the Secretary of State. See VoteCal.
Canceled Voter	A voter may be canceled in the voter database after the following actions: non-response to an address confirmation mailing, having no voting record for two consecutive presidential election cycles, by death, or by voter's own request. This voter will not appear on the roster of voters, or any list prepared by the elections official and will not receive any voting materials. A canceled voter is eligible to vote upon the completion of a new voter registration application. A canceled voter is not eligible to sign a petition.
Candidate for Public Office	An individual who has qualified to have his or her name listed on the ballot of any election.
Candidate Guide	A booklet published by the Registrar of Voters for each election. It contains facts, statistics, deadlines, Fair Political Practices Commission and Secretary of State forms, and other information for persons wishing to run for office.
Canvass/Official Canvass	The legal timeframe, commencing after election day, for the county election officials to complete the processing and tallying of all ballots received, including provisional, vote by mail and conditional voter ballots, reconcile materials, conduct the manual tally (verification) of ballots, certify results, and issue election certificates.
CCROV	Secretary of State Memos to the County Clerks and Registrar of Voters.
Central Count	Refers to voting systems that count ballots at a central location instead of at each polling place.
Cert List	Certified list of candidates, often referred to as a "Cert List." Those persons who are entitled to have their names printed on ballots.
Clerk	The county elections official, registrar of voters, city clerk, or other officer or board charged with the duty of conducting any election.

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Conditional Voter Registration	A properly executed affidavit of registration that is delivered by the registrant to the county election officials during the 14 days immediately prior to or on election day and which may be deemed effective after the election official processes the affidavit, determines the registrant’s eligibility to register, and validates the registrant’s information before or during the canvass period. The elector may complete a conditional voter registration form and cast a provisional ballot. Often referred to as “Same-Day Registration.”
Consolidated Precinct	“Consolidated precincts” are home precincts that are grouped together for a specific election because the voters within those home precincts will be casting their ballots on the same issue(s) and can vote at the same polling place.
Contest	This term can have two meanings: (1) a competition between two candidates for elective office or the competition for approval or denial of a ballot measure or (2) a formal process to challenge in court the outcome of an election.
County Voter Information Guide (CVIG)	A booklet prepared, translated, and printed by election officials that contains information, such as a list of ballot drop off locations and polling place locations; a sample of the official ballot (see Sample Ballot); candidate statements; legal text, impartial analysis, and arguments in favor of or against local ballot measures; and a ballot replacement request form. The County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) is mailed starting approximately 40-days before an election. Formerly known as the sample ballot pamphlet. Translated versions available in Spanish. Not to be confused with the Official Voter Information Guide prepared by the Secretary of State.
Crossover Voting	Refers to a behavior in which voters cast ballots for a party with which they are not traditionally affiliated. This does not affect the general election, just the primaries.
Deadwood	Persons who have their names on the voter file, but who have moved, died, are duplicate registrations, or otherwise no longer should be included on the list of registered voters. Deadwood is caused primarily by voters who move and who do not file a change of address with the United States Postal Service (the Post Office).
Decline to State	Those voters who register to vote but do not affiliate with a qualified political party. Also referred to as No Party Preference or Independent Voter.
Direct Primary	Primary election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year that is not evenly divisible by four and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in each even-numbered year that is evenly divisible by four.
Disinformation	Deliberate effort to mislead others with false information.

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Domicile	A person’s fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes. This definition is used for purposes of determining a voter’s appropriate address for voter registration purposes. See Residence.
Downloadable Ballot	A ballot obtained through the Registrar of Voters’ Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) application and electronically copied to a voter's home device for use in voting.
Drop Box	<p>Unstaffed Drop Box: A secured drop box that is not within view of a live person for monitoring and is available for use by a voter 24 hours a day to drop off their signed and sealed ballot.</p> <p>Staffed: A drop box or a secure ballot container that is placed in a location that is in the view of a live person who is employed at the location of the drop box, a city or county employee, or a temporary worker or volunteer retained for the purpose of monitoring the drop box. A staffed drop box is typically not available for use by a voter 24 hours a day to drop off their signed and sealed ballot.</p>
E-Date	E-Minus, or Election Day Minus, followed by several days; for example, E-15 means 15 days before Election Day. This is a key term used for planning purposes. E-Dates are displayed in an election-specific measure calendar. E-Day is abbreviation for Election Day.
Early Voting	Casting a ballot before Election Day. California has “no-excuse” early voting, and a voter does not have to provide an excuse for being unable to vote on Election Day. In California, early voting can commence as soon as 29-days prior to the election. Registered voters in San Joaquin County may vote early at the office of the Registrar of Voters prior to Election Day. They may also deposit their ballot in one of the ballot drop boxes found throughout the county.
EIMS	Election Information Management System which is an elections software database program that the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters’ Office leases from DFM Associates.
Election	A vote of the people to choose who will hold public office or decide if a ballot measure passes.
Election Advisory Committee	Provides recommendations to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and Registrar of Voters’ Office to reform the public’s perception of the integrity of the electoral process and to increase voter confidence, public trust, and voter engagement in San Joaquin County.
Election Observers	People watching or observing procedures at the polls and/or the Registrar of Voters’ Office. Observers are usually volunteers that monitor the ballot counting process, beginning with equipment testing prior to and immediately following the actual ballot counting.

