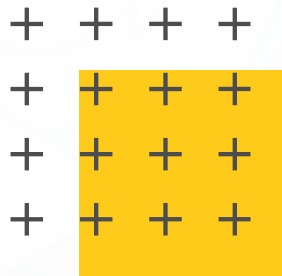




LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

# NOVEMBER 4, 2025

## STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION



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# MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

We are dedicated to keeping both the media and the public fully informed, providing access to accurate and timely information on voting and elections. Our aim is to guarantee that press members have specific contacts at their disposal, offering the essential knowledge and resources required to effectively educate and report to the public.

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**Email:** MediaInfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov

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## Requesting an Interview

Media representatives must coordinate interview requests through the designated media contacts, allowing as much lead time as possible. Interviews will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability.

To streamline the interview request, send an email to the designated contacts or general media contact with the following:

- Interview date(s) and time(s)
- Subject of the interview with as much information as possible
- Interview type: live or recorded
- Interview format: in-person or virtual

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## Stay Informed

Subscribe to our Media Distribution List to receive the latest news releases and media advisories.



# ABOUT THIS ELECTION



## Election Overview

- California is holding a Statewide Special Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
- Every registered voter in Los Angeles County will receive a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot and can also vote in person.
- There will be over 400 Ballot Drop Boxes and 251 Vote Centers in this election.
- This is a special election outside the normal cycle, called to decide State Measure 50.

## About State Measure 50

- **What it is:** A constitutional amendment allowing temporary changes to California's congressional district boundaries through 2030.
- **What it means for voters:** If passed, some voters may be assigned to a different U.S. House district in future elections (including 2026).
- **What it does not do:** It does not change voter eligibility, registration, or voting options.

## Official Ballot Text

**State Measure 50:** Authorizes temporary changes to congressional district maps in response to Texas' partisan redistricting legislative constitutional amendment. Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

**Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

# ELECTION TIMELINE

## September 25, 2025

### **Sample Ballots and Voter Information Guides Mailing**

The California Secretary of State and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk sends every registered voter a Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot Book containing important election and voting information on candidates and measures.

## October 20, 2025

### **Voter Registration Deadline**

This is the last day for eligible voters to register to vote and be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot. Eligible voters who miss this deadline can still vote at any Vote Center beginning October 26, 2024.

## October 28, 2025

### **Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot**

This is the last day voters can request a replacement ballot or request a Crossover Vote by Mail ballot.

## November 4, 2025

### **Election Day**

This is the last day voters can participate in the General Election. All Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Boxes will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

## December 2, 2025

### **Certified Election Results**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is scheduled to certify election results.

## October 2, 2025

### **Vote by Mail Ballot Mailing & Drop Boxes Open**

In California, Vote by Mail ballots must be mailed at least 29 days before Election Day. Given the size of Los Angeles County, ballots in a Countywide election are often mailed before the required deadline. Vote by Mail Drop Boxes open the same day ballots are mailed.

## October 25, 2025

### **Initial Vote Centers Open**

In-person voting at a Vote Center will begin on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Vote Center locations will be open daily.

## November 1, 2025

### **All Vote Centers Open**

All Vote Center locations are open through Election Day, November 4, 2025. Hours and locations will be available on LAVOTE.GOV.

## November 5, 2025

### **Official Election Canvass**

The Official Election Canvass is a 30-day period where the RR/CC processes and verifies all outstanding ballots to ensure every eligible ballot cast by Election Day is counted.

# ELECTION RESOURCES

The RR/CC is the official source for election information and voting resources in Los Angeles County.



## Request your ballot in a different language

- Los Angeles County provides language services in up to 18 languages.
- Call the Multilingual Services Section at **(800) 815-2666, option 3.**
- For services in Spanish, call **(213) 358-2770.**



## Voting by mail

Every registered voter in Los Angeles County is mailed a Vote by Mail ballot no later than October 6, 2025. Given the size of Los Angeles County, ballots will be mailed early on October 2, 2025.



## Track your Vote by Mail ballot

Tracking your ballot - when it is mailed, received, and counted - has never been easier.

Visit **California.BallotTrax.net** to get started.

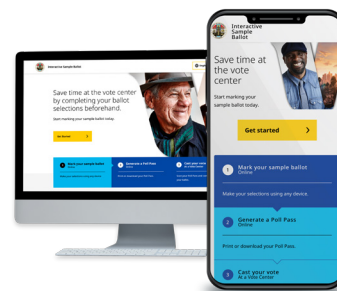


## Interactive Sample Ballot

The ISB is a convenient option for voters who want to access and mark their selections prior to arriving at the Vote Center. Using a computer, mobile phone or personal device voters' can review their ballot information and make their selections. After going through the selection process the Interactive Sample Ballot creates a Poll Pass (QR code).

