



SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2016

Members Present

David Forderer (Chair, SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)
Kerstin Williams (SA)
Rebecca Donabed (SA)
Charles Nutt (SA)
Kecia Weller (SA)
Sandra Aldana (SA)
Jenny Yang (SA)

Members Absent

Steven Kapp (SA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Angela Lewis
Dena Hernandez
Mary Agnes Nolan
Vance Taylor
Chris Johnson
Riana Hardin
Michael McNaulty

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember David Forderer (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:06p.m.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 21, 2016 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Kecia Weller (SA)/ Sandra Aldana (SA)) and carried to approve the July 21, 2016 SAAC meeting minutes with one correction (Jay Lytton's name was spelled incorrectly). Council members Sandra Aldana (SA), David Forderer (SA), Rebecca Donabed (SA), Charles Nutt (SA) Robert Taylor (SA) and Kecia Weller (SA) and Kerstin Williams (SA) voted 'Aye'.

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6. Cal OES ACTIVE SHOOTER PROJECT

Members received updated information from Vance Taylor, Chief of Office of Access and Functional Needs of the California Office of Emergency Services on the Emergency Services Active Shooter Project. Members were given a copy of what will be included in the guide and asked if they could give suggestions on the document/curriculum that will be used throughout California. The purpose of the project is to develop guidelines for First Responders on how to recognize and work with people with developmental disabilities during active shooter situations. The draft work product is almost completed. They will be releasing the official guide in a couple of weeks.

7. VOTING DISCUSSION

Members had a discussion on voting that was led by Council Member Taylor. They were provided with two handouts they plan to share with others.

1) "Voters with Disabilities" July 2016, Pub. #5412.01.

<http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/PublicationsVoting.htm>. Click "Voters with Disabilities" This resource was produced by Disability Rights California (DRC) and will tell you about:

- Laws that Protect Voters with Disabilities
- How to Register to Vote
- Voting Materials to Help You Vote
- How to Vote
- What Disability Rights California Can Do to Help You

2) "A Guide to Voting in California" November 2015, produced by California Secretary of State Alex Padilla at www.sos.ca.gov. Members can find additional resources available at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>

Members also discussed a voting education toolkit/webinar that is available online at <http://www.uscuedd.org/publications-resources/peer-trainings/project-vote>.

8. SAAC Power Point Presentation

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Councilmember Charles Nutt presented a power point on SAAC to the members that was developed by Charles and Councilmember David Forderer to give an overview of what SAAC does. It was presented at the Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on May 6, 2016 to help educate people on what SAAC does. The power point is in the process of being updated with more recent pictures. SAAC members will be able to use the PowerPoint in their communities to educate the public on what SAAC does.

9. SSAN REPORT

Councilmember Forderer (SA) and Councilmember Nutt (SA) reported on the September 7-8, 2016 SSAN meeting. The report was handed out due to the limited timeline of the meeting and the SAAC packet posting date. The next SSAN meeting will be on December 7-8, 2016.

10. EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT

The September 13, 2016 EFC meeting was cancelled therefore there was no report. Council member Yang reported that they did not have quorum at the June meeting.....The next meeting will be October 25 2016.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilmember Nutt (SA) advised there is nothing to report. The last meeting did not have quorum.

12. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PACKET

Executive Director Carruthers reviewed the Council Packet with committee members.

13. MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Yang (SA) talked about the California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY) who had their last meeting recently. They will continue to hold teleconferences and have an in person meeting in December in San Diego. CECY is a five year project of national significance which ends this year. Councilmember Yang continues to attend workgroup meetings and has chaired the past two executive meetings.

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Councilmember Forderer (SA) talked about working with Special Education parents and local advocates to increase compliance with IEP procedures.

Councilmember Aldana (SA) talked about voting work, collaborations, and working with the local resource centers to inform parents and students about the IEP process.

Councilmember Donabed (SA) advised she has been involved in local disability community and working on Get Out The Vote (GOTV) activities in preparation for November 8th. Councilmember Donabed mentioned that she has an event coming up on October 4th on voting and that October 20th is disability awareness day at her local community college.

Councilmember Williams (SA) shared about the California Memboril Project with 220 people in attendance at both events, the Brain Walk.

Councilmember Weller (SA) discussed an upcoming event next Tuesday on Employment. "I Got Hired!" Increasing Employment of youth & Adults with Developmental Disabilities. It will be on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Councilmember Taylor (SA) turned in a written report to Self Advocacy Coordinator Riana Hardin. Self-Determination, housing and transportation remain important issues for the North Coast Region. North Coast Quality Assurance program staff finished the Child/family surveys for the National Core Indicators. They had a 20% response rate goal for each regional center catchment area. See attached written report for more details.

Councilmember Nutt (SA) has been staying busy with his family.

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14. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Topics discussed for the next meeting include a training by Stuart Haskins with Get Safe, and possibly Denyse Curtwright on the Blue Print. Council member Yang will follow up with Ms. Curtwright. Members are to email other suggestions to Councilmember Forderer (SA) by October 21, 2016 if they have topics that can be considered for the next meeting. The next meeting will be determined at the Council meeting tomorrow. Dates look like November 28-29, 2016.

15. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint

Denyse Curtright, the Work Services Section Chief at the Department of Developmental Services will be handing out copies of Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint.



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- 90% of persons with disabilities will be abused in their lifetimes.
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People with developmental disabilities are more vulnerable to and experience a greater range of victimization (e.g., from petty theft to repeated sexual and physical abuse to financial fraud) than the average, non-disabled individual. Research studies indicate a rate of victimization of people with developmental disabilities is much greater than that experienced by the general population.

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- Self-Advocacy Skills
- Three Natural Weapons
- Self-Defense vs. Fighting
- Home, Transportation and School Safety
- Interacting with Law Enforcement
- Emergencies, Reporting Crime and calling 9-1-1
- Healthy Relationships
- "OK" vs. "Not OK" Touching
- Tricks & Lures
- Bullying Prevention & Intervention
- Phone/Internet Safety

Physical techniques are optional and can be modified to fit participant capabilities, including, but not limited to:

- Simple Escape Techniques
- Ground Defense
- Simple Defense Techniques
- Safety Tool Options (canes, wheelchairs, etc.)

Client Feedback

The following are comments from program directors, recruiting service managers, service coordinators, care providers, and special education teachers and instructors who were asked what they liked the most about the GET SAFE **Safer, Stronger Persons with Disabilities** trainings:

- "Although many of my students have limited speech, they still remember the words 'Back Off!'"
- "Most of my consumers are non-verbal, but they learned other ways of making noise to attract attention if they need help."
- "The instructor used real-life examples that really made my students think."
- "One student told me he liked learning how to defend himself and not having to have someone else defend him."
- "Students were given opportunities to interact and be active during the trainings. Everybody was participating; even students who are usually shy!"