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Elections Official	A clerk or any person who is charged with the duty of conducting an election.
Election Officer	Also known as a poll worker and can be assigned as a clerk or Inspector with varying duties. Election Officer's assist voters at a polling place, verify eligibility, issue official ballots, and perform other duties. Must also attend training (either online or in-person) conducted by the Registrar of Voters to serve at a polling place.
Electioneering	The visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure within 100 feet of a polling place or obstructing access to mail ballot drop boxes.
Electronic Poll Book (E-Poll Book)	Digital format of the roster of voters, typically printed and bound. This is the official list of registered voters eligible to vote in the election, is used to verify a voter's eligibility to receive a ballot and captures voter history in real time to prevent double voting. Electronic poll books cannot be connected to a voting system and must have backup power for continued operations.
Facsimile Ballot	A copy of a printed ballot made available in a format the voter may request for use, such as translated into a specific language (see Sample Ballot) or printed with large text for visually impaired. A voter may request to receive a facsimile ballot by mail or in person at the Registrar of Voters. The facsimile ballot is not an official ballot and cannot be tabulated by the voting system.
Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)	California state agency that regulates campaign financing, conflicts of interest, lobbying, and governmental ethics. Commission created by the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Proposition 9).
Filing Fee	The fee a candidate pays to run for office.
General Election	The election held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each even numbered year.
GIS (Geographical Information System)	Mapping technology used in voter registration systems and the drawing of precinct boundaries, redistricting, and districts that request the Registrar of Voters to administer their elections.
Hart Verity Voting System	System used in polling locations for voters to cast their ballots. System consists of Verity Touch Writer (touch pad), Verity Scan (scanner), and Verity Print (printer). San Joaquin County supplements the Voting System with iPads. Learn more about the Voting System at <a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections">www.sos.ca.gov/elections</a> (check Voting Technology).
Help America Vote Act (HAVA)	States receive federal funds through HAVA to help modernize and reform their voting processes.



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In Lieu	Means instead of. See Signatures-in-Lieu.
Inspector	The supervisor of the polling place of which he or she is assigned. Required to attend training (either online or in-person).
Inactive Voter	A voter may be inactivated if the county has received: a returned residency confirmation mailing without a forwarding address within the same county, or information obtained through the United States Postal Service' National Change of Address database indicating the voter has moved outside the county. This voter will not appear on the roster of active voters, or any list prepared by the elections official and will not receive any voting materials. Further, inactive voters who do not vote in two consecutive Federal general elections are subject to cancellation. An inactive voter becomes active and eligible to vote upon the response to the address confirmation card, by signing a petition indicating the same address, or by completion of a new voter registration application.
Index (Indices)	List of registered voters in the precinct in either alphabetical or street address order.
Initiative	Proposal placed on the ballot by the people to be decided by the voters. Initiatives qualify for the ballot through submission of a petition signed by a designated percentage of the electorate.
Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)	The Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) is formed to advise the Registrar of Voters on matters relating to access to the electoral process by voters with limited English proficiency. The Registrar of Voters shall consult with and consider the recommendations of the committee, who shall serve in an advisory capacity.
Language Minority Community	A group of people that speak a language that is required to be serviced under the Federal Voting Rights Act or California law.
Mail Ballot Precinct	A precinct that has 250 or less persons registered to vote as of 88 days prior to an election may be designated as a "mail ballot precinct," and the elections official may furnish each voter with a vote-by-mail ballot without requiring an application.
Mal-information	Information that is based in reality and used to inflict harm on individuals.
Measure	An ordinance, advisory question, issue, or charter amendment which is submitted to a popular vote at an election by action of a board of supervisors, city council, school board, or special district governing board. Also includes elections held for general and special taxes placed on the ballot by local governments for voter approval as required by Proposition 218. Statewide measures are referred to as propositions.
Misinformation	Unintentional spread of factually incorrect information.

