

# COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN



## November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election

### Voter Information Guide



General Information | (209) 468-8683

Toll Free | (800) 400-5009

Website | [www.sjcrov.org](http://www.sjcrov.org)

Email | [registration@sjgov.org](mailto:registration@sjgov.org)

Asistencia en Español | (209) 953-1052

# WAYS TO VOTE

All registered voters in California are automatically mailed a ballot before each election.

## Early Voting

Early voting will be available at our office, located at 44 N. San Joaquin St., Suite 350, Stockton, CA 95202, from **October 6** through **November 3**, 2025. We will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and additionally on **Saturday, November 1**, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

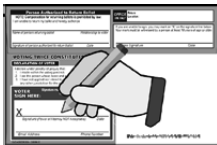
## Vote In Person

You can vote in person at your polling location on Election Day November 4, 2025. Polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Your assigned polling location will be listed in the materials sent with your ballot. You can also find your polling location by visiting our website at: **[www.sjcrov.org](http://www.sjcrov.org)**

## Vote-by-Mail



**MARK YOUR BALLOT** - Instructions on how to fill out your ballot are enclosed.



**SEAL & SIGN** - Your signature will be compared to the one you have on file. If more than one voter per household, make sure you are signing the correct envelope and sealing it properly.



**RETURN ON TIME** - Ballots must be postmarked or returned in person by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Make sure your vote counts by mailing your ballot early or returning it in person to a polling location, an official ballot drop box, or the Registrar of Voters Office.

## INFORMATION FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Voter assistance in San Joaquin County encompasses a range of services and resources designed to help voters understand their rights, navigate the voting process, and overcome any barriers they might face when casting their ballots.



### POLLING LOCATION ASSISTANCE

**Language Assistance:** San Joaquin County provides voting materials and assistance in multiple languages to accommodate voters who are not proficient in English. Bilingual election officers are available at many polling locations. Voters can get their ballots and other election materials in Spanish (*Voting Rights Act of 1965*).

Sample ballots will be available on our website and at all polling locations in the following languages: Chinese, Hindi, Hmong, Ilocano, Khmer, Laotian, Punjabi, Tagalog, Urdu and Vietnamese.

Additionally, a list of all polling places, including the assigned bilingual Election Officers and the languages they speak, will be available online 14 days before the election. For more information, please contact the Registrar of Voters Office.

**Disability Assistance:** Polling locations are equipped with accessible voting machines and other aids to assist voters with disabilities. Election officers are trained to help voters who need assistance marking their ballots.

### REMOTE ACCESSIBLE VOTE-BY-MAIL (RAVBM)

This service allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballot electronically, mark it using their assistive technology, and return it by mail, at a drop box location, or drop off in person.

You can access your ballot starting 29 days before Election Day by visiting our website at: **[www.sjcrov.org/RAVBM](http://www.sjcrov.org/RAVBM)** and entering your information through a secure portal.

### CURBSIDE VOTING

Voters who are unable to enter the polling location due to physical disabilities can request curbside voting. A poll worker will bring a ballot to the voter's vehicle, assist as needed, and ensure the ballot is securely returned.

## DRIVE-UP DEMOCRACY

Drive-up Democracy is a voting method aimed at enhancing accessibility and convenience by allowing voters to cast their ballots from their vehicles. On Election Day, this service is available at the County Administration Building from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters can drive up, hand their ballot to an Election Officer, who will then place it into our secured drop box.

**Please ensure that your ballot is MARKED and that your envelope is SEALED & SIGNED.**

## OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Ballot drop boxes in San Joaquin County provide a secure and convenient way for voters to return their completed Vote-by-Mail ballots. Drop boxes are available **October 6, 2025** through Election Day, **November 4, 2025 at 8:00 pm.**



Please scan the QR code above using your smart phone camera or visit our website **[www.sjcrov.org](http://www.sjcrov.org)** for more drop box information. You can also call (209) 468-VOTE (8683) for further assistance.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

### How to mark your ballot:

Use blue or black ink **ONLY**.

