



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS NOVEMBER 4, 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

ABOUT THIS SPECIAL ELECTION

Q WHY IS THIS ELECTION HAPPENING NOW?

- ▲ The California Legislature passed legislation that officially called the statewide special election and placed State Measure 50 on the ballot. Because it involves proposed changes to the state constitution, it must be decided by the voters in a statewide election.

Q WHAT ARE VOTERS DECIDING?

- ▲ Voters are being asked to approve or reject State Measure 50, which would authorize temporary adjustments to California's Congressional district maps through 2030.

Q IS THIS ELECTION ONLY ABOUT MEASURE 50?

- ▲ Yes. This special election is focused on a single statewide measure.

Q HOW WILL MEASURE 50 AFFECT ME AS A VOTER?

- ▲ If passed, you may see a different congressional district or candidates on your 2026 ballot. Your registration and eligibility remain unchanged.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Q HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- ▲ The easiest method to register to vote is online at LAVOTE.GOV.
- ▲ Voter registration applications are also available at most government buildings like libraries, DMV offices, Post Offices, and the Registrar Headquarters in Norwalk.
- ▲ Voters must register to vote by **October 20** to receive a Vote by Mail ballot for this election.

Q CAN I VOTE IF I MISS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

- ▲ Yes. Any eligible voter who misses the October 20 deadline can still vote in person at any Vote Center in L.A. County via Conditional Voter Registration (same-day registration).

Q HOW AND WHEN SHOULD I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

- ▲ If a voter has moved, changed their name, or wants to change their political party affiliation, they can update their registration at LAVOTE.GOV, or voters can update their registration at a vote center.



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VOTER REGISTRATION CONTINUED

Q CAN I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AT A VOTE CENTER?

▲ Yes. You can update your registration information at any Vote Center in L.A. County.

Q IF I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION WITH A NEW ADDRESS, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A NEW VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

▲ Yes. You will automatically be mailed a new ballot if you recently updated your registration with a new address. Depending on when you updated your registration, an initial ballot to the previous address may have been mailed. In that case, that initial ballot will be suspended, and if it's returned, it will be caught.

Q CAN I REGISTER AND VOTE IF I DON'T HAVE A PERMANENT ADDRESS?

▲ Whether you are unhoused, or in between residences for any reasons, you can register to vote using a temporary residence or with the cross-streets that you are currently residing. When completing the voter registration application provide the city, zip code and closest intersecting cross-streets.

▲ You must also provide a mailing address where you can receive your voting materials, such as at a shelter, church, or P.O. Box.

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES

Q DO I NEED TO CHANGE MY VOTER REGISTRATION IF I'VE BEEN TEMPORARILY DISPLACED BY THE WILDFIRES?

▲ No. If your displacement is temporary, you do not need to change your residential (home) address on your voter registration. However, you can add a temporary mailing address so that you can continue receiving election materials.

- **Keep your current registration:** Your voting districts and eligibility for local contests will stay the same.
- **Add a temporary mailing address:** This ensures you continue receiving your Vote by Mail ballot and election materials at your current location.

Q HOW DO I ADD A TEMPORARY MAILING ADDRESS TO MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

▲ There are two simple ways to add a mailing address:

- **Option 1:** Re-register online at LAVOTE.GOV or RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Be sure to check the box that says, "My mailing address is different from my home address."
- **Option 2:** Call our Voter Information Hotline at (800) 815-2666, option 2 to update your mailing address over the phone.

Only update your mailing address. Do not change your home (residential) address unless you've permanently moved.



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VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES CONTINUED

Q WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON LOCAL ISSUES TIED TO MY ORIGINAL COMMUNITY?

- ▲ Yes. As long as your residential address remains unchanged, your voting districts will remain the same. You can vote on all contests related to your original address, even if you've added a different mailing address.

Q WHAT HAPPENS IF I PERMANENTLY MOVE AND UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

- ▲ If you move permanently and re-register at a new address, your voting districts will likely change. This change will update your voter record and determine your eligibility to vote in local contests and measures tied to your new residential address.

Q WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE WHETHER MY MOVE IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT?

- ▲ If you're unsure, it's best to keep your current residential address on file and add a temporary mailing address. This ensures you stay connected to your voting districts while still receiving important election materials.

