



Think Tank Tuesday

Know Before You Go (To The Polls)

FOOTHILL ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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WELCOME



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Welcome to Think Tank Tuesday!

AGENDA

- Election & Voting Myths
- Creating a Voting Plan
- Voting In-Person
- After the Election
- Q&A
- Evaluations & Raffle
- Thank You!

REMINDERS

- All participants are muted and off camera.
- Please place any technical or content questions in the chat or by using the q&a function. They are being monitored.
- Questions will be answered during the Q&A and resources will be shared by email after the webinar.
- **Please stay until the end to complete your evaluation and enter the gift card raffle.**

Common Election Myths

MYTH

If I leave something blank on my ballot, my ballot won't be counted.

Vote-by-mail ballots are thrown out if they arrive after Election Day.

Provisional ballots are only counted if the race is close. (Provisional ballots are those cast by voters who registered on Election Day at the polls.)

REALITY

If you leave something blank (e.g. do not mark a choice for a candidate or proposition), no vote is recorded for ONLY that item. The rest of the ballot still counts.

County elections officials will count ALL vote-by-mail ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day (Nov. 3rd) and arrive no later than 17 days after Election Day.

All eligible provisional ballots are counted. Provisional ballots must be checked to ensure the voter was registered properly and they did not cast a ballot elsewhere. Because this human review takes longer, provisional ballots are typically counted after Election Day and after vote-by-mail ballots.

Common Voting Myths

MYTH

People with no fixed/permanent address cannot register to vote.



REALITY

If you do not have a street address, you can use the cross streets of the place where you spend the most time. For the mailing address, you can use the address of a friend/relative, a PO Box, or even an organization that allows you to receive mail (ie homeless shelter).

MYTH

You must present ID to vote.

REALITY

In general, if you are already registered, you will not be asked for ID to vote, even if you do not show up on the registration list.

If it is your first time voting in a federal election, you may be asked for ID. If you do not have ID, you still have the right to cast a provisional ballot (and then provide ID before the election period is over, details will be provided by the poll worker).

Creating a Voting Plan

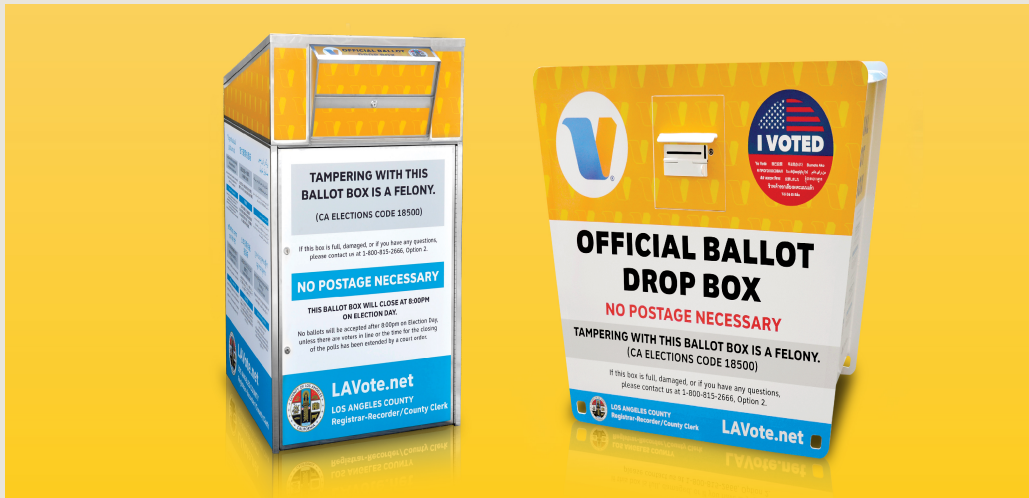
Before You Go To The Polls

BALLOT DROP-OFF

- Find a vote center or official drop box location.
- Fill out your ballot, seal it, and return it.
- Drop it off at a vote center or official drop box.

VOTE IN-PERSON

- Find a vote center. They're already open!
- Pack what you need: mask, sanitizer, blue/black pen, snacks/water, and notes. Have ID just in case.
- Go to the vote center early. They will be open from 7AM to 8PM on Election Day.
- Use quick check-in to decrease your waiting time.



What about?

*Need a ride
to the P^{OLL}S?*

TRANSPORTATION

- LA Metro is **free** on November 3rd and there are official drop boxes at 19 rail and bus stations.
- Lyft is offering 50% off one ride up to \$10 to any polling location or drop box with the code 2020VOTE. This includes bikes and scooters.
- Uber is offering a poll locator feature in the app and 50% off roundtrip rides to/from the polls (up to \$7 each way or \$14 total).

ACCESSIBILITY

- If you are unable to return your ballot for any reason, you may authorize someone else to return it for you by mail or drop box, as long as they do not receive any compensation.
- LA County offers car-side voting for disabled voters (or those who refuse to wear masks).
- Vote centers offer voting machines which are fully equipped for those using mobility aids or have hearing/vision impairment.