At the Vote Center, voters scan the Poll Pass to transfer their selections to the Ballot Marking Device (BMD). Then, a review screen will display allowing voters a chance to make changes or cast their ballot.

Access your Interactive Sample Ballot at **LAVOTE.GOV/ISB**



## Quick Check-in Code

Take the Quick Check-in Code on your Sample Ballot to any Vote Center. This allows Election Workers at the check-in table to quickly find and print your official ballot. You can also access your Quick Check-in Code at **LAVOTE.GOV.**



Follow us on social media! Official Account: **@LACountyRRCC**

Visit **LAVOTE.GOV** or call **(800) 815-2666** for more information



# BALLOT DROP BOX INFORMATION

Ballot Drop Boxes provide voters with a safe, accessible, and contact free method to return their voted ballot.

**Ballot Drop Boxes Open: October 2, 2025**

**Ballot Drop Boxes Close: November 4, 2025 at 8 PM**

There are

**418 Drop Boxes**

in Los Angeles County



**Find a Ballot Drop Box near you:**  
**LAVOTE.GOV/DROPBOX**

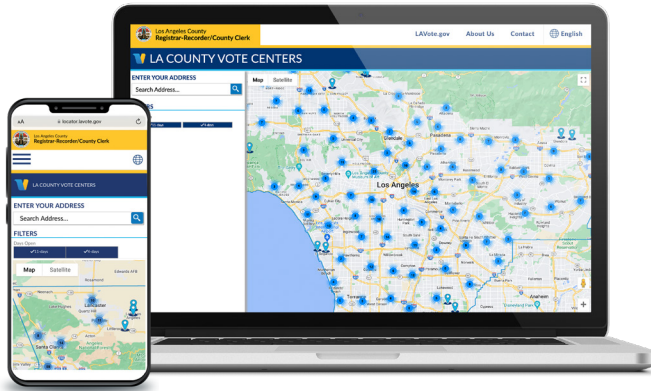


## Safety and Security

- Ballots are picked up regularly by two designated RR/CC staff
- Bolted securely into cement or chained in place at each location
- Designed with security features identified in state regulations
- All boxes have an exterior coating to reduce permanent graffiti or damage
- The County works with law enforcement agencies, cities, local stakeholders, and community-based organizations to monitor and safeguard all boxes

# VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

**Voters can go to any Vote Center in Los Angeles County.**



There are a total of  
**251** **Vote Centers**  
in Los Angeles County

## **Vote Center Days and Hours of Operation:**

### **11-Day Vote Centers:**

Locations: 111

October 25<sup>th</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10 AM - 7 PM

Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>: 7 AM - 8 PM

### **4-Day Vote Centers:**

Locations: 140

November 1<sup>st</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10 AM - 7 PM

Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>: 7 AM - 8 PM

**Conditional Voter Registration:** Eligible voters in Los Angeles County who miss the registration deadline can still vote at any participating Vote Center.



For a list of Vote Centers,  
visit **LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV**  
or scan the QR code



**Visit LAVOTE.GOV or call (800) 815-2666 for more information**



# MEDIA AT THE VOTE CENTER



## Visiting a Vote Center

The voting period and Election Day is an exciting time. **Reporters, journalists, and various media representatives are allowed to visit any Vote Center and capture voting activities.** However, there are guidelines that the media must follow to ensure we maintain a positive and smooth voting experience.



## Media Are Allowed To:

- Enter the Vote Center
- Take photos and videos of the interior of the Vote Center
- Take photos and videos of the exterior of the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) while occupied
- Take photos and videos of the interior of a BMD if unoccupied
- Take photos and videos of voters and/or Election Workers
- Conduct interviews with voters -- if a voter agrees, the interview should be conducted outside of the Vote Center



## Media Are Not Allowed To:

- Block the entrance, exit, or pathway to the Vote Center
- Take photos or videos of the interior of the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) while occupied by voters
- Take photos or videos of voted ballots before they are deposited inside the BMD (this violates voter's privacy)
- Conduct interviews with Election Workers
- Take photos or videos of voters or Election Workers who express they do not want to be photographed or on camera

## Media at the Ballot Processing Center

Media is welcome to visit the Ballot Processing Center while election-related activities are taking place, beginning October 6 through election certification.

