

BALLOT COLLECTION

@ YOUR CHURCH

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Ballot Collection at Church

From the earliest days of this country, churches have had a positive impact on society as a whole as well as on the local community. The passage of AB 1921 (2016) by the California legislature provided another way that churches can have a positive impact and serve their congregation as well as their local community.

California law has long provided the opportunity for voters to have a family member or a member of their household return their vote-by-mail ballots (sometimes called Absentee Ballots), to the polling place on Election Day. AB 1921 has removed the restriction that only family or household members can return vote-by-mail ballots. AB 1921 permits *anyone* designated by the voter to return the ballot.

As most of us know, many people find it difficult to get to the polling place on Election Day. Those who vote-by-mail are sometimes busy and forget to return their ballot to election officials prior to the deadline. Still others are unable to leave home to vote due to health, transportation, or even weather issues. Ballot collection at a church is a helpful solution for churchgoers.

Pastors often desire to see their community adhere to and practice biblical values. Low voter turnout among professing Christians is a significant problem that impacts local as well as state and national elections. A greater turnout by Christian voters has the potential to impact election results, and, thus, the laws that are enacted, in a direction supportive of the biblical principles we hold dear. The passage of AB 1921 provides an opportunity for churches to increase voter turnout by Christians.

Real Impact offers guidance and assistance to pastors who desire to increase the influence of biblical ideals in our culture. For more information visit the realimpact.us website.

The following information from Real Impact can be used to implement your *Ballot Collection @ Your Church* for the General Election in November.

If you would like additional information or have questions not answered after reading through this, please feel free to contact me.

May the Lord bless the work of your hands,



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BALLOT COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Obtaining permission from church leadership to conduct a Ballot Collection activity is the first step. Meet with the pastor and/or church leadership to discuss implementation of the plan to serve your congregation and to help increase voter turnout within the Christian community by collecting vote-by-mail ballots.

PREPARATION IS ESSENTIAL KEY POINTS FOR PREPARATION

- PRAY over all the preparations
- Begin preparations early
- Know the important dates

Keep in mind that the sooner the church begins to prepare for the coming election, the better prepared it will be to effectively serve the congregation.

*Real Impact will support your effort to serve your congregation during election time and we invite you to contact us at **909.393.6009** for more information. Also, sign up for Real Impact updates at **realimpact.us** and follow us on social media to stay abreast of our election time activities.*

THE PLAN FOR BALLOT COLLECTION, SORTING, DELIVERY

Build a Team

Begin by recruiting others to help with the *Ballot Collection* activity. Set up meetings with volunteers to collect supplies, train volunteers, plan logistics, and pray about the activities.

Collect Supplies

- Gather tables, signs, and pens.
- Obtain Ballot collection containers.

Look for secure containers with an envelope drop. Containers in all sizes and price ranges are available through various vendors. Examples:



\$56.79 Premium Clear Acrylic Ballot Box Donation Box Cube (Amazon)



\$249.99 Winbest Large Steel Freestanding Floor Parcel Lockable Drop Slot Mail Box (Amazon)

Collection Day Set Up

- Set up a table so voters can line up.
- Place the collection box(s) behind the table. The church volunteer, not the voter, will place the ballot in the collection container. (See below for reason.)
- Have ink pens at the table for voters to use, if necessary. Set up table in a way that people have room to fill out and sign their envelopes.
- **Important:** Do not leave the ballot collection container unattended, and keep eyes on the ballots at all times.

Collection Steps

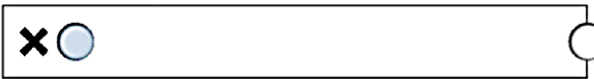
Vote-by-mail ballots must be delivered to the County Registrar of Voters office in the county where the voter is registered to vote so the location of the church in proximity to county lines is important. If most of the church congregation resides in one particular county, Los Angeles for instance, all of the ballots collected would be delivered to the county registrar in Los Angeles. This would make collection easy. If a church is located close to more than one county line, the ballots would need to be delivered to those other counties' County Registrar of Voters offices as well.

(A larger church may want to have two collection containers, for example, one labeled for Los Angeles County and one for Orange County. This will make ballots collection easier.)

