

# NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## IMPORTANT DATES

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<b>Sept. 26, 2024</b>	Voter Information Pamphlets start going out to registered voters.
<b>Oct. 6, 2024</b>	Ballots begin going out this week to registered voters.
<b>Oct. 7, 2024</b>	In-office voting begins at the Registrar of Voters office. (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
<b>Oct. 8, 2024</b>	Official ballot drop boxes are available through the final day of voting, November 5. A list of locations and a locator map will be available on the <a href="#">Election Information</a> page at sdvote.com.
<b>Oct. 21, 2024</b>	Deadline to register to vote.
<b>Oct. 22 – Nov. 5</b>	Conditional Voter Registration period. If you missed the registration deadline, you can still conditionally register and vote provisionally at the Registrar's office or any vote center around the county.
<b>Oct. 26, 2024</b>	Select vote centers and the Registrar's office are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing voters with ten consecutive days of early voting. A list of locations and a locator map will be available on the <a href="#">Election Information</a> page at sdvote.com.
<b>Nov. 2, 2024</b>	All vote centers and the Registrar's office are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A list of locations and a locator map will be available on the <a href="#">Election Information</a> page at sdvote.com.
<b>Nov. 5, 2024</b>	Last day to vote! All vote centers, official ballot drop boxes, and the Registrar's office are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
<b>Dec. 5, 2024</b>	Deadline to certify the election.

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### 1. WHY IS THERE AN ELECTION?

During the March 5, 2024, presidential primary election, voters nominated one presidential candidate from each political party to run against each other in the November 5, 2024, presidential general election.

This election will also determine the elector for voter-nominated offices, including US Senator, Congress, State Senate (39th District), and State Assembly.

There will also be contests for nonpartisan offices on the ballot, including the County Board of Supervisors (Districts 1, 2, and 3), Board of Education, and City officials for the remaining 16 incorporated cities throughout the County. Other contests on the ballot include governing boards for school districts, community college districts, fire districts, hospital districts, water districts, and planning groups. In addition, there will be state and local measures.

## **2. WHO CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?**

All registered voters in the County of San Diego are eligible to vote.

## **3. WHERE CAN I FIND MY COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET?**

Voter Information Pamphlets start going out to registered voters on Sept. 26. You may also view your pamphlet online [here](#).

## **4. WILL I RECEIVE MY OFFICIAL BALLOT IN THE MAIL?**

Yes. Every active registered voter in San Diego County will receive a ballot in the mail for the November presidential general election. If you have kept your address information up to date with the Registrar's office, you should expect to receive yours the week of Oct. 6.

## **5. WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?**

Monday, Oct. 21 is the deadline to register to vote in this election.

Remember - you need to complete a new voter registration form anytime you move, change your name, or change your political party preference. You can register online at [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com).

Voter registration forms are also available at the Post Office, Department of Motor Vehicles, and library buildings, as well as various City Clerk offices and the Registrar of Voters office located at 5600 Overland Ave, San Diego CA, 92123.

## **6. WHAT IF I MISSED THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?**

If you missed the Oct. 21 deadline, you may still conditionally register and vote provisionally. To do that, you may visit any vote center starting Saturday, Oct. 26. You may also visit the San Diego County Registrar of Voters office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Once your voter registration is processed and the Registrar's office confirms you did not vote elsewhere in the state, the voter registration becomes active, and the provisional ballot is counted.

## **7. HOW CAN I RETURN MY VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT?**

The Registrar's office asks you to vote early! Mark your selections in the comfort of your home, seal your completed ballot inside your security return envelope, sign your name and date the envelope, and return it promptly to a trusted source:

- Return it by mail so it is received well before Election Day.
  - [Find a U.S. Postal Service Collection Box \(Blue Box\) near you](#).
- Starting Oct. 8, return it to any of the Registrar's official ballot drop boxes.
  - A locator map and complete list of official ballot drop boxes will be available on the Election Information page at [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com).

You may also return it to any vote center beginning Oct. 26 through Nov. 5. A list of vote center locations will be available on [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com).

Vote-by-mail return envelopes must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Registrar of Voters office no later than Nov. 12, 2024, to be considered timely cast.

## 8. HOW DO I FIND A VOTE CENTER NEAR ME?

You can visit any vote center in the county to cast your ballot in-person. A complete list of locations will be included in your voter information pamphlet sent to your home and may also be viewed online at [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com).

Starting Saturday, Oct. 26, select vote centers will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Saturday, Nov. 2, when all vote centers will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All will again be open on the final day of voting, Nov. 5, when the hours change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## 9. WHAT IF I WANT TO VOTE IN-PERSON USING THE OFFICIAL BALLOT I RECEIVED IN THE MAIL?

Voters who would rather vote in-person by marking their pre-printed ballot with a pen can do so by bringing in the official ballot they received in the mail to any of the County's vote centers **starting Saturday, Oct. 26**. Voters must first check-in at the vote center, fill out the check-in form, and sign the ePollbook (also called the electronic roster of voters). Once the voter checks-in, the barcode on their mail ballot return envelope is automatically suspended.

The voter will be given a secrecy sleeve to place their ballot inside. The voter will be asked to slide their ballot toward the top of the secrecy sleeve so the sequence number at the top of the ballot can be seen by the poll worker. This will conceal any already marked contests while the poll worker goes through the steps to ensure that the ballot the voter carried in is in fact the voter's correct ballot type.

The sequence number is a four-digit number that identifies a voter's precinct and ballot type. It represents the defined geographic boundary that determines which contests are on the ballot for the voters in a particular area.

The voter will then either be directed to a voting station to mark their ballot with the pen or marker provided by the poll worker or if the voter already marked their ballot prior to arriving at the vote center, they will be directed to the check-out station to have the poll worker cast their ballot into the ballot box. An envelope is not needed because the voter checked-in and signed the ePollbook.

Once the ballot is placed inside the ballot box, there is no way to link how that specific voter voted. Their ballot is completely anonymous.

**If you decide to wait until the final day of voting, be prepared for long lines! Be Vote Ready.** Due to the large number of contests on the ballot, it will take you longer to mark your ballot. Do your research and read your Voter Information Pamphlet in advance so you can quickly mark your selections when you go inside the voting booth.

Learn more: [What to Expect at a Vote Center](#)

## 10. DOES THE COUNTY NEED POLLWORKERS?

Poll workers play an essential role in elections and can serve their community while earning some extra money. To be a poll worker, applicants must be 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and registered to vote in California, or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

English speakers who are bilingual in Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Persian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese are also needed to serve as poll workers.

If you are interested in serving your community by becoming a poll worker or simply want to learn more, please visit our [Be a Poll Worker page](#) or call (858) 565-5800.