

MARCH 5, 2024

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 25, 2024	Voter Information Pamphlets start going out to registered voters.
Feb. 4, 2024	Ballots begin going out this week to registered voters.
Feb. 5, 2024	In-office voting begins at the Registrar of Voters office. (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Feb. 6, 2024	Official ballot drop boxes are available through the final day of voting, March 5. A list of locations and a locator map are available on the Election Information page at sdvote.com.
Feb. 20, 2024*	Deadline to register to vote. *Date adjusted due to holiday.
Feb. 21 – March 5	Conditional Voter Registration period. If you missed the registration deadline, you can still conditionally register and vote provisionally at the Registrar's office or at any vote center around the county.
Feb. 24, 2024	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 are available on the Election Information page at sdvote.com.
March 2, 2024	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 are available on the Election Information page at sdvote.com.
March 5, 2024	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.
April 4, 2024	Deadline to certify the election.

1. WHY IS THERE AN ELECTION?

California's presidential primary election takes place March 5, 2024. Political parties decide who can vote for their presidential primary candidates. Voters will nominate one presidential candidate from each party to run against each other in the November 5, 2024, general election.

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

There will also be candidates for nonpartisan offices on the ballot, including Superior Court Judges, San Diego Unified School (Districts A, D & E), City of San Diego (Mayor, City Attorney, and Council Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, & 9), City of Chula Vista (City Attorney, Council Districts 3 & 4).

2. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VOTING IN A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY?

Every four years, political parties decide who will be allowed to vote on their party's presidential candidates. The upcoming presidential primary election is no different. [Learn more.](#)

3. WHO CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?

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

4. WHERE CAN I FIND MY COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET?

Voter Information Pamphlets start going out to registered voters on Jan. 25. You may also view your pamphlet online [here](#).

5. 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 March 5 presidential primary 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 Feb. 4.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 20 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.

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.

7. WHAT IF I MISSED THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

If you missed the Feb. 20 deadline, you may still conditionally register and vote provisionally. To do that, you may visit any vote center starting Saturday, Feb. 24. 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 determined to be eligible, your registration becomes permanent. Then, the provisional ballot you cast can be counted.

8. HOW CAN I RETURN MY VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT?

The Registrar's office asks you to vote early! Mark your selection 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 Feb. 6, return it to any of the Registrar's official ballot drop boxes.
 - A locator map and complete list of official ballot drop boxes are available on the Election Information page at sdvote.com.

You may also return it to any vote center beginning Feb. 24 through March 5. A list of vote center locations will be available on 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 March 12, 2024, to be considered timely cast.

9. 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 is included in your voter information pamphlet sent to your home and may also be viewed online at sdvote.com.

Starting Saturday, Feb. 24, select vote centers will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Saturday, March 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, March 5, when the hours change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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.