### Ballot Processing Center on Election Day and Night:

- **WHEN:** November 4 from 7:00 AM – Announcement of Election Day Semi-Final Results
- **WHERE:** 13401 Crossroads Parkway North, City of Industry, CA 91746
- **PARKING:** Limited parking will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis
- **CREDENTIALS:** Media members must present their credentials upon entering the BPC
- **COVERAGE AND FILMING:** Media can capture footage of activities in designated areas



**Scan for Media Visitation Form**

# BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER

## About the Facility

The Ballot Processing Center is a state-of-the-art facility and central hub for processing, verifying, and counting all ballots in Los Angeles County.

## Operations Inside

### Vote by Mail (VBM)

- Receiving ballots from the United States Post Service and Ballot Drop Boxes
- Verifying all VBM ballots with the voter's signature
- Processing and preparing ballots to be tallied

### Tally Operations

- Receiving Vote Center and VBM ballots throughout the voting period and on Election Day
- Inspecting and preparing ballots to be tallied on Election Night
- Tabulating and reporting election results

### Official Election Canvass Operation

- 1% Manual Tally
- Processing of Conditional Voter Registration and Provisional Ballots
- Processing Write-in Candidates

## Safety and Security

Transparency remains a cornerstone in our mission of administering elections, similar to ensuring the safety and security of all election workers, election staff, and the ballots that are returned.



24/7 on-site guards and security



24/7 cybersecurity monitoring



Fully fenced premises



Access control on all doors and vehicle gates



200+ security cameras providing full visibility inside and outside



Partnership with the Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement

## Live Streams

Live streams will be available to view throughout the voting period and on Election Night.

Visit [LAVOTE.GOV/LiveStream](https://LAVOTE.GOV/LiveStream) to view the election-related activities taking place at the Ballot Processing Center.

## REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS

Our commitment to transparency and accountability extends to every facet of the electoral process, and the reporting of results is no exception.

Find Election Results at [RESULTS.LAVOTE.GOV](https://RESULTS.LAVOTE.GOV)



### Reporting Results on Election Night

#### First Results



**8:30pm - 8:45pm**

Vote by Mail ballots cast before Election Day

#### Second Results



**8:45pm - 9:00pm**

Ballots cast at a Vote Center before Election Day

### Remaining Results: Ballots cast at a Vote Center on Election Day

#### Process and Timing:

- When Vote Centers close, Election Workers will complete their closing procedures and then deliver their ballots to Sheriff's Deputies at a designated Check-in Center.
- Sheriff's Deputies then transport ballots from the Check-in Center to the Ballot Processing Center to be processed and counted.
- All ballots cast at the Vote Center on Election Day will be counted and reported. Once all ballots are counted, we will release the Semi-Final Results.

### Reporting Results after Election Night

It's important to know that counting ballots and reporting results does not end on Election Night. All Vote by Mail ballots cast by Election Day and received within seven (7) days from Election Day will be accepted, processed, and once verified, counted.

All Conditional Voter Registration (same-day registration) and Provisional Ballots cast on Election Day are processed and added to the tally once they are cleared.

**See the post-Election night results update schedule on the next page.**

# REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS

## Ballot Counting Updates Begin at 3:30 PM

Results will be reported between 4:00 – 5:00 PM  
Additional Canvass days will be added as needed.

WED NOV <b>5</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> First Ballot Counting Update	THURS NOV <b>6</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Second Ballot Counting Update	FRI NOV <b>7</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Third Ballot Counting Update
MON NOV <b>10</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Fourth Ballot Counting Update	TUES NOV <b>11</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Fifth Ballot Counting Update	WED NOV <b>12</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Sixth Ballot Counting Update
THURS NOV <b>13</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Seventh Ballot Counting Update	FRI NOV <b>14</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Eighth Ballot Counting Update	MON NOV <b>17</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Ninth Ballot Counting Update
TUES NOV <b>18</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Tenth Ballot Counting Update	THURS NOV <b>20</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Eleventh Ballot Counting Update	FRI NOV <b>21</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Twelfth Ballot Counting Update
		WED NOV <b>26</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Thirteenth Ballot Counting Update	TUES DEC <b>2</b>	<b>4-5 PM</b> Fourteenth Ballot Counting Update

## Key Dates

WED NOV  
**5**

The Official  
Canvass begins

TUES DEC  
**2**

The RR/CC is scheduled to  
certify election results.