Mass collection of the ballots is not recommended, meaning, do not collect the ballots during church service when everyone is seated, and ballots are passed to one end of the aisle. Real Impact suggest that ballots be handed to a volunteer for examination to ensure the envelope has been correctly filled out.

- Receive ballots individually from each voter to ensure a thorough inspection of each envelope. Do not skim over the envelope. Focus on reading each line.
- Inspect each ballot envelope as the voter hands the ballot to the church volunteer.
- Confirm that the vote-by-mail envelope is sealed and the required information is written on the envelope (i.e., name, address, date, and signature). Each county election official is responsible for creating their individual requirements. Therefore, the information required on the envelopes will be different for each county. For instance, some envelopes will require only the voter's signature and date, while others will require more information. Also, the envelope design/color is unique to each county.

The envelope will look similar to, but not exactly, like this:

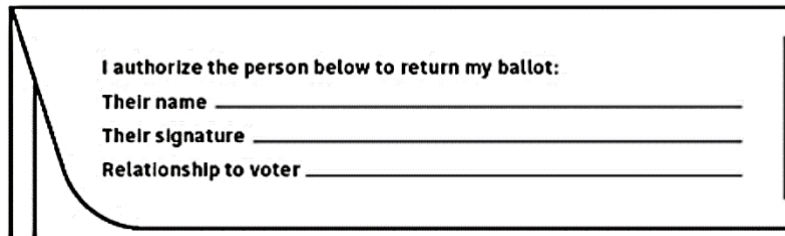
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| Voter's Signature → | Voter, sign here in ink. | Power of attorney is not acceptable. |
| | Votante, firme aquí con tinta | No se aceptan poderes notariales. |
| |  | |
| Date → | Date / Fecha (MM/DD/YYYY) | |
| Voter's Printed Name → | Print name / Imprimir nombre | |
| Address → | Print your voter registration address / Imprime tu dirección de registro de votante | |
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| | | |
| | If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have a witness sign below: | |
| | Si usted no puede firmar, haga una marca y haga que un testigo firme abajo: | |
| | Witness, sign here / Testigo, firme aquí | |

IMPORTANT – The voter should leave blank the section that names the person returning the ballot on behalf of the voter. The volunteer who actually delivers the ballot to the county elections office will fill in his or her name and sign in that space.

If the voter writes the name of a person, other than the person who will be delivering the ballot to the election’s office; have him or her cross out the incorrect name.

The envelope will look similar to, but not exactly, like this:

The voter should leave this section blank.



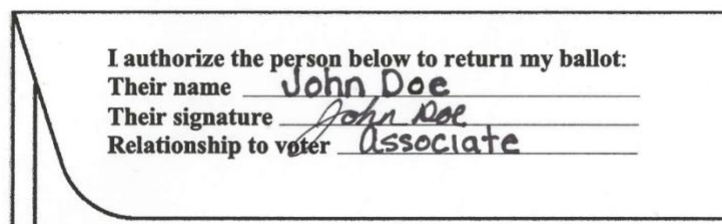
I authorize the person below to return my ballot:
Their name _____
Their signature _____
Relationship to voter _____

SORTING THE BALLOTS

- Volunteers will take the collection containers to a designated, secure room to carefully examine and separate the collected ballots according to the correct county.
- Envelopes must be examined to ensure that they have been filled out with the required information.
- Ballots must be separated according to the County Registrar of Voters address on the front of the envelope if collecting for more than one county.
- California law requires that the name, signature, and “relationship to the voter” be filled in on the back section of the envelope. We have chosen to describe relationship to the voter as “Associate” because the person returning the ballot may not be a relative or friend.

When completed, the envelope will look similar to, but not exactly, like this:

The church volunteer who will deliver ballots should fill in this information.



I authorize the person below to return my ballot:
Their name John Doe
Their signature John Doe
Relationship to voter Associate

PLAN FOR BALLOT DELIVERY

Church volunteers should personally hand deliver the ballots to the county elections office by the next business day. Although California Elections Code requires the ballots to be delivered to election officials within 3 days of receipt, Real Impact suggests that ballots be delivered the next business day to the county elections office. (If ballots are collected on a Sunday, deliver on Monday. If ballots are collected during a mid-week service, such as on a Wednesday, deliver on Thursday.)