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Helping first responders understand persons with autism and other developmental disabilities

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Training Topics

- Recognizing and overcoming common communication challenges and behaviors
- Identification, intervention and prevention of all forms of abuse against persons with disabilities
- Erasing misconceptions about persons with disabilities' legal competency and/or credibility
- De-escalation strategies to keep everyone calm, cooperative, and most importantly, SAFE!

Training Approach

- **Pre and Post Testing for maximum retention**
- **Interactive Exercises and Training Techniques** – an engaging, entertaining hands-on approach to delivering the necessary tools and awareness
- **Understanding Sensory Response Issues** – eye-opening exercises to help first responders understand the sensory issues (visual, aural and tactile) persons with disabilities may have in stressful situations
- **GET SAFE Peer Educators** provide a unique, first person perspective on the ways persons with disabilities experience the world

Training Materials

- **Reference Card** – a reference card of common behaviors and symptoms to help responders effectively engage persons with autism and other developmental disabilities while in the field
- **Companion Guide** – a comprehensive reference guide for use during and after training

About GET SAFE

For the past 30 years, GET SAFE has heightened the safety awareness of more than 100,000 people of all ages and abilities through its fun, interactive violence prevention, intervention, and recovery programs. GET SAFE's Autism Awareness Training is unique as it was developed from our extensive field-experience training both the "typical" population, as well as persons with developmental disabilities and those who serve them.

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Partial Client List

- Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Mono County Sheriff's Department
- Mammoth Lakes Fire Department
- Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team
- Long Beach Police Department
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Irvine Police Department
- Orange County Probation
- Orange County Crisis Response Team
- Members of the Orange County Judicial Branch
- Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency
- Emergency Room Nurses – Los Angeles County
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Testimonials

"I know that our department, along with other law enforcement and first responding agencies will greatly benefit from the information relayed through Get Safe's training, as it gave us practical tools and strategies that our officers and personnel could begin using the moment they stepped out of the training."

Mono County Sheriff's Office, PIO

"For me, [the training] has humanized people with disabilities to a greater degree. Don't pass up on this training."

Orange County Sheriff's Department deputy

"We interact with persons with developmental disabilities and persons with mental illness on a daily basis. The class exercises and student interaction was excellent! Great instructors for this class! Keep up the great work!"

Orange County Sheriff's Department deputy

"I learned that the ability to communicate with a person with developmental disabilities is slower, but still possible. Excellent training that should be mandatory."

Irvine Police Department officer

"The interaction between the speakers breaks the ice and keeps the class fun while learning."

Orange County Sheriff's Department, dispatch

"This class made me more aware of people with disabilities. This [training] should be mandatory for all first responders and should include training every couple years."

Orange County Sheriff's Department sergeant

"Instructors were upbeat, friendly and funny and facilitated information in a fun and productive manner. Will apply learned knowledge in the field."

Long Beach Police Department officer

"What stands out most in my mind from this training is the passion that the instructors have for this topic. Great course; I learned a good deal about proper ways of contacting persons with developmental disabilities."

Orange County Sheriff's Department deputy

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Ralph Obenberger
Undersheriff

June 18, 2012

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Mono County Sheriff's Department, I recently had the opportunity to attend a very informational and engaging training with Get Safe. In addition to the more than 12,000 residents in our county lines, we also service a wide-range of tourists during both our winter and summer seasons. This influx of diverse populations makes the probability of responding to persons with special needs even more likely.

During the training, I was impressed with the manner of presentation and how the Get Safe staff managed to keep the audience interactive and entertained the entire course, to a level that is rarely seen in most seminars. The informational content was also conveyed in a way that appealed to the group and made it directly pertinent to their experiences and concerns.

I know that our department, along with other law enforcement and first responding agencies will greatly benefit from the information relayed through Get Safe's training, as it gave us practical tools and strategies that our officers and personnel could begin using the moment they stepped out of the training. This will only serve to strengthen our commitment to our community and our visitors by giving us the skills necessary to more appropriately respond and interact with persons with disabilities. Get Safe's training also helped to facilitate a stronger collaborative link with agencies that service persons with special needs, which is a necessary relationship to ensure that our community is providing the highest level of service possible.

We support Get Safe's efforts to continue to accomplish their mission and know that their influence and experience will help to provide a higher level of care as well as save lives.

Sincerely,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On two occasions in 2013, in two very different settings, the Los Angeles County District Attorney Training Division received presentations from Stuart Haskin and Molly Kennedy of Get Safe. During both presentations, one to over 200 attendees and the other for a small training class of 20, they very successfully communicated and assisted prosecutors in understanding the specific needs of victims and witnesses with Autism or other learning disabilities. Using participatory activities, video and discussion they kept the students at both sessions engaged with their material and received laudatory evaluations. We were so pleased with their initial presentation to the large group that we invited them to return for the smaller group and will be using them for a similar session in September.

They were incredibly flexible and it was a positive experience to work with them in the past and hopefully more in the future. What they are communicating is especially important for those of us in the law enforcement community to hear and put to use.

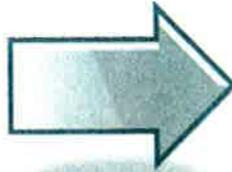
Very truly yours,

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Report from SSAN/SAAC to SCDD by David Forderer **Highlights from the SSAN and SAAC Activities**

SSAN is scheduled to meet on December 7th and 8th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Here is a summary on their recent activity:

- The new State Plan for SCDD makes a commitment to promote leadership and cross-disability leadership coalitions. With that in mind, SSAN is considering inviting the following community groups to join their network:
 - Area on Aging
 - Community Colleges
 - Deaf and Blind Community
 - Mental Health Community
 - Multiple Sclerosis
 - Veterans Services
 - Independent Living Centers
- SSAN is working on finalizing an ABLE Act presentation to help inform members of their communities about the ABLE Act
- SSAN is working on improving relations between first responders and the I/DD community across the state and also concerned about issues such as Self-Determination, participation in the legislative process and access to employment.

SAAC has been hard at work gathering information and networking with different agencies around Emergency Preparedness, active shooter training, voting access and community participation.

- At the September SAAC meeting, Councilmembers received a briefing from Vance Taylor of Cal OES on the revised State Emergency Plan.
- Members discussed voting access issues for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- At the November SAAC meeting, Councilmembers will be hearing from Denyse Curtright from DDS on the Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint.
- At the November SAAC meeting, Councilmembers will receive a training from GET SAFE Active Shooter Project in an effort to strengthen our knowledge on how to react in times of crisis.