Electioneering

CA Code 319.5 defines **electioneering** as “the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, a vote center, an elections official’s office, or a satellite location.”

- A display of a candidate’s name, likeness, or logo
- A display of a ballot measure’s number, title, subject, or logo
- Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs or stickers containing information about candidates or issues on the ballot
- Any audible broadcasting of information about candidates or measures on the ballot
- Loitering near or disseminating visible or audible electioneering information near a vote-by-mail drop box.



Campaign or political movement slogans (or their initials) **are not** considered electioneering and are allowed.



Voting In Person

Tips & To-Do's

- Wear a mask.
- Use your quick check-in code to expedite the process. It's on the back of your Official Sample Ballot or you can access it online. <https://lavote.net/vrstatus>
- If, for some reason, you are not listed as a registered voter, the election workers will help you register. And, you can cast a provisional ballot.
- Use your sample ballot, notes, or your phone to help you move quickly, but carefully, through the ballot.
- If you have any questions or problems, ask the election workers at the vote center. If you need more help, contact the **CA Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.
- To report electioneering or any other improper behavior, contact the Election Protection Hotline.

ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINES

Call in English **866-OUR-VOTE** or 866-687-8683
Call in Spanish/English **888-VE-Y-VOTA** or 888-839-8682
Call in Asian Languages/English **888-API-VOTE** or 888-274-8683
Call in Arabic/English **844-YALLA-US** or 844-925-5287

Know Your Election Day Rights

- **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot.
- **The right to vote if you are still in line** when the polls close.
- **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. Ask election officials for a new ballot.
- **The right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose,** except your employer or union representative.
- **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot** at any polling place in California.
- **The right to get election materials in a language other than English.**
- **The right to ask questions to elections officials** about election procedures and watch the election process.
- **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

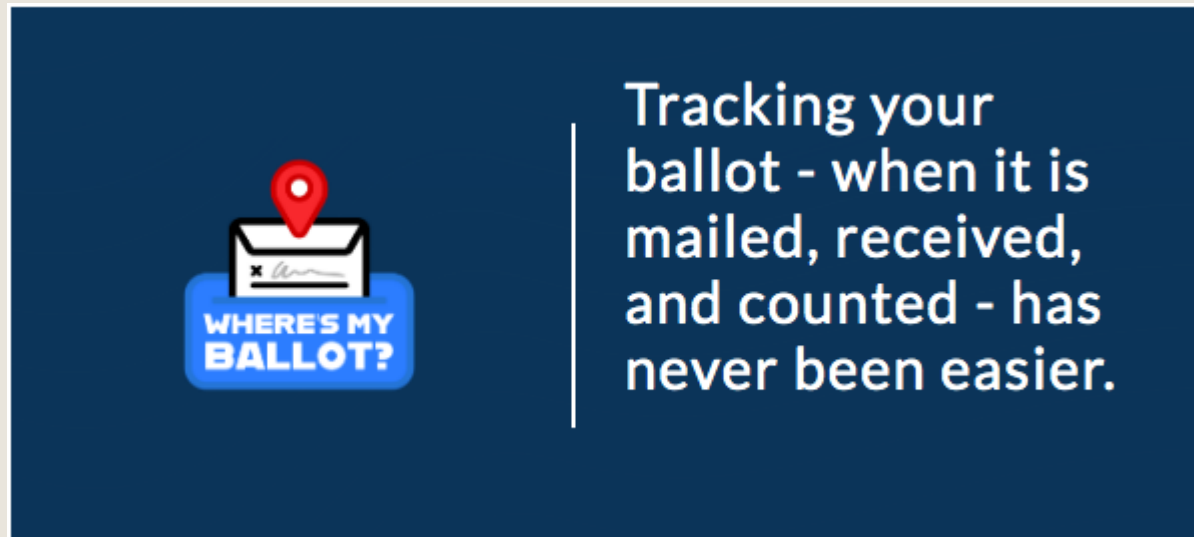
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After the Election

Ballot Tracking

- Register online in just a few minutes.
- Provide your name, birthdate, and zip code.
- Opt-in to your contact preferences: email, text, or voice call and time of day.



WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

What now?

- Take a breather! You did your part. Waiting for the outcome is anxiety-inducing, so use this time for self-care or connecting with family.
- Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by exit polls. Millions more people are casting their votes this election than anytime in recent history. It will take time to count and validate the votes.
- Know that the movement continues. Turn your focus to your community. Make a plan for being active in local politics and on issues that affect you the most.





QUESTIONS

- Please place questions in the chat.
- No question is insignificant, discussion helps us all learn!
- Resources will be sent to you by email after the webinar is completed.



EVALUATIONS

- Please complete your evaluation by clicking the link in the chat or using your smartphone to take a picture of the QR code.
- Your completed evaluation is your entry to the gift card drawing!

Thank you for joining us!

There is still time to participate in the 2020 election!

Find early vote centers and official drop boxes:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/vca-voting-locations/>

Register and cast your ballot on Election Day, November 3rd at a vote center.

Track your ballot:

[WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://www.sos.ca.gov/wheresmyballot)

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