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Mitigation Equipment	Materials and supplies used to improve the accessibility of and access to a voting location, limiting the barriers to voting.
Mobile Vote Center	A mobile operation administered by an election department that meets the same criteria and provides the same services as a polling place location.
National Voter Registration Act of 1993	Often referred to as “Motor Voter.” Federal legislation provides for citizens the opportunity to register to vote in conjunction with agencies such as the DMV and state social services programs (e.g., Medi-Cal).
National Change of Address (NCOA)	Often referred to as “NCOA.” Information, or data consisting of names and addresses of individuals and families who have filed a change of address with the United States Postal Service.
NetFile	San Joaquin County requires all campaign disclosure reports and documents mandated by the FPPC to be filed electronically. San Joaquin County has contracted with NetFile to be the filing platform for all local candidates, their committees, and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures to electronically submit campaign finance statements.
Nomination Papers	The legally required paperwork that must be filed for a person to run for office.
Nonpartisan Office	An office, except for a voter-nominated office, for which no political party may nominate a candidate.
Oath of Office	An oath or affirmation a person takes before assuming the duties of an office.
Official Results	The final tabulation issued after completion of the official canvass.
Open Primary	The top two vote getters regardless of party preference move on to the general election. Applies only to partisan offices.
Partisan Office	An office for which a political party may nominate a candidate.
Party	A political party or organization which has qualified for participation in any election.
Petition	Document addressed to some public official and signed by numerous individuals. Several types of petitions: recall of an elected official, submitting signatures to run for office, gathering signatures for an initiative or referendum
Poll Worker	See Election Officer.
Polling Place	A location where a voter casts a ballot.
Positive Purge	A purge procedure that requires the voter to take an action to prevent being moved to the inactive or canceled file, such as returning a postcard indicating a desire to remain an active voter. See ARC and Alternate Residency Confirmation.

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Precinct	A grouping of voters in a geographical area usually with a unique combination of districts. All voters of the same precinct are assigned to a polling place for an election.
Precinct Board	The persons appointed to serve as election officers for each precinct at any election shall constitute the precinct board for that precinct and polling place. A person who cannot read or write the English language is not eligible to act as a member of any precinct board. The composition of the precinct board shall be determined by the elections official based on election precinct size. The precinct board shall consist of a minimum of one inspector and two clerks. See Election Officer.
Preelection Residency Confirmation	Required to be completed no later than 90 days before each primary election held in the state. The county election official mails a no forwardable postcard to each registered voter of the county. The cards are sent labeled “Address Correction Requested, Return Postage Guaranteed,” and are not forwarded to the voter but returned to the county election official with any new address correction information the United States Postal Service may have. The county election official may exclude those voters who may have voted in an election that occurred no less than 6 months prior to the commencement of the confirmation mailing.
Provisional Ballot	A term used to refer to a ballot that is issued to a voter whose eligibility to vote cannot be immediately determined, or who is a conditional voter. This ballot is “provisionally” completed, sealed in a pink envelope, and verified at the Registrar of Voters’ office before it can be counted.
Purge	Any procedure that moves an active voter record to the inactive file.
QR Codes	Visual encoding of information that directs users to a specific website when a user scans it. QR Codes can be added to election materials (e.g., County Voter Information Guide) or websites (e.g., online voter registration).
Random Alphabet	Randomized alphabet drawing conducted by state or local elections officials and used to rotate names on ballots so that each candidate has an equal chance to have his or her name listed on the top of the ballot.
Recall	Power of the voters to remove state and local elected officials before their terms expire. It does not apply to federal officials.
Recount	Following completion of the official canvass, any voter has 5 days to ask for a recount of the votes cast for a candidate or measure on the ballot.
Referendum	A political challenge by voters to an enactment already made by a legislative body. Qualifies for the ballot through submission of a petition signed by a designated percentage of the electorate. Referendum is singular while referenda is plural.