This report was generated by staff at the request of David Forderer.

- The next SSAN meeting is on December 7th and 8th 2016 in Sacramento



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Employment First Committee (EFC) Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

Members Present

Denyse Curtright
Daniel Boomer
Olivia Raynor
Steve Ruder
Jenny Yang (Chair)
Barbara Wheeler
Lana Fraser

Members Absent

Andrew Mudryk

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Bob Giovati
Mary Ellen Stives
Tamica Fouts-Rachal
Michael Brett
Lisa Cooley
Janelle Lewis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jenny Yang (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Yang (SA), members of the committee, staff, and guests gave introductions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janelle Lewis (FA), Councilmember and LPPC Chair, gave public comments dealing with employment/SSI benefits.

Chairperson Yang (SA) has asked staff to hold future EFC meetings on keeping families abreast to employment/SSI benefits.

5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12 & JUNE 15, 2016 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Raynor), (Fraser) and carried to approve the January 12, 2016 meeting minutes with no abstentions/corrections.

(See attendance list for voting members)

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No action was taken on the June 15, 2016 minutes. Reason: Chairperson Yang (SA) stated there was not a quorum for this meeting and committee was going through a reorganization process.

6. CIE BLUEPRINT UPDATE

Lana Fraser, Department of Rehabilitation, briefed the committee on the CIE Blueprint and mentioned the following:

- Officially, the Draft CIE Blueprint has been approved.
- The CIE Blueprint is being translated into six different languages. Once translation is completed, the blueprint will be posted for public comment in early November 2016.
- Ms. Fraser recommends focusing on section four, Focus for Change, of the draft blueprint. This area deals with the targeted outcome measures. For more details on this blueprint, please refer to pages 16 to 39 of the EFC packet. To view these pages, please click on the link below which is located on the SCDD Website:

http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2016/2016%20EFC%20Packet%2010%2025.pdf

- In December 2016, there will be a Statewide Stakeholder teleconference. A firm date has not been set. DOR will contact the committee for the firm date.

Committee then discussed the document.

7. REVIEW OF CECY/EFC GOALS

Chairperson Yang (SA)/committee discussed the following top three priorities:

- 1.1 Data sharing legislation.
- 1.2 Convene and organize a stakeholder process on measurements and goals.
- 5.1 Inform and train individuals with IDD and their families in the Employment First Policy.

These priorities were approved at the January 12, 2016 committee meeting.

For more information on these priorities, please refer to pages 40 to 44 of the EFC Packet. To view these pages, please click on the link below which is located on the SCDD Website:

http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2016/2016%20EFC%20Packet%2010%2025.pdf

Committee and staff then held a conversation on the above priorities. During this discussion, the following aspects were mentioned:

- WIOA.
- Equity/Minorities.
- Data systems.
- Who are the stakeholders?
- Executive Director Aaron Carruthers discussed that the Council is developing an EFC website within the main SCDD website that will offer a reader service and capability to manipulate raw data so the user can produce a report.
- How to work on these 3 priorities.
- How should the committee filter down the information on Employment First to families/communities?
- To inform individuals/families on Employment First Policy.
- The intent of the Blueprint is to embrace Employment First and to encourage it throughout the state.
- Discussed DRC involvement.
- Workability.
- Discussed the different avenues on data sharing and data collection:
 - DDS Taskforce on disparity/ethnicity issues.
 - CDER data information.
 - Different types of data systems.
 - Retrieving data for future uses.
 - Process of inputting data.
 - Adding additional data elements to the statute. These additional elements can be done through trailer language.
 - Launch the collection device to the Regional Centers by March or April of 2017.
 - Employment measures.
 - Tracking employment events.

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Chairperson Yang (SA) then asked the committee to break up into groups to go over the *Policy Priority Worksheet*. This worksheet consists of questions to help the committee come up with ideas to work on the 3 priorities. To view these questions, please refer to the link below which is located on the SCDD Website:

http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2016/2016%20Policy%20Priority%20Worksheet.pdf

Committee and staff then read and discussed the results which are as follows: (Please refer to the above link for the actual questions.)

1. Staff and committee agreed that this question should be “yes”.
2. Staff and committee agreed that in order to reach local communities, the EFC should work through the State Council Regional Offices for outreach and trainings on the Blueprint.
3. Staff and committee agreed that it is important to let communities know that the Blueprint is a state priority and to change the public mindset regarding CIE by providing training. It is also important to document CIE in the individual’s IPP.
4. Staff and committee agreed that partnering should take place with DRC/SSAN/other entities in the field. Another important partner is the State Council Regional Offices and their network of providers.
5. Staff and committee agreed that the timeline for a rollout of a training plan would likely be 6 to 12 months after the Blueprint is finalized.
6. To train on the Blueprint and partner with the 12 State Council Regional Offices along with other entities mentioned in question 4.

Chairperson Yang (SA) has requested Regional Office staff to come up with draft training on the Blueprint. This is to be presented to the committee by the next scheduled meeting. Once it has been reviewed by the committee, it will be implemented by the 12 State Council Regional Offices. Staff also mentioned it was the responsibility of Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Vicki Smith to determine workload levels regarding this or any other assignment for the regional offices.

Committee and staff then held a discussion on the above topics.

Chairperson Yang (SA) received a consensus from the committee on informing individuals on the training of the Blueprint along with service codes and materials received through the State Plan process.

8. WORKGROUP REORGANIZATION DISCUSSION

Since the committee has been reduced, it has been decided to not have workgroups. The committee itself will function as a workgroup.

9. UPDATE OF MOU BETWEEN FTB/DDS

Denyse Curtright from the Department of Developmental Services briefed the committee on the MOU between Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and DDS. The following aspects were discussed:

- Progress is going well with FTB.
- Received two aggregated reports. One from EDD and the other from FTB which are aggregated by Regional Center. Currently, these two reports are being compared and analyzed. After DOR is briefed on this data, findings will be shared along with how the EFC committee will proceed with this information.
- Ms. Curtright has stated that in order to use this aggregated data, statutory authority is needed.
- It still needs to be determined which data will be beneficial.
- Comparison report should be ready by next committee meeting.

Ms. Curtright then asked committee/staff if there were any questions:

- Bob Giovati, Deputy Director for Policy and Planning, asked who is going to draft the legislative language need to create the statutory authority.
 - Answer: FTB staff will assist with the language. DDS will propose language to FTB who will then give inputs. In turn, DDS would get back with the committee on what is agreeable between DDS and FTB.
- Olivia Raynor, UCLA UCEDD, asked how will this data be useful:
 - Answer: FTB data is obtained by tax filings which will show who does and who does not file taxes in our system.
 - Other items mentioned:

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- Earned Income Tax Credit filing process
- Regional Center case manager involvement on filing/not filing taxes.
- Achieving governor attention with cost benefit analysis.

10. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF 2015 DRAFT EFC REPORT

Chairperson Yang (SA) asked Deputy Director Giovati to give a background of this report. He proceeded to give the committee a brief history of past reports and current research and time of creating/revamping this report.

Committee and staff then held a discussion on the 2015 Draft EFC Report. The following areas were discussed:

- Timeline for turning in the final report to the legislature.
- Committee members can provide input by sending an email to staff. Therefore, staff has been instructed to send an email to the committee members requesting member feedback.
- Organization/format of report.
- Reviewing the 2011 EFC Report for possible types of information/format structure for current and future reports.
- Discussed employment data to go into the report.

To see the 2015 Draft EFC Report, please click on the link below which is located on the SCDD Website:

http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2016/2016%20Draft%202015%20EFC%20Report.pdf

11. MEMBER REPORTS

Committee members asked staff if fellow members could share their ideas/interests regarding their departments. Chairperson Yang (SA) stated that members are more than welcome to share their ideas. For instance, if they would like to discuss future items, please send an email directly to Chairperson Yang (SA) and then she will pass it onto staff for research/processing. Staff stressed that it is important to only send the email directly to her. If sent amongst other committee

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members, it would create a serial email which would go against Bagley Keene rules.

Chairperson Yang (SA) asked the committee if they are in agreement for chair/staff to place an agenda item in regards to committee ideas, suggestions, or issues. Committee is in agreement.

12. ADJOURN

Additional Comments: Chairperson Yang (SA) stated that committee recommendations on additional data elements, authors for statutory language on data sharing, Blueprint, and Draft EFC Report need to be added to the next EFC agenda.

The January 2017 meeting date will be determined by a Doodle.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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Voters with Disabilities

July 2016, Pub. #5412.01

More than 35 million Americans with disabilities are eligible to vote. But only 15 million do vote. That means 20 million people with disabilities are *not* voting. Their votes could have a big impact on who is elected and on policies that affect people with disabilities. Some elections are very close. Every vote counts.

Your vote decides who will be in office. Voting is your chance to tell elected officials what issues and projects matter to you. Your vote counts! Your vote is important!

This booklet will tell you about:

- Laws that Protect Voters with Disabilities
- How to Register to Vote
- Voting Materials to Help You Vote
- How to Vote
- What Disability Rights California can do to Help You

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Federal and State Laws that Protect Voters with Disabilities

You have the right to vote in an accessible place. You also have the right to a secret and easy-to-use way to vote. Federal laws and California laws protect your right to vote.

Federal Laws

The federal laws that protect voters with disabilities are:

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

HAVA, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, sets the rules for voting systems in federal elections. These rules include making sure voting systems are accessible for voters with disabilities. **Accessible** means that the voting system is easy to use privately and independently.

HAVA says:

- By January 1, 2006, every precinct must have at least one voting machine or system that is accessible to voters with disabilities. This includes blind and low vision voters.
- Each voter must be able to vote secretly and by him/herself.
- State and local governments can get grant money to help make polling places accessible.
- Elections officials and poll workers will be trained to help voters with disabilities.

42 USC § 15301, et seq.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990

The ADA is a law that says employers, state and local governments, and public places cannot discriminate against you because of your disability.

You must be able to register and vote. Your county must have polling places that are accessible to you. Accessible polling places means the parking, paths to the polling place, entrances, exits and voting areas are easy for you to use.

42 USC § 12101, et seq.

National Voter Registration Act (NVRA or "Motor Voter Act") of 1993

The NVRA makes it easier for you to register to vote because you can register at:

- Any state office that provides public assistance
- Any state-funded program that serves people with disabilities

These agencies all have voter registration forms. And they can help you fill them out and mail them.

42 USC § 1973 (gg), et seq.

Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEHA) of 1984

The VAEHA says that polling places for federal elections must be accessible to you. States must help you register and vote. You must be able to get information by TDD/TTY. If no accessible polling place is available, you must be given another way to vote.

42 USC § 1973 (ee), et seq.

Federal Standards for Electronic Voting Systems

In 2002, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) said all voting systems must be accessible to voters with disabilities.

To learn more about these standards, see: www.fec.gov

California State Laws

The state laws that protect voters with disabilities are:

The California Constitution

The California Constitution says voting must be done in secret.

California Constitution, Art. II § 7

Accessible Voting Technology Act (AVTA) of 2002

The AVTA says blind and low-vision voters have the right to vote without being “helped”.

The law says you must:

- Be able to use, choose, and move data and work the controls of the voting system.
- Have the same access to voting and technology as voters who are not blind or low-vision.
- Have access to at least 1 accessible voting unit at your polling place.

California Elections Code § 19225, et seq.

Proposition 41

Proposition 41 was passed by the voters in 2002. It says that counties can get some money (“matching funds”) from the state when they buy new voting systems. Proposition 41 also sets up the Voting Modernization Board.

California Elections Code § 19230, et seq.

Register to Vote

Who can vote?

You can register to vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen,
- A California resident,
- At least 18 years old,
- Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, and
- Not found by a court to be "Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity," "Incompetent to Stand Trial," a "Mentally Disordered Sex Offender," or a "Mentally Disordered Prisoner." In addition, some other individuals on conservatorship may not be eligible if a court finds that the person cannot express a desire to participate in the voting process and the court specifically takes away the right to vote in the conservatorship papers.

How to register

If you meet these requirements, you can get a voter registration form and fill it out. Return it to your County Elections Office or the Secretary of State. You can mail it for free.

You must put these items on the registration form:

- Your name.
- A mailing address. If you are homeless, put an address where you can get mail. This address could be the post office, a friend or relative's home, a homeless shelter or social service agency.
- A residence address. This information is needed to assign your polling place (where you vote). You can put a street intersection if you are homeless.
- A California driver's license or California ID card number. If you do not have a driver's license or ID, use the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- You must sign the form and swear all the information on it is correct.

You will receive a Voter Notification Card in the mail about 2 weeks after you register. Make sure the information is correct. Let the Elections Office know if something on the card is wrong.

Where to get a registration form

There are many ways to get a registration form.

