

The hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide.

For the September 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election, all voters will be mailed a ballot. This will help to reduce exposure to COVID-19 while allowing you to exercise your right to vote. We encourage you to vote your mail-in ballot from the comfort of your home.

Here are a few strategies to help make the voting process a more convenient experience for all.

VERIFY YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Have you moved or changed your name? Whether you are new to San Diego County or just moved down the street you need to re-register to vote.

Make sure the Registrar of Voters mails your ballot to the correct address. Verify your residence address and, if different, your mailing address. You can verify your voter information, register or re-register to vote online at sdvote.com. Act now!

VOTE COMFORTABLY AT HOME

Mail ballots start going out the week of August 16. If you have kept your voter information up to date you should expect to receive your ballot that same week.

You can track your mail ballot through the U.S. Postal Service by signing up for “Where’s My Ballot?” at sdvote.com.

Voting by mail is:

SIMPLE. Your ballot along with your “I Voted” sticker arrives in your mailbox nearly a month before Election Day.

SMART. Make voting decisions and complete your ballot comfortably at home.

SECURE. Seal your completed ballot in your postage paid envelope, sign it, date it and return it by mail promptly so it is received well before Election Day. Your signature is required for your ballot to count!

You may also deposit your sealed ballot at any one of several convenient drop-off locations around the county. Or, you may drop it at the Registrar's office or at any voting location.

Tip: Mail ballot voters who decide to vote in-person at their voting location should BRING their mail ballot to be SURRENDERED, then a new ballot will be issued.

WILL THERE BE IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS?

Yes. In fact, voting locations throughout the county will be open for four days, September 11 through September 14. Visit sdvote.com to find a voting location near you.

If you decide to vote in-person, don't be surprised, lines may be long! Be Vote Ready. Mark your selections on your sample ballot in advance so when you go inside the voting booth, you can quickly fill in the official ballot.

If you need to vote in person you should take advantage of early voting:

- At the Registrar's office beginning August 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- At a voting location near you or the Registrar's office Saturday, September 11 through Monday, September 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All will again be open on Election Day when the voting hours will change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. but we urge you not to wait. Avoid delays by voting early!

YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHOICE.

Waiting until Election Day can be a hectic time of last-minute decisions. Or with a little preparation, you can vote early, and the experience can be more convenient and easier for all. Either way, we will ensure every eligible vote is counted.