# TRANSPORTING BALLOTS FOR TABULATION



On Election Night, ballots from all Vote Centers are brought to the RR/CC Ballot Processing Center (BPC) in the City of Industry for central tabulation.

After the Vote Centers close at 8 PM, Election Workers will secure the voted ballots in sealed ballot boxes and account for unused ballots. Election Workers will also separately package Vote by Mail ballots that were dropped off at Vote Centers. All materials and quantities are accounted for in the Official Ballot Statement. Then Election Workers transport the ballots to designated Check-In Centers located throughout the County.

Sheriff Deputies transport the voted ballots from the Check-in Centers by car, helicopter or boat to the BPC. Ballots come in from as far away as Lancaster, Palmdale and Catalina Island.

Between 10:30 – 11:30 PM a large number of ballots begin to arrive at the BPC.

Prior to tabulation, all ballots must be checked in, removed from boxes, inspected and prepared for counting.

Ballots are moved to the tabulation center in a continuous flow. There, operators load the ballots onto scanners for tabulation.

## SUPPORTED LANGUAGES



Languages	Voters Requesting Materials	Languages	Voters Requesting Materials
Armenian	1,970	Khmer	1,509
Bengali	365	Korean	39,599
Burmese	222	Mongolian	42
Chinese	52,281	Russian	1,395
Farsi	1,660	Spanish	283,263
Gujarati	151	Tagalog	5,340
Hindi	640	Telugu	59
Indonesian	165	Thai	3,194
Japanese	3,111	Vietnamese	13,940

**TOTAL: 408,906**

As of September 2025



# VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS

As of September 2025



Registered  
Voters

**5,842,486**











Military & Overseas  
Ballots Mailed

**26,759**

Voters by Age	Registered	% of Registered
18-29	1,136,396	19.45%
30-39	1,173,710	20.09%
40-49	917,461	15.70%
50-59	838,928	14.36%
60-69	840,278	14.38%
70-79	596,611	10.21%
80-89	263,385	4.51%
90+	75,717	1.30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,842,486</b>	<b>100%</b>

# POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE

As of September 2025

Qualified Parties	Registered	% of Registered
 <b>American Independent</b>	200,931	3.4%
 <b>Democratic</b>	2,990,194	51.2%
 <b>Green</b>	28,513	0.5%
 <b>Libertarian</b>	48,200	0.8%
 <b>No Party Preference*</b>	1,351,617	23.1%
 <b>Other</b>	78,582	1.3%
 <b>Peace &amp; Freedom</b>	43,340	0.7%
 <b>Republican</b>	1,101,109	18.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,842,486</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*The "No Party Preference" group includes those who have no party preference, declined to state a party preference or chose a non-qualified political party.

# OFFICES/ DISTRICTS

As of September 2025

Supervisory Districts			
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	1,060,540	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	1,221,641
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	1,121,510	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	1,191,297
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	1,246,391		

State Assembly Districts			
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters
<b>34<sup>th</sup></b>	96,713	<b>53<sup>rd</sup></b>	79,390
<b>39<sup>th</sup></b>	142,379	<b>54<sup>th</sup></b>	226,159
<b>40<sup>th</sup></b>	341,812	<b>55<sup>th</sup></b>	306,479
<b>41<sup>st</sup></b>	240,999	<b>56<sup>th</sup></b>	290,595
<b>42<sup>nd</sup></b>	109,793	<b>57<sup>th</sup></b>	224,981
<b>43<sup>rd</sup></b>	260,486	<b>61<sup>st</sup></b>	287,381
<b>44<sup>th</sup></b>	338,031	<b>62<sup>nd</sup></b>	247,716
<b>46<sup>th</sup></b>	287,847	<b>64<sup>th</sup></b>	254,664
<b>48<sup>th</sup></b>	280,373	<b>65<sup>th</sup></b>	273,000
<b>49<sup>th</sup></b>	260,984	<b>66<sup>th</sup></b>	321,746
<b>51<sup>st</sup></b>	324,905	<b>67<sup>th</sup></b>	51,860
<b>52<sup>nd</sup></b>	300,909	<b>69<sup>th</sup></b>	292,177