Q WHAT IF I ALREADY SUBMITTED A FORWARDING ADDRESS WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)?

- ▲ If you've submitted a change of address to USPS, we may receive that update and send you a notice asking you to confirm your residential and mailing addresses. This is to ensure your voter registration remains accurate and up to date. No action is taken until we hear back from you.

Q CAN I STILL VOTE IF I'M STAYING WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR AT A TEMPORARY SHELTER?

- ▲ Yes. You can list any location where you are currently staying as your mailing address, even if it's temporary. Your residential address will continue to determine which contests you're eligible to vote on.

VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

Q WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Vote by mail ballots are mailed to all registered voters beginning October 2. Most voters will receive their ballots within 1 week.

Q WHAT IF I DON'T RECEIVE A BALLOT OR IT GETS DAMAGED?

- ▲ Voters can request a replacement ballot at LAVOTE.GOV/REPLACEBALLOT. The last day to request a replacement is **October 28**.
- ▲ Call **(800) 815-2666, option 2**, or email votebymail@rrcc.lacounty.gov with your full name, date of birth, and address.



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VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) CONTINUED

Q WHERE CAN I FIND A LIST OF BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS?

- ▲ Online at **LAVOTE.GOV/DropBox**.
- ▲ A list of Ballot Drop Box locations near the voter's residence is included in the Vote by Mail packet.

Q WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE?

- ▲ For your ballot to be counted, you must sign the Return Envelope. The RR/CC verifies your ballot by comparing the signature on the envelope to the signature in your voter registration record.

Q DO I PUT MY BIRTHDAY ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE OR THE DATE OF RETURN?

- ▲ Enter the date the ballot is returned. If a voter enters their birth date instead, the ballot will still be processed, and once verified, it will be counted.

Q WHAT DO I DO IF I RECIEVE A BALLOT THAT'S NOT ADDRESSED TO ME?

- ▲ Simply write "Moved – no longer here" on the envelope and place it back in the mail.

Q WHAT IF I FORGOT TO SIGN MY BALLOT OR MY SIGNATURE DOESN'T MATCH WHAT'S ON MY RECORD?

- ▲ Your signature is required for your ballot to be counted. If your signature is missing or if the signature provided doesn't match the signature on your voter registration record, we will mail you a notice with instructions and a deadline to ensure your ballot is counted. If you have an email or phone number on file, you will also receive an email and automated phonecall.

IN-PERSON VOTING

Q WHEN WILL VOTE CENTERS OPEN?

- ▲ Vote Centers will be open daily beginning **Saturday, October 25**, from 10 AM to 7 PM, and from 7 AM to 8 PM on Election Day.

Q HOW CAN I FIND A VOTE CENTER?

- ▲ Visit **LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV** or call **(800) 815-2666, option 1**.
- ▲ Every registered voter will be mailed a separate mailer in mid-October that lists the nearest Vote Center locations to their home.

Q CAN I RETURN MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT AT THE VOTE CENTER?

- ▲ Yes. All Vote Centers also serve as Ballot Drop Box locations, and there's no waiting in line. If you're dropping off a ballot, walk straight to the front.



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Q ARE THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES (BMD) CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET OR TO A NETWORK?

▲ No. The Ballot Marking Devices are not connected to the Internet or any network source.

Q DOES THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE COUNT VOTES?

▲ No. The BMD does not count votes. All paper ballots cast in a BMD are securely transported to the Ballot Processing Center every night and counted on Election Night.

Q DO I NEED TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE AT A VOTE CENTER?

▲ California law does not require registered voters to show identification when voting.

▲ However, if a voter is registering for the first time, they must provide a valid government photo ID or the last four digits of the Social Security number.

Q CAN I LEAVE WORK TO VOTE?

▲ Yes. California is one of at least 31 states that requires time off for voting if employees don't have enough time outside work hours. You can take as much time as you need, but employers are only required to pay for a maximum of two hours.

▲ Employers may require advance notice. The time off must be at the beginning or the end of your shift. Employers are required to post a notice about this 10 days before a statewide election.

Q WHAT IF I NEED HELP IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH?

▲ Vote Centers are staffed with diverse Election Workers who speak the languages commonly spoken in your community. If you need support in a language not spoken at the location, the Election Worker will call the Multilingual Hotline for translation services.