

Gubernatorial General Election

November 6, 2018

FAQ's

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 8, 2018	First day mail ballots are available First day in-office voting at the Registrar of Voters office (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
Oct. 15, 2018	Vote-by-mail ballot processing (signature checking) begins
Oct. 22, 2018	Deadline to Register to Vote
Oct. 23 – Nov. 6	Conditional Voter Registration period. If you missed the registration deadline you may still register and vote only at the Registrar's office.
Oct. 23, 2018	Opening and preparing mail ballots for computer tabulation
Oct. 28, 2018	Tabulation of mail ballots begin
Oct. 30, 2018	Last day to sign up to be a mail ballot voter. Applications due by 5 p.m.
Nov. 3 – Nov. 4	Weekend Voting at the Registrar of Voters office. Open for voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days
Nov. 6, 2018	Election Day – Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Registrar of Voters Office is open for voting 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

1. WHY IS THERE AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 – AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

November 6 is the regularly scheduled election date for the Gubernatorial General Election. This election determines the winners for the voter-nominated offices (Statewide Offices, Congress, State Senate and Assembly).

There will also be candidates for many nonpartisan offices on the ballot, including the Superior Court Judge, Office #37; County Board of Supervisors, Districts 4 and 5 (Run-Off); and city officials for the 18 incorporated cities throughout the county. Other contests on the ballot include the governing boards for school districts, community college districts, fire districts, hospital districts, water districts, planning groups and 52 state and local measures.

2. WHAT IS NEW ABOUT THIS ELECTION? WHY DID I GET TWO-CARDS IN MY MAIL BALLOT PACKET?

As a result of a large number of contests in the November 6 Gubernatorial General Election, San Diego County registered voters will receive a [ballot that consists of two-cards](#). Each card is marked Card A and Card B. Candidates and issues will be listed on the front and back of each card. Considering the length of the ballot, the Registrar of Voters is urging voters to plan ahead and save time. [Click here to learn more about having a hassle-free voting experience.](#)

3. DO I NEED TO RETURN BOTH CARDS FOR MY MAIL BALLOT TO COUNT?

You do not need to vote both cards, however, the Registrar of Voters encourages voters be informed of all contests and vote according to their wishes.

4. DO I NEED TO PUT ADDITIONAL POSTAGE WHEN MAILING BACK MY TWO-CARD BALLOT?

Yes. Additional postage is needed. The amount is 71 cents.

5. WHO CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?

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

6. WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?

October 22, 2018 is the deadline to register to vote in this election. You will need to re-register when you move, change your name or change your political party. You can register online at 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 at 5600 Overland Ave, San Diego 92123. If you miss the deadline to register, you may register conditionally and vote a provisional ballot at the Registrar's office.

7. WHAT IS A CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION?

If you do not register to vote by the October 22nd deadline, you may still conditionally register and cast a provisional ballot. To do that, you must visit the San Diego County Registrar of Voters office during the 14 days before the election or on Election Day. Once your voter registration is processed and determined to be eligible, your registration becomes permanent. Then the provisional ballot you cast can be counted.

8. WHERE WILL THE POLLS BE LOCATED?

There will be approximately 1,542 poll locations throughout the county. The location of your poll is listed on the back of your Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet sent to your home or you can use the [polling place locator](#) online after it becomes available on September 27th. Type in your address and click submit to find your neighborhood polling place.

9. WHAT IF I WANT TO VOTE BUT CANNOT MAKE IT TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY?

You can request a mail ballot by (1) visiting sdvote.com and printing the application or by calling the Registrar of Voters and requesting an application; (2) completing the application card on the back of your sample ballot pamphlet; or (3) writing your own request. Applications may be sent to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, 5600 Overland Ave, San Diego, 92123. You may email your application to rovmail@sdcounty.ca.gov or fax to (858) 694-2955.

Written requests for a mail ballot must contain your name, registered address in San Diego, signature and address where the ballot is to be mailed. The deadline to request a mail ballot for the Gubernatorial General Election is Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

Voters may also vote at the Registrar of Voters office beginning on Monday, October 8, 2018 through Election Day (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.). Any mail ballot postmarked by Election Day and received by the Registrar of Voters no later than Friday, November 9, 2018 will be considered timely cast.

10. DOES THE COUNTY NEED POLLWORKERS?

Did you know that over 7,000 poll workers are needed to assist our citizens with the voting process on Election Day? The County of San Diego, Registrar of Voters is recruiting poll workers for this election. Opportunities to be a Poll Worker and serve on a precinct board are available to California registered voters and legal permanent residents.

Poll workers receive a volunteer stipend of \$100 to \$175 depending on their assignment. Bilingual poll workers are also needed and receive an additional \$15 if appointed to fulfill Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese assignments at a poll. If you are interested in serving your community by becoming a poll worker, please check the Registrar's website at sdvote.com or call (858) 565-5800.