ONLINE VOTING RESOURCES

Check Your Voter Registration
• www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/
• www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status/

Put in your zip code to find out the ballot, candidate, and referendum information
votersedge.org/ca

Questions and Answers about Attending College and Voting
• www.bestcolleges.com/resources/voting-in-college/
• www.campusvoteproject.org
• www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/california/

Voter Guides
www.calvoter.org/covg

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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY!

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If it’s your first time voting in an election, you might not be sure what to expect. The first question that may come to mind is “Am I eligible?”

In California you can register to vote if you fulfill the following:
• 18 years of age or older by the next election
• A citizen of the United States; and
• A resident in the State of California

Step 1: CHECK if you are registered. www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status/

If you are from California and have your driver’s license, the state may have already registered you though the Motor Voter law.

If you are not from California, check to see if your state has a similar program. www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote

If you are not registered, then you can click here to register in California, and even pre-vote, if you are under 18. If you live on campus you can also change your address to vote locally. registertovote.ca.gov

HOW DO I REGISTER?

HOW DO I VOTE?

Once you are registered to vote the next step is to tackle how to vote. There are several options: In-Person, Vote-by-Mail and Same-Day Voting.

IN-PERSON VOTING:
In California, you can find your polling place by looking here. Polling locations are open 7am to 8pm www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place

If your address is out of the local area you may have to travel to vote in person. Some states will send you an absentee ballot which you can place in the mail. Check with the Secretary of State office in your home state.

VOTE-BY-MAIL:
You can request a ballot be mailed to you ahead of the election and, after making your selections, you then just drop it the mailbox and you have voted.

There are deadlines to register and apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot. To participate in the 2020 California primaries being held March 20, 2020, you have to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot by February 25, 2020. To do this you must request one from your local election office, which is tied to the address you use to register to vote with. Look yours up here: www.usvotefoundation.org/vote/eoddomestic.htm

SAME-DAY VOTING:
Voters in California register the same day they vote. You can show up to your polling place on Election Day and ask for a PROVISIONAL BALLOT which allows you to cast a ballot on the same day, even if you are have not registered prior Election Day.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Young voters’ voices are important. Key issues in every election increasingly relate to the concerns of students and professionals between the ages of 18 and 29.

Building a relationship with the political process as early as possible is key to making voting a lifelong habit: you may already be familiar with the phrase, “Vote early, vote often.” If you’re historically a repeat voter, you’re much less likely to skip a trip to the polls in the future. Habit-forming participation is key to driving policy and electing leaders who represent the needs of voters of all ages.

Ok, you have convinced me to vote...

WHO AND WHAT SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

Your election choices depend on where you live and what address you use on your registration form. If you live in California your ballot will reflect your county, city, and town.

There are two main parts of a ballot in California:
1) CANDIDATES run for various offices and vary by national, state and local levels.
2) PROPOSITIONS can be Referendums or Initiatives that the Legislature, interest groups or citizens have placed on the ballot to put it to a popular vote (55% or higher)

Most states and counties produce Voter Guides that provide an overview of who is running and what propositions are on the ballot. If you plan to vote in California, check here to see what’s on your ballot: votersedge.org/ca