



MIDTERM ELECTION

**Vote Early
Starts Oct 5**

VOTE EARLY! Don't Wait Until Election Day ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**OCTOBER
5**

Ballots begin mailing to registered voters.

**OCTOBER
6**

Secure ballot drop boxes open
You can vote now! Go to the drop box with a friend!

**OCTOBER
17**

NO KINGS 4! Celebrate with friends & community in Redwood City.

**OCTOBER
19**

Online Voter registration deadline. In-person registration thru Nov 3 election.

**OCTOBER
24**

Vote Centers begin to open at select locations. Bring a friend!

**NOVEMBER
3**

ELECTION DAY! Vote Centers open 7 am – 8 pm.

PLAN YOUR VOTE: RESOURCES

Register to vote
Registertovote.ca.gov



Verify voter status
Voterstatus.sos.ca.gov



Find your vote center / drop box
smcacre.gov/elections/vote-center-and-ballot-drop-box-lookup



Track your ballot
California.ballottrax.net/voter



MAKE YOUR VOTING PLAN NOW:

Protect your most important right as a U.S. citizen with these 6 power moves.

1. CHECK that you are registered to vote.

Efforts underway to "clean up" the voter rolls could purge eligible voters. Don't let that happen to you!

2. MARK your calendar to vote early.

Voting early reduces the chance vote counting will need to extend far beyond Nov 3.

3. FIND your vote center/drop box.

Identify the nearest vote center or ballot drop box.

4. PLAN how to vote: at the polls or by mail-in ballot.

Having a plan makes it easier to commit to your early voting date. Best options: vote early in-person or by drop box.

5. REGISTER for Where's My Ballot.

Track your ballot to raise concerns early and have peace of mind that your vote was counted.

6. SPREAD the word.

Share with family, friends, neighbors. The more people know, the more confident we can be in our election results!

VOTE EARLY!

Return your ballot to a DROP BOX or vote in-person at a VOTE CENTER to

- ✗ Avoid delays caused by the United States Postal Service
- ✗ Prevent sickness or emergencies from interfering with your ability to vote
- ✗ Give yourself plenty of time to make sure your vote has been counted. Ballots with mistakes can be fixed, so give yourself plenty of time, just in case!



Why Vote Early in the Midterm Elections 2026?

To make sure your vote counts!

Election integrity is the foundation of our democracy. As we approach the 2026 midterms, we can make sure our elections are safe and that everyone's vote is counted.

While California already has many safeguards in place, there is a possibility that law enforcement could show up at polling places on November 3, Election Day.

- Vote early so you can help others who might need rides or other assistance.
- Vote early so volunteers can focus on those who haven't voted yet
- Vote early to ensure faster results, because faster results boost confidence that the election was fair.

Voters in battleground states face additional hurdles including possible voter roll purge, unexpected changes to voter ID requirements, sudden changes to voting rules, or changes in voting center location or timing. You can help voters in battleground states by exploring the resources below.

Get involved in election protection!

Voting early can help protect our elections. To get involved in election protection actions, including helping citizens in battleground states:

Sign up with **Hands Off Our Vote**



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Comprehensive view of all
elections and ballots



vote411.org

League of Women Voters
recommendations



lwvc.org/ballot-recommendations/#online