- Call [1-800-345-VOTE \(8683\)](tel:1-800-345-VOTE) (voice or TDD/TTY). Ask them to mail you a form.
- Contact your County Elections Office. See page 14.
- Pick up a form at the:
 - Library
 - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - Post Office
 - County Mental Health Agency
 - Disability Rights California office
 - County or City Clerk Offices
 - Regional Center
- Register on-line at the Secretary of State's website:
www.sos.ca.gov/ Click on "Voter Registration."
- Download the form from the Secretary of State's website Registertovote.ca.gov.
Fill it out and mail it to:

Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

When to register

In California, you must register to vote at least 15 days before Election Day.

Do I have to register again?

You have to register again ***only*** if you:

- Move,
- Change your name,
- Change your political party,
- Got back your right to vote after getting out of prison or getting off parole for a felony, or
- Got back your right to vote after getting off a conservatorship that suspended your right to vote.

Need help with voter registration?

You can get help with voter registration from the Secretary of State's Office, DDS Regional Centers, County Mental Health Agencies, and Disability Rights California. Their contact information is listed below.

Secretary of State's Office

For questions or help with voter registration, call any of these numbers:

English:	1-800-345-VOTE (8683) – voice or TTD/TTY
Spanish:	1-800-232-VOTA (8682)
Chinese:	1-800-339-2857
Vietnamese:	1-800-339-8163
Japanese:	1-800-339-2865
Tagalog:	1-800-339-2957
Korean:	1-866-575-1558

DDS Regional Centers

The law says the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) must give you information and help you with voter registration. DDS has 21 regional centers in California. Your local regional center can help you.

For more information, read:

- Regional Center: Responsibility to Assist Regional Center Clients with Voter Registration
- Voter Registration for Regional Center Clients

You can get these publications from Disability Rights California at:
www.disabilityrightsca.org;

or call Disability Rights California. See page 7 for an office near you.

County Mental Health Agencies

All state-funded programs that serve people with disabilities must have voter registration services. This includes county mental health agencies and state hospitals.

For more information, read:

- "Right to Vote When You are in a Facility or Under a Conservatorship"

You can get this publication from Disability Rights California at:

www.disabilityrightsca.org;

or call Disability Rights California. See below for an office near you.

Disability Rights California Offices

1831 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

Phone: 916-504-5800 / Fax: 916-504-5801 / TTY: 800-719-5798

350 S. Bixel Street, Suite 290, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Phone: 213-213-8000 / Fax: 213-213-8001 / TTY: 800-781-4546

1330 Broadway, Suite 500, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: 510-267-1200 / Fax: 510-267-1201 / TTY: 800-641-0154

1111 Sixth Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: 619-239-7861 / Fax: 619-239-7906 / TTY: 800-576-9569

Voting Materials to Help You Vote

Sample Ballot and California Ballot Pamphlets

About 6 weeks before Election Day, the County Elections Office will mail you a Sample Ballot. This has information about the candidates and issues on the ballot. You will also receive a California Ballot Pamphlet with more information.

If you registered close to the election, (15-29 days before), there may not be time to mail these materials. You will receive a post card in the mail that says you registered. You can get the Ballot Pamphlet at the library or online at:
<http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/pdf/>

What if I have trouble seeing, reading or understanding English?

You can get an audio cassette or compact disc version of the Ballot Pamphlet. It is available for free at the:

- Library
- Braille Institute
- County Elections Office
- Secretary of State's website:
[http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/alt-versions/audio/Secretary of State's Office:](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/alt-versions/audio/Secretary%20of%20State's%20Office)
[1-800-345-VOTE](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/alt-versions/audio/Secretary%20of%20State's%20Office) (8683) (voice or TDD/TTY)

You can also download an audio version directly from the Secretary of State's Office website:

-<http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio/>

Non-English Ballot Pamphlets

You can get ballot pamphlets in languages other than English. Contact your County Elections Office to ask what languages your county has.

California ballot pamphlets are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese. You can get these ballots online at:
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

Easy Voter Guide

You can also get an ***Easy Voter Guide***. This booklet gives you clear and easy-to-read information about your California ballot and voting. It is available in English, other languages, on tape and in large print.

The Easy Voter Guide has:

- Statements from each political party
- Statements and pictures of candidates
- Explanations of ballot measures (Propositions)
- Information about registering and voting

To get the ***Easy Voter Guide***:

- Download the Guide at www.easyvoter.org. It is screen reader-friendly.
- Pick up a free copy at the library.
- Contact your County Elections Office.
- You can also get the Guide on audiotape or in large print. Contact:

Easy Voter Guide

League of Women Voters of California

801 12th Street, Suite 220

Tel: 916-442-7215 (voice only, no TDD/TTY)

How to Vote

Where do I vote?

You vote at your polling place. It is open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Check your Sample Ballot or the postcard mailed to you saying you registered. This will tell you where to vote.

Is my polling place accessible?

Maybe. Look for the blue wheelchair symbol on the back page of your Sample Ballot. If there is a blue wheelchair symbol, then your polling place should be ***accessible***.

By law, each state must have guidelines about accessible polling places. You can find a checklist for polling places prepared by the U. S. Department of Justice at:

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/votingck.htm

The Secretary of State has a ***Polling Place Accessibility Checklist*** for California. Download the checklist from:

<http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/additional-elections-information/publications-and-resources/polling-place-accessibility-guidelines/polling-place-accessibility-checklist/>

or, ask the Secretary of State's Office to mail you a copy:

1-800-345-VOTE (8683) – voice or TDD/TTY

Accessible polling places have:

- Marked accessible parking near the entrance
- A clear path from the parking area to the polling place
- Doors that are wide and easy to open
- Election materials and signs in large print
- Poll workers to help you and answer your questions

If your polling place is not accessible or you cannot get to the polling place, you can:

- Vote by Absentee Ballot before the election.
- Ask to vote at an accessible polling place near you.
- Use "Curbside Voting". If you cannot come into the polling place, a poll worker will bring a ballot to you at the curb or in your car.
- Call your County Elections Office or Disability Rights California if you have questions.

In the Voting Booth

Even if your polling place is accessible, your voting system may not be. Every polling place must have at least one accessible voting machine.

You have the right to a secret and easy-to-use way to vote. Most polling places will have these items to help you:

- A tabletop voting booth (for wheelchair access)
- Braille and large print instructions
- A magnifying sheet
- Pictures to help explain the voting system
- A ballot marker that is easy to use

Can other people help me vote?

Yes. You can:

- Choose 1 or 2 people to help you in the voting booth. But, you cannot choose your employer or union official.
- Ask a poll worker to help you. But, they must not influence you, and they cannot tell anyone how you voted.
- Ask a sign language interpreter to help you. You can bring your own interpreter or call the County Elections Office before the election to request an ASL interpreter.

You can also take your service animal to the polling place and into the voting booth.