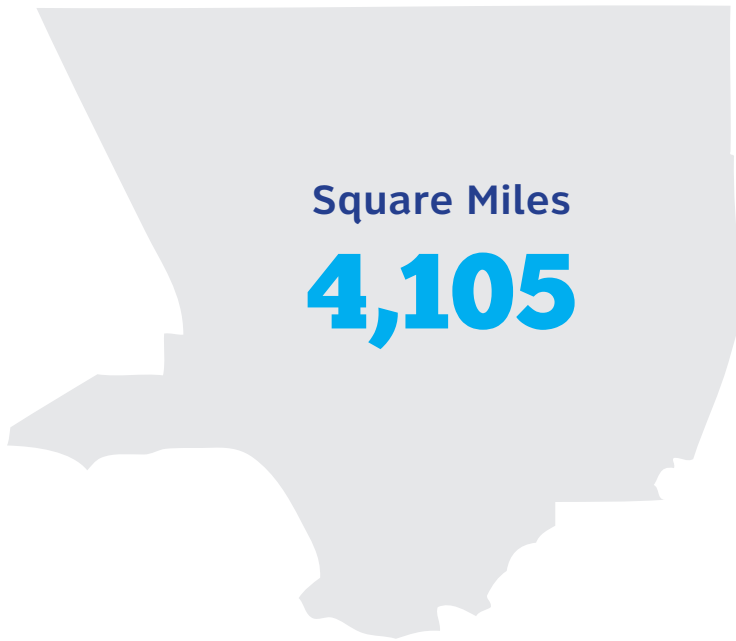
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As of September 2025

State Senate Districts			
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters
20 <sup>th</sup>	504,441	28 <sup>th</sup>	555,224
22 <sup>nd</sup>	381,605	30 <sup>th</sup>	559,141
23 <sup>rd</sup>	430,149	33 <sup>rd</sup>	562,947
24 <sup>th</sup>	698,948	34 <sup>th</sup>	40,675
25 <sup>th</sup>	589,432	35 <sup>th</sup>	528,533
26 <sup>th</sup>	494,249	36 <sup>th</sup>	51,860
27 <sup>th</sup>	444,175		

Congressional Districts			
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8,907	35 <sup>th</sup>	77,706
26 <sup>th</sup>	38,707	36 <sup>th</sup>	513,460
27 <sup>th</sup>	470,604	37 <sup>th</sup>	410,671
28 <sup>th</sup>	414,853	38 <sup>th</sup>	427,576
29 <sup>th</sup>	396,884	42 <sup>nd</sup>	412,124
30 <sup>th</sup>	487,515	43 <sup>rd</sup>	412,914
31 <sup>st</sup>	428,410	44 <sup>th</sup>	433,822
32 <sup>nd</sup>	482,142	45 <sup>th</sup>	53,785
34 <sup>th</sup>	371,299		