To vote for a measure, fill in the box next to the word “Yes” or “No”.

### Fixing mistakes on your ballot:

If you make a mistake, either draw a line through the unintended choice and mark the box you want to vote on or you may request a new ballot.

### Avoid an overvote:

Read each race carefully, do not select more choices than the number that is specified for that contest.

# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

## Proposition 50: Congressional Redistricting

Proposition 50 would change the California Constitution to allow the state to temporarily use Congressional district maps drawn and approved by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor. These maps would be used instead of those created in 2021 by the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

### Background:

Under current law, Congressional district boundaries in California are drawn by the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. This process is intended to be nonpartisan and separate from the Legislature.

### What Proposition 50 Would Do:

If passed, Proposition 50 would allow California to use a new set of Congressional district maps that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. These maps would be used for upcoming U.S. House of Representatives elections, starting in 2026. This change would be temporary until 2030.

### Maps and Legislation:

The new district maps are included in the bill passed by the Legislature. For more information, scan the appropriate QR Code below:



Senate Bill No. 280



Assembly Constitutional  
Amendment No. 8



Interactive Proposed  
Congressional Map

### Impact on Voters:

If Proposition 50 is approved, some voters may find themselves in a different Congressional district starting in 2026. This could affect which candidates appear on their ballot for the U.S. House of Representatives.

# WHERE'S MY BALLOT?

The California Secretary of State is now offering “**Where’s My Ballot?**”, a new way for voters to track and receive notifications on the status of their Vote-by-Mail ballots. Powered by BallotTrax, “**Where’s My Ballot?**” lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way.

## How To Track Your Ballot:

### Sign Up

- Visit **WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov**
- Enter your information (name, date of birth and ZIP Code).
- Choose your communication preferences (email, text or voice message) as well as a time window to receive notifications.
- Choose your preferred language.

### Voters Will Receive Automatic Updates When:

- The voter’s ballot has been mailed.
- The voter’s ballot has been received.
- The voter’s ballot has been counted.
- If there are any issues with the voter’s ballot.

## Important Updates:

Voters will also receive notifications on critical updates such as election deadlines, polling location changes, and if there’s a problem with the voter’s ballot.

## Additional Tips:

If you have any problems using BallotTrax, please contact the Secretary of State by email at: **elections@sos.ca.gov** or by calling their hotline at (800) 345-8683.

# STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

Office of the Secretary of State Contact Information and Resources

State Voter Information Guide	voterguide.sos.ca.gov
General Information	(916) 653-6814
Website	www.sos.ca.gov
Elections Division	(916) 657-2166
Political Reform Division	(916) 653-6224

# VOTER REGISTRATION

In California, the deadline to register to vote is 15 days before an election. The deadline to register for the Statewide Special Election on November 4, 2025 is **October 20, 2025**.

## Qualifications to Register to Vote in California

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of California
- Be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
- Not be currently found mentally incompetent by a court

## Ways to Register

- **Online** - You can register to vote online through the California Secretary of State's website at **[www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov)**
- **Paper Voter Registration Forms** - are available at the Registrar of Voters Office, public libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, or a U.S. post office. It is important that your voter registration form is postmarked or hand-delivered to your elections office at least 15 days before the election.

## Same Day Voter Registration

Same Day Voter Registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration, is a safety net for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or need to update their voter registration information for an election.

Eligible citizens can complete this process at the Registrar of Voters Office after the registration deadline or at a polling location on Election Day. Their ballots will be processed and counted once the voter registration verification process has been completed.

## Safe at Home Program

Safe at Home is a confidential address program administered by the California Secretary of State. Safe at Home offers victims of violent crimes, as well as reproductive health care workers, a substitute mailing address to receive first class, certified, and registered mail. This keeps the voter's residential address confidential and out of the hands of someone who might want to harm them. For more information please call **(877) 322-5227** or email **[SafeAtHome@sos.ca.gov](mailto:SafeAtHome@sos.ca.gov)**