

California Gubernatorial Recall Election

September 14, 2021

FAQ's

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 16, 2021	Mail ballot start going out to registered voters
Aug. 17, 2021	Early voting begins at the Registrar of Voters office 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Aug. 23, 2021	Vote-by-mail ballot processing (signature checking) begins
Aug. 24, 2021	Opening and preparing of mail ballots for computer tabulation begins
Aug. 30, 2021	Deadline to Register to Vote
Aug. 31 – Sep. 14	Conditional Voter Registration period. If you missed the registration deadline you may still register and vote in-person at the Registrar's office or at any voting location around the county.
Sep. 1, 2021	Tabulation of mail ballots begins
Sep. 7, 2021	Last day to request a mail ballot
Sep. 11 – 13	221 in-person voting locations and the Registrar's of Voters office open for voting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sep. 14, 2021	Election Day – 221 in-person voting locations and the Registrar of Voters office open for voting from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mail ballot drop-off locations open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

1. **WHY IS THERE AN ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 – AND HOW DOES IT WORK?**

California is one of 19 states that allows any elected official to be “recalled” (a.k.a. removed) from office before the end of their term. Before a recall election can be initiated, a certain number of voters must sign a recall petition within a specified amount of time. This requirement was met and for the first time in nearly 20 years, California will hold an election that asks voters if they want to remove the current governor from office.

The ballot will ask two questions:

- 1) Do you want to recall the governor?
- 2) If recalled, who do you want to replace him?

Voters may vote on either one or both questions on the recall ballot.

2. **DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A MAIL BALLOT?**

No. All registered voters will automatically receive a ballot in the mail for the upcoming election. No application is needed. This is a requirement of [Senate Bill 29](#), which requires county elections officials to mail a ballot to all registered voters 29 days prior to an election.

3. **WHO CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?**

All registered voters in the County of San Diego are eligible to vote. [Check your voter registration status](#) to make sure your information is up to date.

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

August 30, 2021 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 do this by completing a new registration form online at sdvote.com. Voter registration forms are also available at the Post Office, Department of Motor Vehicles, libraries, 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 in-person at the Registrar of Voters office or at any voting location.

5. **WHAT IS A [CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION](#)?**

If you do not register to vote by the August 30th 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 prior to and including Election Day, Sept. 14 or any voting location from Sept. 11 - 14. Once your voter registration is processed and determined to be eligible, your registration becomes permanent. Then the provisional ballot you cast can be counted.

6. **WHERE ARE THE VOTING LOCATIONS?**

There will be 221 in-person voting locations throughout the county. A voting location near you is listed on the back of your Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet or you can use the [In-Person Voting Location - Locator Map](#). Type in your address and click search to find a voting location near you.

7. **WHAT IF I WANT TO VOTE BUT CANNOT MAKE IT TO A VOTING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY?**

Mail ballots have been sent to all active registered voters giving you nearly a month to cast your ballot before Election Day. Voters are encouraged to act on their ballot and return it promptly to a [trusted source](#). You can return your ballot by mail, no postage needed, or to any of [131 mail ballot drop-off locations](#) around the county.

Any mail ballot postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Registrar of Voters no later than Tuesday, September 21, 2021, will be considered timely cast.

Voters may also vote in-person at the Registrar of Voters office beginning on Monday, August 16, 2021, through Election Day (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.). In addition, 221 in-person voting locations will be open for the three days prior to Election Day on Sept. 11 – 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. **DOES THE COUNTY NEED POLL WORKERS?**

Did you know that over 1,500 poll workers are needed to assist our voters with the voting process Sept. 11 through Sept. 14, 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 at a voting location are available to California registered voters and legal permanent residents.

Poll workers are temporary employees and receive an hourly pay of \$14.25/hr. to \$20/hr., depending on their assignment. Bilingual poll workers are also needed to fulfill Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, and Laotian assignments at a voting location. 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.