

ACCESS INFORMATION FOR DISABLED VOTERS

Polling place access:

The back cover of the sample ballot identifies the location of your polling place, and indicates whether the location is accessible to disabled voters. If there is no access to your polling place, you may request a ballot on election day from a poll worker and vote outside the polling place.



Recorded information for voters with vision impairments:

Cassette tape recordings of the information printed in ballot pamphlets for state and county measures in primary and general elections can be obtained approximately four weeks prior to the election from the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Election Information Section, city and county libraries and the Braille Institute.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

- Absentee/Vote-by-Mail Ballot Inquiries
(562) 466-1323 phone
(562) 462-2352 fax
- Voter Registration Verification/
Sample Ballot Inquiries
(562) 466-1323
(562) 466-1310
- Election Information
(562) 466-1310
- Braille Institute, Los Angeles
(323) 663-1111
- League of Women Voters of Los Angeles
(213) 368-1616

L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
website: www.lavote.net

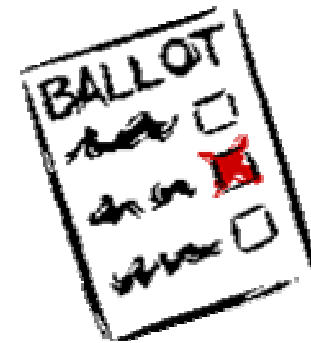
League of Women Voters Smart Voter
website: www.smartvoter.org/ca/la/



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L.A. COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING



WHAT IS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

An absentee ballot is a paper ballot, with the same candidates and ballot measures on it as you would receive at your polling place on election day.

The ballot is mailed to you with instructions on how to mark the ballot and return it by mail to the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.



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WHY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

No time to get to the polls to vote in person? Busy caring for an elderly parent or a child? Out of town on election day? Full time student or working mom? To ease your time crunched schedule, vote by absentee ballot this election!

WHO CAN VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Any California registered voter can vote by absentee ballot. You do not have to be out of town on election day to vote by mail in California. You can vote by absentee ballot just because you want to.

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

You must request an absentee ballot for each election unless you apply for permanent absentee voter status.

To request an absentee ballot, perform one of the following:

- **Complete the application on the back cover of the sample ballot** mailed to you prior to each election and mail it to the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (the address will be on the application).
- **Download and complete an absentee ballot application** from www.lavote.net under the absentee voting section.
- **Mail a signed letter requesting an absentee ballot to:** L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Document Receipt Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, California, 90030-0450.
- **Fax a signed letter requesting an absentee ballot to:** L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk: (562) 462-2354 fax.

NOTE: If you are applying for an absentee ballot in writing or by fax, your request must include: your name, home address, mailing address where your absentee ballot is to be sent and the name and date of the election for which you are applying. Remember to sign your request!

Your request for an absentee ballot must be received by the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office no later than 7 days before the election. Your ballot will be mailed to you.

COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Mark the ballot, place it in the special return envelope, fill in the required information on the envelope, sign your name on the envelope and mail the envelope.

NOTE: Your signature must match the signature on your voter registration application form. If you do not sign your name on the return envelope, your ballot will not be counted.

Your ballot must be received at the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office or any polling place in your county before 8 p.m. on election day.

If you are unable to return the ballot yourself, you may authorize, in writing, a relative or person who resides with you to return the ballot for you.

NOTE: During the 6 days prior to the election you may go to the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office, apply for, and vote, an absentee ballot at that time.

If you make a mistake or lose your absentee ballot:

- phone the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office at (562) 466-1323 and request instructions for getting a replacement ballot; or
- take your absentee ballot to your polling location on election day, give it to the poll workers, and vote a regular ballot.

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING

There is a special form for registering to vote and for requesting an absentee ballot if you are living in a foreign country on election day or if you are in the military service.

Visit www.lavote.net and click on the 'Overseas Voter' link on the main page to see the regulations for overseas voting; or call the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at (562) 466-1323.

PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS

You may apply for permanent absentee voter status by checking a box and signing your name on an absentee ballot request form. You will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot for each election as long as you continue to vote. You will not need to request an absentee ballot for each election.

NOTE: If you fail to vote in a statewide general election, your name will be deleted from the permanent absentee voter list and you will have to re-request permanent absentee voter status. Failure to vote does not affect your status as a registered voter.