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Registrar of Voters (ROV)	The person who oversees the Registrar of Voters' Office. Appointed by the Board of Supervisors but reports to the County Administrator.
Registrar of Voters' Office (ROV)	The Department in San Joaquin County government responsible for administering voter registration and elections.
Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)	A system and its software that is used for the sole purpose of marking an electronic vote by mail ballot for a voter with disabilities or a military or overseas voter who shall print the paper cast vote record to be submitted to the election official. A remote accessible vote by mail system shall not be connected to a voting system at any time.
Replacement Ballot	A voter who has not received, lost, made an error in marking their ballot, or who would like to request a ballot in a different language or format may request to receive a new ballot. Upon issuing a second, or replacement ballot to the voter, the first ballot issued is cancelled in the election management system to prevent double voting.
Report of Registration	Secretary of State releases this report every six months. It is a compilation of voter registration numbers reported by California's 58 county elections offices.
Residence	For voting purposes means a person's domicile, or place in which his or her habitation is fixed.
Roster or Roster Index	The official list of eligible voters for an election, which may be in paper or electronic form. The roster becomes the official index of voters who have voted in the election once signed by the voter or marked by the election's official.
Safe at Home	Confidential address program administered by the Secretary of State. It offers participants a substitute mailing address to receive first class, certified, and registered mail. Participants have their voter registration information kept confidential.
Sample Ballot	Appears inside the County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) prepared for each election. Under state law, the sample ballot is a substantial facsimile of an official ballot; however, a sample ballot is not the same size nor printed on the same paper as an official ballot, and has extra spacing, all which make it unreadable by the vote tabulating system.
Corruption and Electioneering Notice Poster (Senate Bill 35)	County election officials are required to post a notice regarding the prohibition of electioneering and the corruption of the voting process on county websites and at polling places, curbside voting, and drop boxes.
Secretary of State	Chief elections officer of the State of California.
Secure Ballot Container	A lockable and secure container that is placed inside a drop box or is a stand-alone container. If a secure ballot container is used inside a drop box, ballots are deposited directly into that container. A secure ballot container is not required for all drop boxes.

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Semifinal Official Results	The public process of collecting, processing, and tallying ballots and, for state or statewide elections, reporting results to the Secretary of State on election night. The semifinal official canvass may include some or all the vote-by-mail and provisional vote totals.
Signature Verification	When a ballot is returned to the Registrar of Voters' Office, election officials have a process for examining each signature and comparing it to the other documents in their files that contain the voter signature. Signatures are also verified for petitions filed with the Registrar of Voters' Office.
Signatures-in-Lieu	Signatures gathered that can offset filing fees for candidates.
Staffed Drop Box	A drop box or a secure ballot container that is placed in a location that is in the view of a live person who is employed at the location of the drop box, a city or county employee, or a temporary worker or volunteer retained for the purpose of monitoring the drop box. A staffed drop box is typically not available for use by a voter 24 hours a day.
Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)	Candidates for elective office must file Form 700 with the Registrar of Voters' Office. The form seeks financial information about the candidate so that voters can determine if the candidate has a financial conflict of interest. In addition, the law requires every local government agency to adopt a conflict-of-interest code. All county departments and selected government officials in other local governments must file their forms with the Registrar of Voters' Office.
Statement of Vote	Report published by the Secretary of State that contains the statistics of the number of votes cast in past elections.
Unofficial Results	All election results issued prior to completion of the official canvass.
Unprocessed Ballots	Voted polling place ballot, vote-by-mail ballot, voted provisional ballot, or voted conditional ballot that have not yet been counted or processed for counting.
Vault or Secure Room	Room at the Registrar of Voters' Office used to store and secure ballots. When voted ballots are present, state law requires that two staff members are required to be present and enter the vault or secure room together. The ballots are also under constant video surveillance.
Vote-by-Mail (VBM)	Any voter casting a ballot in any way other than at a polling place.
Voter Registration Form	Every person who desires to be a registered voter must complete a form giving the Registrar of Voters' Office information such as name, address, and political party (if any) they wish to join.

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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)	The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) is responsible for making recommendations for improving access to voting and election materials. The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of State.
VoteCal	Formerly known as Cal-Voter. This is the centralized statewide voter registration database developed and managed by the Secretary of State. Each county in the state is connected to the system and can use it to check for duplicate registrations, move a voter's record from one county to another when the voter moves, check registration records to ensure voters have not been convicted of a crime that would preclude them from voting, and much more. See Cal-Voter.
Voter	Person who has the legal right to vote in an election.
Voter Bill of Rights	Ten rights you have as a voter. They are listed in Elections Code §2300.
Voter Education and Outreach Committee (VEOC)	The Voting Education and Outreach Committee (VEOC) is established to advise and make recommendations to the Registrar of Voters (ROV) on matters related to enhancing education opportunities in the County and increasing voter participation through outreach and engagement.
Voter Outreach	Actively spreads information about the voting process through the mail, personal appearances, billboards, social media, press releases, attendance at fairs and special events, and the news media.
Voter's Choice Act (VCA)	Statute passed in 2016 (SB 450) which expands in-person early voting and allows voters to cast a ballot at any Voter Center within their county. Allows each county to decide if it wants to become a VCA county. San Joaquin County has declined to become a VCA county.
Write-In	When a voter chooses to manually write in a vote for a candidate not printed on the ballot.
Word Count	The word count for ballot statements varies depending on the type of statement (candidate, ballot questions, measure arguments, and impartial analyses). Elections Code §9 establishes rules that govern how words are counted.

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