NOVEMBER 2026 VOTE CENTER

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

SDVOTE
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

This reference guide contains key penal provisions found within the California Elections Code, Penal Provisions, Division 18, § 18000 - 18700.

- Campaigning within 100 feet of a Polling Place is a misdemeanor.
- Interfering with election officers holding an election, or with voters lawfully voting is a felony.
- Threatening force, violence, coercion, or intimidation against a voter related to voting is a felony.
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place or vote center is a felony.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TO:

- **San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center**

www.sd-lecc.org
858-495-7200

- **Note:** Members of the public are allowed to observe voting procedures at the polls throughout the day to include opening and closing of the polls. However, they must adhere to the requirements outlined in this guide as well as the observer procedures posted in the vote center.

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Payment for Voting (CA Elections Code § 18310)

A person shall not pay or receive any money or other valuable consideration during an election in order to reward any person or as a reward for voting.

Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

Electioneering (CA Elections Code § 18370)

A person shall not, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, within 100 feet of a vote center, solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking their ballot, place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of their qualifications.

Any person who violates any of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Restrictions on Law Enforcement Activity (CA Elections Code § 403)

Prohibits law enforcement officers from making arrests within 200 feet of a polling place on Election Day, except for a crime related to disrupting the operation of the polling place or a crime against a person or property.

Vandalism at Polling Places (CA Elections Code § 18380)

No person, during any election, shall remove or destroy any of the supplies in the voting booths, or remove, or deface the voter instructions or voter index, or remove, tear down, or deface the signs identifying the location of a polling place or identifying areas within 100 feet of a polling place.

Any person who violates any of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Corruption of the Voting Process (CA Elections Code § 18502)

No person shall interfere with the officers holding an election, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, as to prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held and lawfully conducted.

Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

Bribery (CA Elections Code § 18523)

A person shall not advance or pay any money or other valuable thing with the intent that it shall be used in bribery at any election.

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VOTE CENTER HOURS:

- **Starting October 24:**
  41 Vote Centers
  Open Daily
  8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

- **October 31 - November 2**
  All 221 Vote Centers
  Open Daily
  8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

- **Election Day November 3**
  All 221 Vote Centers
  7:00a.m. - 8:00p.m

- **More Early Voting Hours (Registrar's Office)**
  Starting October 5:
  8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m
  (Monday - Friday)
  Starting October 24
  Open Daily
  8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m

- **Ballot Drop Box Hours**
  Starting October 4:
  122 of 154 are open 24/7
  Up until 8:00p.m. Nov. 3

Visit **sdvote.com** for location and hours

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Intimidation of Voters (CA Elections Code § 18540)

A person shall not threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election.

Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

Tampering with Voting System (CA Elections Code § 18564)

A person shall not interfere with, or attempt to interfere with, the correct operation of any voting system (or component), or knowingly, and without authorization, possess a key to a voting machine, or willfully substitute or attempts to substitute forged or counterfeit ballot tally software program source codes.

Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for two, three, or four years.

Falsely Acting as Elections Official (CA Elections Code § 18575)

A person shall not, at any election, without first having been appointed and qualified, act as an election officer and perform or discharge any of the duties of an election officer in regard to the handling, counting, or canvassing of any ballots.

Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for two, three, or four years.

Unauthorized Uniformed Personnel (CA Elections Code § 18544)

Any person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel who is stationed in the immediate vicinity of a polling place without written authorization of the county elections official is prohibited. This section does not apply to a peace officer conducting official business or who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote.

Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.