

# Voting as a No Party Preference Voter



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## Your voting options for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

We want all L.A. County voters to have the opportunity to nominate presidential candidates in the upcoming March 2024 election. **Don't wait. Make your plan to vote today.**

If you're not registered as a member of a political party, there are some extra steps you need to take if you want to vote for a presidential candidate in the Primary Election.

As a No Party Preference voter, the following information will help you plan your vote for the Primary Election, so you have everything you need to get your vote in.

### Why is my political party registration important in this election?

The political party preference you selected when you last registered to vote determines which presidential candidates will be on your Vote by Mail ballot. *For example: if you're registered with the Democratic Party, you'll see the Democratic presidential candidates; if you're registered with the Republican party you will see the Republican presidential candidates.*

### What is No Party Preference (NPP)?

If you did not choose a political party preference when you last registered to vote, you are considered a No Party Preference (NPP) voter. If you want to vote for a presidential candidate in the primary, you must request a specific party's ballot or register with that party, depending on each party's specific rules.

### If I'm a No Party Preference voter, can I still vote in the Presidential Primary?

Yes, but there are extra steps you need to take depending on which party's primary election you would like to vote in.

### What are my options as a No Party Preference voter?

#### Option 1: Request a crossover ballot.

Some parties allow No Party Preference voters to participate in their presidential nominating process. Those include the **American Independent, Democratic** and **Libertarian** parties. To do so, [you must request a Vote by Mail crossover ballot.](#)

#### Option 2: Register with a party.

Voters who wish to participate in the **Green, Peace and Freedom**, and **Republican** parties' primary must change their registration to the party of their choice. [Update your voter registration here.](#)

#### Option 3: No presidential candidate ballot.

If you don't request a crossover ballot or update your voter registration, you will receive a nonpartisan ballot *without presidential candidates*. All registered voters in LA County will be mailed a ballot this Primary Election in early February.

## How can I check my party preference?

Check your voter registration status as soon as possible to see the political party you are registered with at [LAVOTE.GOV/VRSTATUS](https://LAVOTE.GOV/VRSTATUS).

## How can I vote by mail? What if I want to vote in person?

Through **February 20**, any voter can register to vote online or fill out a paper registration form to receive a Vote by Mail ballot. Beginning February 24 through Election Day, March 5, you can change your party preference at any local Vote Center.

## Can I change my party preference to vote for a different presidential candidate?

Yes, and you will need to re-register to vote with a new party. Remember, you may vote in only ONE party's primary election.

## When can I change my party preference to vote for a different presidential candidate?

Voters can change their party preference at any time. The last day to change your party preference to receive a Vote by Mail ballot is **February 20, 2024**.



## How can I vote in the American Independent, Democrat, or Libertarian primaries?

To cast your vote in one of these parties' primaries as a No Party Preference voter, you must request a crossover ballot by **February 27, 2024** in order to receive a Vote by Mail ballot. Request a crossover ballot at: [LAVOTE.GOV/Crossover](https://LAVOTE.GOV/Crossover).

If you're voting in-person, you can request a ballot with your chosen party's presidential candidates when you check in at your local Vote Center.

## How can I vote in the Green, Peace & Freedom, or Republican primaries?

To cast your vote in one of these parties' primaries, you must update your voter registration and select that party as your party preference by **February 20, 2024** in order to receive a Vote by Mail ballot.

You can re-register at [RegisterToVote.CA.GOV](https://RegisterToVote.CA.GOV) or call the toll-free hotline (800) 815-2666, and select option 1.

If you're voting in-person, you can update your registration when you check in at your local Vote Center to receive a ballot with your chosen party's presidential candidates.

## What happens if I don't request a crossover ballot or re-register with a party?

If you don't request a crossover ballot or update your voter registration, you will receive a non-partisan Vote by Mail ballot without presidential candidates.

Have more questions? Need help?  
Go to [LAVOTE.GOV](https://LAVOTE.GOV) for more information.



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