Official locations where vote-by-mail ballots may be returned:

- **To the County Registrar of Voters office during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Real Impact suggests this as the optimal location and time for delivery.**

Other legal options include:

- To the County Registrar of Voters office on Election Day, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- At a Mail Ballot Drop-off Location during regular business hours designated by the county. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 24-hour Mail Ballot Drop Box if available.
- By mail via the U.S. Postal Service. Mail ballots are due to the elections office 17 days after the election for this November 2020 election.
- At the polls on Election Day: November 3, 2020, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Election Date

Presidential General Election - Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Ballot Collection Days

EVERYONE will receive a vote-by-mail ballot, regardless of whether or not they request it, or prefer to vote that way. Ballots will be mailed to voters the week of October 5, 2020. This means that there are four possible Sunday dates for ballot collection at church before the November 3 Election Day. **Choose one Sunday, or choose all four Sundays.** Of course, to make it convenient for voters, ballots may be collected before and after weekday services as well.

General Election Day is November 3, 2020 - ballots may be collected on these Sundays:

October 11, 2020
October 18, 2020
October 25, 2020
November 1, 2020

Sunday Announcement Dates

Announce the Ballot Collection activity one or two weeks prior to the first Sunday collection date.

For example:

If ballot collection will take place for four weeks prior to the General Election in 2020, announcement could be made on:

- Sunday, September 27, 2020, and/or Sunday, October 4, 2020, as well as during other weekday meetings.

Sample Sunday Announcement:

The Church Ballot Collection

“The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. We’ll be providing a helpful service for vote-by-mail voters. We’ll be collecting vote-by-mail ballots the next four Sundays, before and after church service, in the (foyer). We have a team of dedicated volunteers who will hand deliver your ballot to the (Orange) County election officials.

Bring your completed vote-by-mail ballot to church. The dates ballots will be collected before and after church service are ONLY:

- October 4, 2020
- October 11, 2020
- October 18, 2020
- October 25, 2020

Ballots will be delivered to election offices the next business day.

IMPORTANT: To ensure your vote is counted, fill out the outside of your envelope.

IMPORTANT: California Elections Code require the ballots to be delivered to election officials within 3 days of receipt.

Elections Code

Section 3011 of the Elections Code mandates that individuals delivering harvested ballots must provide their name, signature, and relationship to the voter on the identification envelope. (Elec. Code, § 3011, subds. (a)(9), (10), (11).) Section 3017 of the Elections Code further mandates that those individuals delivering harvested ballots on behalf of the registered voter, do so within three (3) days of receipt, or by close of polls on Election Day, whichever is shorter. (Elec. Code, § 3017, subds. (a)(2).)

CHURCH OFFICE DROP OFF

If the church office will accept ballots during the week, more frequent deliveries to the elections office will be required because ballots must be delivered to elections office within 3 days.

Here are a few things to consider:

- All office staff must be trained to receive ballots.
- Do not allow people to drop off their ballots without the envelope being inspected.
- Ballots must be held in a secure location behind the reception desk and away from the reach of the public.

GOOD TO KNOW

Prior to 2016, California law required that “a voter who is unable to return his or her vote-by-mail ballot may designate his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or person residing in the same household as the vote-by-mail voter to return the vote-by-mail ballot.”

The law was amended in 2016 (AB 1921), and today, it allows voters to give any third party, not just a relative or someone living in the same household, the ability to return the vote-by-mail ballot. This is the law that permits the churches to organize ballot collection activities.

California law (AB 1921) prohibits a person designated to return ballots from receiving any form of compensation ***based on the number of ballots that person returns***. It also prohibits an individual, group, or organization from providing compensation on this basis.

"Compensation" means any form of monetary payment, goods, services, benefits, promises or offers of employment, or any other form of consideration offered to another person in exchange for returning another voter's ballot. However, people can be paid to collect ballots—*just not based on the number collected* — this makes it possible for (paid) church staff to be part of the ballot collection process.

CITIZEN AND ORGANIZATION BALLOT COLLECTORS

To help increase voter turnout, an individual and/or other organization, not just the church, can also collect vote-by-mail ballots and deliver the ballots to election officials using the tips outlined here by Real Impact. We encourage every individual and/or organization to collect vote-by-mail ballots from family, friends, neighbors, and especially, those who they know might not make it to the polls on Election Day.