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY STATISTICS



## Total Population

**9.7 million**

Based on 2022 U.S. Census Bureau Stats

## Eligible Population of Voters

**6.5 million**

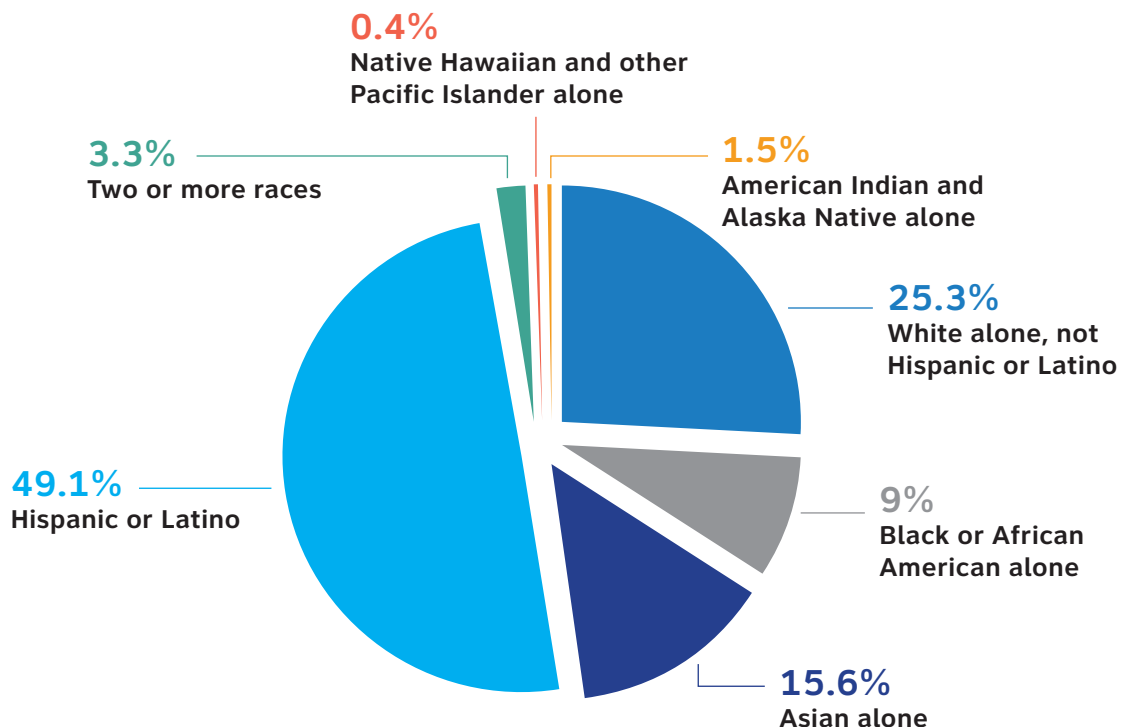
Estimated by SOS as of January 2024

## Registered Voters

**5.8 million**

By SOS as of September 2025

## Estimates of Population of Race and Ethnicity in L.A. County



Based on July 2021 U.S. Census Bureau Stats

# NOVEMBER 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION FAQ

## ABOUT THIS SPECIAL ELECTION

### Q WHY IS THIS ELECTION HAPPENING NOW?

- ▲ The California Legislature passed legislation that officially called the statewide special election and placed State Measure 50 on the ballot. Because it involves proposed changes to the state constitution, it must be decided by the voters in a statewide election.

### Q WHAT ARE VOTERS DECIDING?

- ▲ Voters are being asked to approve or reject State Measure 50, which would authorize temporary adjustments to California's Congressional district maps through 2030.

### Q IS THIS ELECTION ONLY ABOUT MEASURE 50?

- ▲ Yes. This special election is focused on a single statewide measure.

### Q HOW WILL MEASURE 50 AFFECT ME AS A VOTER?

- ▲ If passed, you may see a different congressional district or candidates on your 2026 ballot. Your registration and eligibility remain unchanged.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### Q HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- ▲ The easiest method to register to vote is online at [LAVOTE.GOV](https://LAVOTE.GOV).
- ▲ Voter registration applications are also available at most government buildings like libraries, DMV offices, Post Offices, and the Registrar Headquarters in Norwalk.
- ▲ Voters must register to vote by **October 20** to receive a Vote by Mail ballot for this election.

### Q CAN I VOTE IF I MISS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

- ▲ Yes. Any eligible voter who misses the October 20 deadline can still vote in person at any Vote Center in L.A. County via Conditional Voter Registration (same-day registration).

### Q HOW AND WHEN SHOULD I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

- ▲ If a voter has moved, changed their name, or wants to change their political party affiliation, they can update their registration at **LAVOTE.GOV**, or voters can update their registration at a vote center.

### Q CAN I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AT A VOTE CENTER?

- ▲ Yes. You can update your registration information at any Vote Center in L.A. County.



# NOVEMBER 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION FAQ

## VOTER REGISTRATION CONTINUED

### Q IF I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION WITH A NEW ADDRESS, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A NEW VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Yes. You will automatically be mailed a new ballot if you recently updated your registration with a new address. Depending on when you updated your registration, an initial ballot to the previous address may have been mailed. In that case, that initial ballot will be suspended, and if it's returned, it will be caught.

### Q CAN I REGISTER AND VOTE IF I DON'T HAVE A PERMANENT ADDRESS?

- ▲ Whether you are unhoused, or in between residences for any reasons, you can register to vote using a temporary residence or with the cross-streets that you are currently residing. When completing the voter registration application provide the city, zip code and closest intersecting cross-streets.
- ▲ You must also provide a mailing address where you can receive your voting materials, such as at a shelter, church, or P.O. Box.

## VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES

### Q DO I NEED TO CHANGE MY VOTER REGISTRATION IF I'VE BEEN TEMPORARILY DISPLACED BY THE WILDFIRES?

- ▲ No. If your displacement is temporary, you do not need to change your residential (home) address on your voter registration. However, you can add a temporary mailing address so that you can continue receiving election materials.
- **Keep your current registration:** Your voting districts and eligibility for local contests will stay the same.
  - **Add a temporary mailing address:** This ensures you continue receiving your Vote by Mail ballot and election materials at your current location.

### Q HOW DO I ADD A TEMPORARY MAILING ADDRESS TO MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

- ▲ There are two simple ways to add a mailing address:
- **Option 1:** Re-register online at [LAVOTE.GOV](https://LAVOTE.GOV) or [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). Be sure to check the box that says, "My mailing address is different from my home address."
  - **Option 2:** Call our Voter Information Hotline at (800) 815-2666, option 2 to update your mailing address over the phone.