Vote-By-Mail Ballot

A Vote-By-Mail Ballot lets you vote by mail. But you must apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot at least 7 days **before** the next election. Your Sample Ballot pamphlet has an application. Or you can contact your County Elections Office. See page 14.

Mail your Vote-By-Mail ballot or drop it off at the County Elections Office or at any polling place in the county where you are registered to vote.

If mailed, it must be postmarked on Election Day and arrive no later than three days after the election. If it is late, it cannot be counted. Vote-by-Mail ballots may be dropped off in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day

Do I have to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot before every election?

Yes, unless you apply for Permanent Vote-By-Mail Status. Permanent Status means a Vote-By-Mail ballot will automatically be sent to you before every election. But if you do not vote in an election, you will be taken off the permanent list. To get back on the list, you must apply again.

To apply for Permanent Status, use the application in your Sample Ballot, or call your County Elections Office.

What if I lose my Vote-By-Mail ballot or forget to mail it on time?

If you lose your Vote-By-Mail ballot, you can vote by Provisional Ballot on Election Day at your polling place. Or request a new one on Election Day, by calling the County Elections Office.

If you did not mail your ballot on time, be sure to fill out all the information on the ballot and the outer envelope. Then, on Election Day you or someone you choose can take it to any polling place in the county where you are registered to vote.

Common Questions

Can Disability Rights California help me?

Yes. HAVA says Disability Rights California must make sure you can exercise your right to vote.

If you feel discriminated against because of your disability, or if you think any of the voting laws were broken, contact Disability Rights California. For Disability Rights California's contact information, see page 7.

What is Provisional Voting?

If the poll worker cannot determine you are properly registered, they will ask you to fill out a "provisional" ballot. Your provisional ballot will be put in a special envelope in the ballot box. Later, the County Elections Office will check your registration and make sure you are eligible to vote. If you are, they will count your vote.

The poll worker will give you a receipt. You can call the phone number on the receipt to see if your vote was counted.

What if I am put in the hospital on or just before Election Day?

You can still vote. Ask for an **Emergency Absentee** or **Hospitalized Voter Ballot**. Call the County Elections Office for an application. Then, send someone to the County Elections Office to pick up your absentee ballot. After you vote, they can return the ballot to the polling place.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Give your ballot back to the poll worker. They will give you a new one. You can get up to three ballots. But you cannot get a new ballot if you put the ballot in the ballot box. If you have trouble with the voting equipment, ask a poll worker to help you.

Elections Officials, by County

Alameda

(510) 267-6933
www.acgov.org/

Alpine

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecounty.ca.gov

Amador

(209) 223-6465

Butte

(800) 538-7761 (Butte only)
(530) 538-6366
<http://clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net>

Calaveras

(209) 754-6376
www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/recorder.html

Colusa

(530) 458-0500
www.colusacountyclerk.com

Contra Costa

(925) 335-7800
www.cocovote.us

Del Norte

(707) 464-7216
(707) 465-0383
www.co.del-norte.ca.us

El Dorado

(530) 621-7480
www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/elections

Fresno

(559) 600-8683
www.co.fresno.ca.us

Glenn

(530) 934-6414

www.countyofglenn.net/Elections

Humboldt

(707) 445-7481

www.co.humboldt.ca.us/election

Imperial

(760) 482-4226

www.imperialcounty.net/Election

Inyo

(760) 878-0224

www.countyofinyo.org

Kern

(661) 868-3590

www.co.kern.ca.us/elections/

Kings

(559) 582-3211 Ext. 4401

www.countyofkings.com

Lake

(707) 263-2372

www.co.lake.ca.us

Lassen

(530) 251-8217

<http://clerk.lassencounty.org/registrar.htm>

Los Angeles

1-800-815-2666
(562) 466-1310 (LA only)
www.lavote.net

Madera

(559) 675-7720
www.madera-county.com

Marin

(415) 473-6456
<http://co.marin.ca.us/depts/RV/main/index.cfm>

Mariposa

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org

Mendocino

(707) 463-4371
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr

Merced

(209) 385-7541
www.co.merced.ca.us/elections/index.html

Modoc

(530) 233-6205

Mono

(760) 932-5537
www.monocounty.ca.gov

Monterey

(831) 796-1499
<http://montereycountyelections.us>

Napa

(707) 253-4321
www.co.napa.ca.us/gov/Departments

Nevada

(530) 265-1298

<http://new.mynevadacounty.com/elections>

Orange

(714) 567-7600

www.ocvote.com

Placer

(530) 886-5650

www.placer.ca.gov/recorder/elections.aspx

Plumas

(530) 283-6256

www.countyofplumas.com/clerkrecorder/elections

Riverside

(951) 486-7200

www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento

(916) 875-6451

www.elections.saccounty.net

San Benito

(831) 636-4016

www.sanbenitocountyelections.us

San Bernardino

(909) 387-8300

www.sbcrov.com

San Diego

(800) 696-0136

(858) 565-5800

www.sdvote.com

San Francisco

(415) 554-4375

www.sfgov.org/election

San Joaquin

(209) 468-2885

www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo

(805) 781-5228

www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk

San Mateo

(650) 312-5222

www.shapethefuture.org/voters/default.asp

Santa Barbara

South County: (805) 568-2200

North County: (805) 346-8374

www.sbcvote.com

Santa Clara

(408) 299-8683

www.sccvote.org

Santa Cruz

(831) 454-2060

www.votescount.com

Shasta

(530) 225-5730

www.co.shasta.ca.us/departments/countyclerkregistrarofvoters/index.shtml

Sierra

(530) 289-3295

www.sierracounty.ws

Siskiyou

(530) 842-8084

www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/clerk/elections/elections.htm

Solano

(707) 784-6675

www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma

(707) 565-6800

www.sonoma-county.org/regvoter/index.htm

Stanislaus

(209) 525-5200

<http://stanvote.com>

Sutter

(530) 822-7122

www.sutter.us/doc/government/depts/cr/elections/cr_elections_home

Tehama

(530) 527-8190

www.co.tehema.ca.us

Trinity

(530) 623-1220

www.trinitycounty.org/elections

Tulare

(559) 624-7300

www.tularecoelections.org/

Tuolumne

(209) 533-5570

www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Ventura

(805) 654-2781

<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections.htm>

Yolo

(530) 666-8133

www.yoloelections.org/

Yuba

(530) 749-7855

<http://elections.co.yuba.ca.us>

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A GUIDE TO VOTING IN CALIFORNIA

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Why vote?

Elections are a critical element of our democracy. Casting a ballot can change the course of our nation, our state, and the communities we live in. Your vote helps elect presidents, our representatives in Congress, our state legislature, city council members, judges, and many others whose decisions have a direct impact on our daily life. Through the ballot box, you also have the power to help create new laws or repeal those you disagree with.

