

TIPS ON VOTING BY MAIL FOR THE NOVEMBER 3 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

The November 3, 2020 General Election will be a mail ballot election in California. The Registrar of Voters will mail a ballot to each registered voter in the County beginning October 5. ***There will be no neighborhood polling places as in past elections.*** Instead, the Registrar will open approximately 100 accessible voting centers and permanently install 66 ballot drop boxes at locations throughout the County.

Register or update your voter registration Make sure you are registered to vote at your current address so you can get your ballot in the mail. The deadline to register to vote is October 19. If you need to register or change your registration after the deadline, you can go to the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, Room G-1, or you can register and vote at any accessible voting site in Alameda County. These will be open from Saturday, October 31 through Election Day, November 3. Hours are: 9-5 Sat. Sun. and Mon. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Election Day. Check your registration at www.registertovote.ca.gov.

Update your address if you have moved. Make sure to re-register if you have moved so that the Registrar of Voters has your current home and mailing address as soon as possible.

Update your signature if it has changed. Make sure that the Registrar of Voters has your current signature. If your signature has changed over time, re-register to vote. The Election Office compares each voter's signature on the ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's registration form. The Registrar will notify you if the signatures don't compare and you will have a chance to "cure" it. If you don't respond to the notice, your ballot will not be counted.

Voting your mail ballot. Follow the directions on the ballot and vote. For information about the candidates and measures on the ballot, go to www.votersedge.org/ca. After you vote, put the ballot into the ballot return envelope and seal the envelope. ***Make sure it is YOUR envelope and has YOUR name on it.*** Voters who live together need to make sure they sign their own ballot envelope. If you sign your roommate's ballot envelope and visa-versa, neither ballot will count. **Sign in the signature box on the envelope. If you don't sign the ballot envelope, your ballot will not be counted.**

Return your ballot early. The first ballots in are the first to be counted and are part of the first results report on 11/3/20. Here are the ways to return your ballot:

- **By mail:** Voting by mail is free. **NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED ON YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE.** Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 3, in order to be counted. You can give your ballot to your mail carrier or drop it in a mail box.
- **Other return options.** You can also return your ballot at the Registrar of Voters Office at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, Room G-1 or to any ballot drop box in the County or any accessible voting site. Locations TBD at www.acvote.org.