Only update your mailing address. Do not change your home (residential) address unless you've permanently moved.

# NOVEMBER 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION FAQ

## VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES CONTINUED

### Q WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON LOCAL ISSUES TIED TO MY ORIGINAL COMMUNITY?

- ▲ Yes. As long as your residential address remains unchanged, your voting districts will remain the same. You can vote on all contests related to your original address, even if you've added a different mailing address.

### Q WHAT HAPPENS IF I PERMANENTLY MOVE AND UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

- ▲ If you move permanently and re-register at a new address, your voting districts will likely change. This change will update your voter record and determine your eligibility to vote in local contests and measures tied to your new residential address.

### Q WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE WHETHER MY MOVE IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT?

- ▲ If you're unsure, it's best to keep your current residential address on file and add a temporary mailing address. This ensures you stay connected to your voting districts while still receiving important election materials.

### Q WHAT IF I ALREADY SUBMITTED A FORWARDING ADDRESS WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)?

- ▲ If you've submitted a change of address to USPS, we may receive that update and send you a notice asking you to confirm your residential and mailing addresses. This is to ensure your voter registration remains accurate and up to date. No action is taken until we hear back from you.

### Q CAN I STILL VOTE IF I'M STAYING WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR AT A TEMPORARY SHELTER?

- ▲ Yes. You can list any location where you are currently staying as your mailing address, even if it's temporary. Your residential address will continue to determine which contests you're eligible to vote on.

## VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

### Q WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Vote by mail ballots are mailed to all registered voters beginning October 2. Most voters will receive their ballots within 1 week.

### Q WHAT IF I DON'T RECEIVE A BALLOT OR IT GETS DAMAGED?

- ▲ Voters can request a replacement ballot at [LAVOTE.GOV/REPLACEBALLOT](https://lavote.gov/replaceballot). The last day to request a replacement is **October 28**.
- ▲ Call **(800) 815-2666, option 2**, or email [votebymail@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:votebymail@rrcc.lacounty.gov) with your full name, date of birth, and address.

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## VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) CONTINUED

### Q WHERE CAN I FIND A LIST OF BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS?

- ▲ Online at **LAVOTE.GOV/DropBox**.
- ▲ A list of Ballot Drop Box locations near the voter's residence is included in the Vote by Mail packet.

### Q WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE?

- ▲ For your ballot to be counted, you must sign the Return Envelope. The RR/CC verifies your ballot by comparing the signature on the envelope to the signature in your voter registration record.

### Q DO I PUT MY BIRTHDAY ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE OR THE DATE OF RETURN?

- ▲ Enter the date the ballot is returned. If a voter enters their birth date instead, the ballot will still be processed, and once verified, it will be counted.

### Q WHAT DO I DO IF I RECIEVE A BALLOT THAT'S NOT ADDRESSED TO ME?

- ▲ Simply write "Moved – no longer here" on the envelope and place it back in the mail.

### Q WHAT IF I FORGOT TO SIGN MY BALLOT OR MY SIGNATURE DOESN'T MATCH WHAT'S ON MY RECORD?

- ▲ Your signature is required for your ballot to be counted. If your signature is missing or if the signature provided doesn't match the signature on your voter registration record, we will mail you a notice with instructions and a deadline to ensure your ballot is counted. If you have an email or phone number on file, you will also receive an email and automated phonecall.

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## IN-PERSON VOTING

### Q WHEN WILL VOTE CENTERS OPEN?

- ▲ Vote Centers will be open daily beginning **Saturday, October 25**, from 10 AM to 7 PM, and from 7 AM to 8 PM on Election Day.

### Q HOW CAN I FIND A VOTE CENTER?

- ▲ Visit **LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV** or call **(800) 815-2666, option 1**.
- ▲ Every registered voter will be mailed a separate mailer in mid-October that lists the nearest Vote Center locations to their home.

### Q CAN I RETURN MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT AT THE VOTE CENTER?

- ▲ Yes. All Vote Centers also serve as Ballot Drop Box locations, and there's no waiting in line. If you're dropping off a ballot, walk straight to the front.

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## IN-PERSON VOTING CONTINUED

### Q ARE THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES (BMD) CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET OR TO A NETWORK?

▲ No. The Ballot Marking Devices are not connected to the Internet or any network source.

### Q DOES THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE COUNT VOTES?

▲ No. The BMD does not count votes. All paper ballots cast in a BMD are securely transported to the Ballot Processing Center every night and counted on Election Night.