The right to vote has been hard-fought. Women, minorities, and non-landowners were all prohibited from voting earlier in our nation's history. In 1911, women gained the right to vote in California, nine years before women's suffrage was guaranteed in the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Just 50 years ago, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, landmark federal legislation designed to remove barriers to participation in the electoral process for African Americans, and later, other racial minorities. Our nation's veterans have also ensured that our democratic principles, including the right to vote, are protected.

By registering to vote and casting a ballot on Election Day, you have the power to strengthen our democracy. The California Secretary of State is committed to honoring the legacy of those who have so valiantly fought for our democracy by protecting your right to vote.

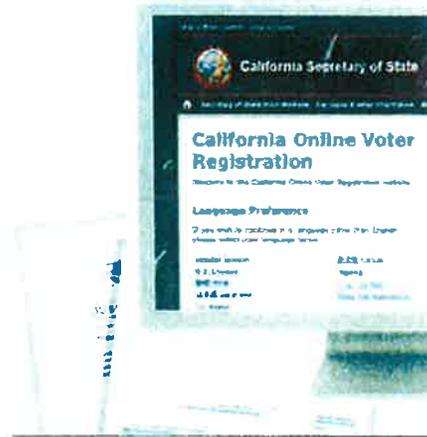
This guide describes many of the rights and responsibilities of voters and provides important information you need in order to vote and have your voice heard.



Can I register to vote?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen;
- A resident of California;
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day;
- Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not found by a court to be mentally incompetent.



How do I register to vote?

You can visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov or call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Voter registration applications are provided at many places throughout the state:

- County elections offices or city halls
- Public libraries
- Post offices
- Department of Motor Vehicles field offices
- State and county social services offices
- State and county mental health offices
- Department of Rehabilitation offices
- Independent Living Centers
- Department of Developmental Services Regional Centers
- Board of Equalization and Franchise Tax Board district offices
- Armed Forces recruitment offices

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If you have a California identification card or driver license, you must provide the number on your voter registration application. If you do not have one of those two types of identification, provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a social security number, you will be assigned a unique identification number for voting purposes only.

When do I register to vote?

While you may register to vote at any time, in most cases you must be registered to vote at least 15 days before an election day to be eligible to vote in that election.

You must re-register to vote if you move, change your name, or want to choose or change your political party preference. The easiest way to update your registration is online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

How do I choose my political party preference?

You may choose one of California's qualified political parties when you register to vote. Choosing a political party preference ensures that you can vote for that party's candidate in a presidential primary election.

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You may also indicate on your voter registration application that you do not prefer any political party which means you will be registered as a No Party Preference (NPP) voter. In presidential primary elections, some political parties allow NPP voters to help choose their candidates. In all elections, NPP voters may vote for ballot measures and candidates running for voter-nominated, local, and nonpartisan offices.

How do statewide primary and general elections work?

A primary election determines which candidates advance to a general election, held a few months later. State legislative, U.S. congressional, and state constitutional offices are known as voter-nominated offices. In a primary election, all candidates for these voter-nominated offices are listed on one ballot. Any voter may vote for any one candidate in each contest, regardless of party preference. The top-two candidates, regardless of party preference, who receive the most votes in each primary contest move on to the general election. After a top-two primary, a general election must be held even if one candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent +1) and even if there is only one candidate in the primary election.

This top-two primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Am I registered to vote?

To check your voter registration status, contact your county elections office. To find contact information for your county, visit sos.ca.gov or see page 9 of this guide.

Can I vote by mail?

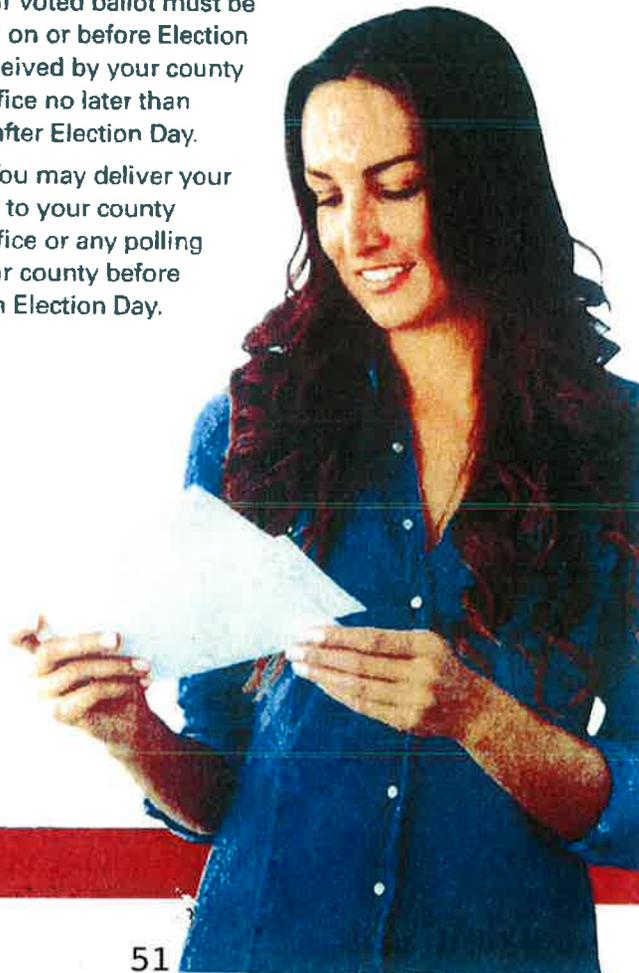
Yes, any registered voter can vote by mail. You must request a vote-by-mail ballot from your county elections office at least seven days before an election day to be eligible to vote by mail in that election. Fill out the vote-by-mail ballot application in your sample ballot booklet, find one at sos.ca.gov, or contact your county elections office. You may also write out your request including your name and the address where you live, the address where you want to receive your vote-by-mail ballot, your signature, and the name and date of the election in which you want to vote by mail.

To find out if you have already applied to vote by mail, contact your county elections office.

To ensure it arrives by the deadline, vote-by-mail ballots can be returned either:

- **By mail:** Your voted ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than three days after Election Day.
- **In person:** You may deliver your voted ballot to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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Can I sign up to permanently vote by mail?

Yes, any registered voter may ask to permanently vote by mail and automatically receive a mailed ballot for every election. You can cancel your permanent vote-by-mail status at any time. Your county elections official will only cancel your permanent vote-by-mail status upon your request or if you do not vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.

How can I register and vote if I am a military or overseas voter?

