

Nov. 3, 2020 General Election

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT. 24

SAMPLE BALLOT & VOTER INFO. PAMPHLET MAILING

OCT. 5

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS AT REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
M - F, 8AM - 5PM**

OCT. 5

BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS

OCT. 6

**MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN THROUGH NOV. 3.
VISIT LOCATION'S WEBSITE FOR HOURS OF OPERATION**

OCT. 19

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

OCT. 31

**235 SUPER POLLS OPEN OCT.31, NOV. 1, NOV. 2,
FROM 8AM - 5PM**

NOV. 3

**ELECTION DAY, 235 SUPER POLL LOCATIONS AND
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE OPEN FROM 7AM - 8PM**

DEC. 3

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

For more information please call (858) 565-5800 or visit sdvote.com





Public Notice

In-office voting for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election starts Monday, October 5 and will continue through Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day).

During this period, the office will be open for voting Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, Election Day.

Signature verification is expected to begin October 9.

Opening and preparing mail ballots for computer tabulation will begin on or after October 12.

Voting results will be posted on the following schedule:

- After 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 3 (following close of polls on Election Day)
- After 5 p.m., Thursday, November 5 thru Friday, November 13
- Additional postings may occur at the discretion of the Registrar of Voters

All results are unofficial until completion of the official canvass of the election on or before December 3.

If you wish to observe any of the processes described above, contact us at 858-565-5800.

Know the facts about the upcoming election.

Every registered voter in San Diego County will receive a ballot in the mail for the Nov. 3 Presidential General Election.

Voting by mail is not a new phenomenon for San Diego County. Over 75% of its registered voters are already signed up to permanently receive their ballot by mail so the San Diego County Registrar of Voters is well positioned to manage the remaining 25% who are not already voting by mail.

With such a large percentage who prefer voting by mail over the years, the Registrar has matured its processes and increased capacity for the better part of two decades and are more than prepared to manage the processing of mail ballots accurately and securely.

The Registrar...

- ...has a contracted vendor who can handle the increased mailing capacity
- ...has a long and strong partnership with its local United States Postal Service office to ensure timely delivery and return of mail ballots
- ...has invested over the years to manage backend processing of mail ballots (high capacity mail sorting machines, digital adjudication, and high-speed scanners)
- ...has added more automated extraction machines
- ...will expand outside its building to address operational needs due to social distancing requirements
- ...will expand the use of the Remote Accessible Vote by Mail System option to all voters (AB860)
- ...will start processing mail ballots beginning 29 days before election day (AB860)
- ...will accept election day postmarked mail ballots up to 17 days after election day (SB423)

SAFEGUARDS ARE IN PLACE FOR VOTING BY MAIL

Safeguarding the integrity of every election and every validly cast ballot is paramount to the Registrar of Voters' mission. Much attention has been shined on the security of casting a ballot by mail for the upcoming presidential election and the San Diego County Registrar of Voters wants to provide you with all the steps we take to ensure the protection and integrity of every ballot that is cast by mail, including implementing the necessary safeguards, security, chain-of-custody, and quality assurance procedures.



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MAINTENANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION LIST INCLUDES:

1. Updating voter registration lists daily, weekly, and monthly to ensure the voter's correct residence address and mailing address is on file
2. Removing voters from the voter rolls when the Registrar's office receives:
 - Information of those who have passed away from the Bureau of Vital Records/Statistics
 - Information from the Superior Court or Federal Court that someone has been convicted and is incarcerated for a felony
 - Notification from another election agency that a voter has registered in their county
3. Sending out mailers to determine if a person has moved. Voters will be placed on inactive status when election mail is returned from the United States Postal Service. These voters do not receive a mail ballot unless they interact with Registrar's office to confirm their residence status

[Click here](#) to learn more about maintenance of voter registration lists.

Signature verification: The principal method used to detect and prevent fraud is the mail ballot envelope itself. Once the mail ballot is received by the Registrar's office, the signature on the outside of the return ballot envelope is checked against the signature on file in a voter's registration record.

Mail ballots are tracked: Our election management system tracks mail ballots that are issued to voters. As a result, it has the capability to prevent multiple ballots issued to a voter from being counted. In fact, if we need to send a replacement ballot to a voter, the original one we issued is automatically suspended.

Collaboration with USPS: The Registrar's office works closely with the United States Postal Service to ensure mail ballots are prioritized in terms of delivery to voters and when returned to our office.

USPS collection boxes and staffed drop-off locations: In addition to the trusted service provided by the United States Postal Service, the Registrar is providing mail ballot drop-off locations across the county. These locations are staffed by election workers, adding a layer of security and transparency to the ballot drop-off process. Staff at these locations will also double check that the voter signed and dated their return envelope.

Electronic Poll Books (ePoll Books): If a voter receives a mail ballot but chooses to vote in person at a polling place, an election worker can look up the voter in the ePoll Book to suspend their mail ballot and re-issue them a paper ballot to cast.

Lastly, San Diego County has not experienced any systemic or widespread voter fraud, particularly as it relates to voting by mail.

Committing voter fraud is a federal crime. Any allegation of voter fraud is referred to the County District Attorney's Office and the Secretary of State's Fraud Investigation Unit who investigate and prosecute.

WAYS YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR VOTE

SIGN, SEAL, RETURN your ballot to a trusted source and TRACK your mail ballot. You can track your ballot every step of the way by signing up for "[Where's My Ballot?](#)".

Learn more about voting in the upcoming election at sdvote.com.

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