

# The hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide.

In anticipation of high turnout for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election, here are a few strategies to help make the voting process a more convenient experience for all.

## VOTE BY MAIL



**SIMPLE.** Your ballot arrives in your mailbox.

**SMART.** Make voting decisions and complete your ballot comfortably at home.

**SECURE.** Seal your completed ballot in the provided envelope, sign it, add postage and return it by mail promptly so it is received well before November 8, 2016. Starting October 31st, you can deposit your sealed ballot at one of 24 convenient drop-off locations around the county. Or, drop it at the Registrar's office now or at any poll on Election Day.

**Tip:** Mail Ballot Voters who decide to vote at their polling place should BRING their Mail Ballot to be SURRENDERED, then a new ballot will be issued.

Sign up to receive your mail-in ballot. Go to [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com) and click on "Vote by Mail."

## VOTE ON ELECTION DAY



Mark your selections on the sample ballot in advance so when you go inside the voting booth, you can quickly fill in the official ballot. Be sure to go to your assigned polling location between 7am and 8pm. Look on the back cover of this pamphlet to find your assigned poll.

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## **VOTING PROVISIONALLY. WHAT IS IT? ONLY USE IT AS A LAST RESORT.**

As a registered voter in San Diego County, provisional voting protects your ability to vote. If you can't make it to your poll, you forget to bring your mail ballot to the poll, or your name is not on the voter list, it is your right to receive a provisional ballot. But be prepared to spend some time filling out the form on the provisional envelope. Also, if you vote provisionally outside your assigned voting precinct, you may not be voting on all the contests you are eligible to vote on. Here's how to avoid unnecessary provisional voting on Election Day:

**Go to your ASSIGNED polling place:** See back cover of this pamphlet.

**Surrender Your Mail Ballot:** If you decide to vote at your ASSIGNED polling place instead of by mail, you should BRING your mail ballot with you to the polls to be SURRENDERED.

**Vote and Return Your Mail Ballot:** Mail promptly, or deposit your completed mail ballot at a drop-off location PRIOR to Election Day. See drop-off locations in your packet or online: [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com).

## **YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHOICE.**

Election Day can be a hectic time of last minute decisions. Or with a little preparation, the experience can be convenient and easy. Either way, we will ensure every eligible vote is counted.



There's still time to sign up for your mail-in ballot. Go to [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com) and click on "Vote by Mail"

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