Registering to Vote:

Military or overseas voters may register to vote using any of the following methods: (1) the Secretary of State's online form at RegisterToVote.ca.gov; (2) the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) Online Assistant at fvap.gov/california; or (3) the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), available at fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca2013.pdf. County elections officials will accept FPCAs through the mail, fax, and designated emails.

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Requesting a Ballot:

Even if you are or were registered to vote in your county, in order to receive your election materials and vote when you are absent from your county while serving and/or living overseas, you need to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by registering online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or by completing the FPCA at fvap.gov, as detailed above.



Returning a Voted Ballot:

Ballot return information, including method for submission of ballots, for each California county is listed on the Secretary of State's website at sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/. Voted ballots may not be returned by email.

How can I vote when I am away at college?

As a Californian living away from home while attending college, you have the option of registering to vote using your home address or your college address. When registering to vote, you are able to specify the address at which you wish to be registered and you can request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed to you while attending college.

How do I know what will be on my ballot?

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Voter Information Guide:

Registered voters automatically receive the Secretary of State's Official Voter Information Guide in the mail a few weeks before Election Day. This nonpartisan guide has details about statewide ballot measures, some candidates, and voter rights.

The Secretary of State produces audio and large-print versions of the Official Voter Information Guide for voters who are blind or visually impaired. Guides are provided in 10 languages: English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. To order any version of these guides free of charge, call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit sos.ca.gov.

Sample Ballot Booklet:

County elections officials mail a sample ballot booklet to each registered voter. This booklet shows what your ballot will look like and includes information about local candidates, local ballot measures, your polling place address, an application for a vote-by-mail ballot, and more. The booklet may also describe how voters with disabilities can vote privately and independently.

How do I vote at a polling place?

Finding Your Polling Place:

When you receive your county sample ballot booklet in the mail prior to each election, your polling place will be listed on the back cover. If you do not receive your sample ballot booklet, contact your county elections office. You can also find your polling place by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), by visiting sos.ca.gov, or by texting the word "Vote" to GoVote (468-683).

At Your Polling Place:

Polls are open in California from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. At your polling place, you will check in with a poll worker and they will explain the process of casting your ballot. The poll worker will give you a paper ballot, unique passcode, or computer memory card, depending on the voting system your county uses. If you are not familiar with how to mark a ballot or make a mistake on your ballot, ask a poll worker for instructions.

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What if I have a disability or need assistance to vote?

If you need assistance in marking your ballot, you may choose one or two people to help you as long as neither are your employer, your employer's agent, your labor union leader, or your labor union's agent.

Voters with Disabilities:

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. County elections officials inspect each site and often make temporary modifications to polling places for Election Day. Every person who works in a polling place is trained on election laws and the rights of voters with disabilities.

In addition, state and federal laws also require that all voters be able to cast their ballots privately and independently. Each polling place must have one voting machine that allows voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast a ballot without assistance. The voting machine permits you to verify your vote choices and, if there is an error, allows you to correct those choices before submitting your final ballot.

If curbside voting is available at your polling place, you may get as close as possible to the voting area and an elections official will bring the voting materials to you. Contact your county elections office to determine if curbside voting is available at your polling place.

Language Assistance:

The Secretary of State and county elections offices offer a wide variety of election-related materials and assistance in languages covered under the federal Voting Rights Act. Covered languages may differ by county but can include: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Contact your county elections office for more information.



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Do I need to show identification when I vote?

In most cases, California voters are not required to show identification before they vote. If you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and did not provide your California identification number, driver license number, or the last four digits of your social security number on your registration application, you may be asked to show a form of identification when you go to the polls. Make sure you bring identification with you to the polls or include a copy of it with your vote-by-mail ballot. For a complete list of the acceptable forms of identification, contact your county elections office or read "Polling Place ID Requirements" at sos.ca.gov/elections/additional-elections-information/help-america-vote-act/.

What if my name is not on the list at the polling place?

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If your name is not on the polling place list, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is a regular ballot but is placed in a special envelope. The ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and have not already voted in that election. A poll worker can give you information about how to check whether your provisional ballot was counted and, if it was not counted, the reason why.

County Elections Offices

Alameda (510) 272-6933	Madera (559) 675-7720	San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5228
Alpine (530) 694-2281	Marin (415) 473-6456	San Mateo (650) 312-5222
Amador (209) 223-6465	Mariposa (209) 966-2007	Santa Barbara (805) 568-2200
Butte (530) 538-7761	Mendocino (707) 234-6819	Santa Clara (408) 299-8683
Calaveras (209) 754-6376	Merced (209) 385-7541	Santa Cruz (831) 454-2060
Colusa (530) 458-0500	Modoc (530) 233-6205	Shasta (530) 225-5730
Contra Costa (925) 335-7800	Mono (760) 932-5537	Sierra (530) 289-3295
Del Norte (707) 465-0383	Monterey (831) 796-1499	Siskiyou (530) 842-8084
El Dorado (530) 621-7480	Napa (707) 253-4321	Solano (707) 784-6675
Fresno (559) 600-8683	Nevada (530) 265-1298	Sonoma (707) 565-6800
Glenn (530) 934-6414	Orange (714) 567-7600	Stanislaus (209) 525-5200
Humboldt (707) 445-7481	Placer (530) 886-5650	Sutter (530) 822-7122
Imperial (760) 482-4226	Plumas (530) 283-6256	Tehama (530) 527-8190
Inyo (760) 878-0224	Riverside (951) 486-7200	Trinity (530) 623-1220
Kern (661) 868-3590	Sacramento (916) 875-6451	Tulare (559) 624-7300
Kings (559) 582-3211 ext. 4401	San Benito (831) 636-4016	Tuolumne (209) 533-5570
Lake (707) 263-2372	San Bernardino (909) 387-8300	Ventura (805) 654-2781
Lassen (530) 251-8217	San Diego (858) 565-5800	Yolo (530) 666-8133
Los Angeles (562) 466-1310	San Francisco (415) 554-4375	Yuba (530) 749-7855
	San Joaquin (209) 468-2885	

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For more information about voting and elections, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

TTY/TDD (800) 833-8683

To find your polling place, text the word "Vote" to GoVote (468-683).

The Secretary of State provides voter assistance in 10 languages:

English (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

中文 /Chinese (800) 339-2857

हिंदी/Hindi (888) 345-2692

日本語 /Japanese (800) 339-2865

ខ្មែរ/Khmer (888) 345-4917

한국어 /Korean (866) 575-1558

Español/Spanish (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

Tagalog (800) 339-2957

ภาษาไทย/Thai (855) 345-3933

Việt ngữ/Vietnamese (800) 339-8163



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