### Q DO I NEED TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE AT A VOTE CENTER?

▲ California law does not require registered voters to show identification when voting.

▲ However, if a voter is registering for the first time, they must provide a valid government photo ID or the last four digits of the Social Security number.

### Q CAN I LEAVE WORK TO VOTE?

▲ Yes. California is one of at least 31 states that requires time off for voting if employees don't have enough time outside work hours. You can take as much time as you need, but employers are only required to pay for a maximum of two hours.

▲ Employers may require advance notice. The time off must be at the beginning or the end of your shift. Employers are required to post a notice about this 10 days before a statewide election.

### Q WHAT IF I NEED HELP IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH?

▲ Vote Centers are staffed with diverse Election Workers who speak the languages commonly spoken in your community. If you need support in a language not spoken at the location, the Election Worker will call the Multilingual Hotline for translation services.

# BALLOT MARKING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK

## Ballot Marking Device

The benefits of technology for an easy and accessible voting experience - with a paper ballot.

The Ballot Marking Device makes it easy for voters to customize the voting experience to fit their needs. Voters can access 19 languages, adjust the touch screen to a comfortable angle, change the display settings such as text size and contrast or go through the ballot using the audio headset and control pad.

Security remains a top priority for Los Angeles County, that's why this device is not connected to a network or the internet. The easy-to-follow instructions can guide any voter through the voting process without the need for assistance.

Previously, voters with mobility or visual challenges were asked to go to a separate voting booth; not any more. The Ballot Marking Device provides all the accessibility features previously available and upgrades them all into one device.



## Electronic Pollbook

The Electronic Pollbook (ePollbook) has replaced the paper precinct list of voters and provides Los Angeles County and voters with a modern and secure check-in experience.

Election Workers now have the ability to update voter registration information in real-time allowing voters to visit any participating Vote Center in the Los Angeles County. Voters can securely update their registration information, leave their Vote by Mail ballot at home and still cast a standard in-person ballot, and eligible voters who missed the registration deadline can visit any Vote Center and cast a ballot through Conditional Voter Registration.

The ePollbooks are not connected the Ballot Marking Device or the Tally System to protect voter information and anonymity.



# CANVASS: FINALIZING THE VOTE

## Finalizing the Official Vote Tally (Canvass)

Counting ballots does not end on Election Night. The Registrar's office makes sure all ballots cast are counted. After Election Night there are tens of thousands of ballots that need to be counted, including Vote by Mail ballots received on Election Day, provisional ballots, write-in ballots, and damaged ballots. These ballots are counted during the 30-day period known as the Official Election Canvass. Provisional ballots require additional review to verify voters are eligible to vote and write-in ballots were cast for qualified candidates.

California state law requires the RR/CC to complete and certify the results within 30 days. This provision of the law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy.

The legally mandated processes described above are utilized to guarantee that every eligible vote is counted and included in the official final election returns.

## Auditing the Election Results

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be manually tallied to verify Election Night machine counts. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process, which is known as the 1% Manual Tally Audit. The 1% Manual Tally Audit is open to the public. (E.C. 15360)

## Public Observation

Every citizen has the right to observe the Official Election Canvass process. Candidates and the public are invited to observe the ballot counting and auditing process by joining the Election Observer Program. The program is part of Los Angeles County's commitment to conducting open and transparent elections.

Election observers have the opportunity to observe the logic and accuracy testing of the election systems equipment, Vote by Mail ballot processing, Election Day activities at Vote Centers and Check-in Centers, tally center operations and post-election processing.

To learn more, the Election Observer Panel Plan is available online at [LAVOTE.GOV](https://www.lavote.gov).



# REQUESTING A RECOUNT

## Who can request a recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request (E.C. § 15620). For more information download our booklet at [LAVOTE.GOV](https://www.lavote.gov).

## Timing of Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days, after the completion of the official canvass. The RR/CC is not open on weekends or holidays. If the deadline falls on the weekend or holiday, the date will be moved to the next business day (E.C. § 15).

## Exceptions

- For statewide recount contests, the request may be filed with the Secretary of State's Office within five (5) days beginning on the 31st day after the election (E.C. § 15621).
- If election is conducted in more than one county the request may be filed within five (5) days beginning on the 31st day after the election (E.C. § 15620).

## Notice of Recount

A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified in person or by telegram (E.C. § 15628).

Notices are issued to the following parties:

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for presidential candidates, if the race for presidential delegates is to be recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.



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