



## 2024 Voter Guide

What you need to know to vote in California's Nov. 5 general election

### KEY ELECTION DATES

#### OCT 07

Deadline for ballots to start getting mailed to every California voter, [early voting sites](#) open.

#### OCT 21

Last day to register to vote – either [online](#) or by mail. [Same-day registration](#) begins Oct. 22.

#### NOV 05

Polls are open, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also, the last day to vote by mail.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 5 and received by your county elections office by Nov. 12.

### Find Your District

Which congressional district are you in? Who is your state senator? Enter your address to find your districts and representatives in California.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Does everyone get a ballot in the mail?

Yes. A 2021 law makes [vote-by-mail ballots](#) permanent for every registered voter.

## When will I receive my mail-in-ballot?

County election offices will begin mailing ballots by Oct. 7.

## Can I vote in person? How do I find my polling place or vote center?

Yes, though mailing your ballot as soon as possible is the [best way to get your vote counted fast](#). You can find out where to vote by:

- Checking [online](#).
- Texting “VOTE” to GOVOTE (468-8683)
- Calling the Secretary of State’s hotline at (800) 345-VOTE

[More Voting FAQ ↗](#)

## Background

It’s a presidential election year. But unless something dramatic befalls one of the frontrunners — [former President Donald Trump](#) and President Biden — that isn’t likely to be the most talked-about race in California leading up to Nov. 5.

Instead, the focus is on the U.S. Senate race. The seat was filled by Dianne Feinstein from 1993 until [her death last September](#). Then Sen. Laphonza Butler, the temporary replacement appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, [shocked the political world](#) by *not* trying to keep the job. The March 5 primary featured three big-name Democrats — U.S. Reps. Barbara Lee, Katie Porter and Adam Schiff — along with Republicans Eric Early and Steve Garvey. The former baseball star and Schiff moved on to the Nov. 5 general election, but Schiff is [the big favorite in a Democratic state](#).

Voters also narrowed the field for each of [52 congressional](#), [80 state Assembly](#) and [20 state Senate seats](#). California could again help decide which party controls the U.S. House.

There will be multiple ballot measures, though the [final lineup won’t be set](#) until late June.

You have a lot of big decisions. Our 2024 California Voter Guide is here to help.

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