

Get out the vote in **California**

Election Day: November 3

Why should you vote?

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, 43% of the eligible voting-age population (nearly 100 million Americans) did *not* cast a vote for president; and 38.6% did *not* vote for any office.

In 2016, the Black voter turnout rate declined for the first time in 20 years in a presidential election, falling from a record-high 66.6% in 2012 to 59.6% in 2016.

California's absentee and mail-in voting procedures

Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:

- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot

2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:

- Coronavirus updates: Mail-in ballots sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.



How can you register to vote in California?

To register to vote, visit
<https://blackeconomicalliance.org/register-to-vote/>



Register

For more information on voter eligibility you can also visit the State Board of Elections website.



Deadlines to know for voting in California

Voter registration deadline:

October 19, 2020

Fifteen days before an election.

Same-day registration is permitted 14 days before an election and on Election Day

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by

October 27, 2020

Seven days before the election

Ballot submission deadline:

By mail: Postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received within 17 days.

In person: By 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

Voter ID Requirements

NO ID REQUIRED FOR MOST VOTERS.

FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS IN A FEDERAL ELECTION:

Voter registration requires, in this order:

- Current driver's license number or
- Last 4 digits of social security number or
- State-assigned unique number

If haven't provided above information show a current or copy of a current:

- Photo ID or
- Utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document including check*

* shows voter's name and address

Verify your registration



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State Election Office

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>