GET YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED

If you're an individual interested in having your church participate in this Ballot Collection activity, we've provided you with a letter template for the purpose of submitting a request to your church leadership about taking part in this Ballot Collection activity. May the Lord bless your efforts!

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.”
PROVERBS 29:2

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(SAMPLE LETTER FROM CHURCH MEMBER TO A PASTOR)

Dear Pastor _____,

I want to let you know about a wonderful opportunity our church has to make an impact in our community and beyond!

As you might already know, many eligible voters do not exercise their right to vote for various reasons. Mainly, people find it difficult to get to the polls on Election Day. Some people have good intentions and find that circumstances come up that prevent them from actually voting on Election Day. In order to help those who sometimes find themselves in this position, we would like to offer several services to our church membership.

- Voter registration—This is important for those who have not registered, those who have moved, and those who have had other recent status changes.
- Vote-by-mail ballot request forms.
- Vote-by-mail Ballot Collection—Thanks to a new CA law, we can collect and turn in completed ballots for vote-by-mail voters, thus providing a great service to the church congregation.

I'd like to suggest that we collect ballots after church services. I'm willing to be trained on the steps for accomplishing this activity through Real Impact, a Christian organization that helps churches to have an impact in their community, state, and the nation.

The next election will take place on Tuesday, _____.

I look forward to talking with you about this and answering any questions you may have.

Blessings,

LEGAL GUIDELINES FROM TYLER & BURSCH



REPLY TO:

Riverside County Office:
25026 Las Brisas Road
Murrieta, California 92562
Telephone: (951) 600-2733
Facsimile: (951) 600-4996

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Suite 175
Anaheim, California 92805
Telephone: (714) 978-2060

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Re: *Guide to Church Involvement in Ballot Gathering*

Dear Pastors:

In 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 1921 into law, which legalized the so-called practice of "ballot harvesting." Previously, only a family member or someone living in the same household was permitted to drop off another voter's mail-in ballot, but the new law now allows anyone – including church staff, church volunteers, and pastors – to collect and turn them in to the Registrar of Voters or Polling Place.

Ballot gathering by churches could be the key to success in positively impacting elections effecting Biblical issues.

Why is this important? Freedom of religion is at stake. Christianity is under attack by the progressive, secular lawmakers we have allowed to be elected over the years. Christian values and morals have been pushed out of schools and the public square and replaced by a culture of sexual confusion and hopelessness.

Churches are still subject to the Johnson Amendment. Therefore, tax-exempt religious entities are not allowed to "participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

However, even though churches are prohibited from supporting or opposing a candidate's campaign, candidates may be introduced at a church service or may preach or read scripture or discuss matters of public concern. **In addition, churches and pastors can freely engage in non-partisan election related activities, including ballot gathering.**

By understanding the lawful means to participate in elections you can make a tremendous difference in government and public policy by helping members of your congregation become informed, responsible citizens for biblical truth.

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We encourage you to provide your congregants a theological worldview on all subjects facing society today. The law allows you to speak from the pulpit about social and moral issues like the actions of government officials in office, the positions of candidates on issues, budgeting, homelessness, immigration, taxes, marriage, drugs, crime, abortion, gender and sexuality.

Churches may also host biblical voter forums that include candidates or elected officials, as long as the forums are done in a non-partisan manner.

Below are examples of lawful election activities your church can organize and participate in:

1. **Begin by discussing from the pulpit** the current political and cultural issues that are biblical concerns of the church.
2. **Educate your congregation** about the ideological and biblical differences between the major political party platforms.
3. **Explain Christians' biblical responsibility to vote** and set up a voter registration table at your church.
 - **New voters** can register or pre-register to Vote-By-Mail at your church or online at the California online voter registration website at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>.
 - **Churches may also re-register voters** so they can receive a Vote By Mail Ballot by downloading and copying applications and returning the completed forms to their local county elections office <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote-by-mail/pdf/vote-by-mail-application.pdf>.
 - **Registration Deadline** The deadline to register or re-register to vote for any election is 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the 15th calendar day before that election. **If this deadline has passed:**
 - You can submit an application and it will be processed for future elections.
 - You have the opportunity to “conditionally” register to vote and vote provisionally at your local county elections office. Contact your local

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county elections official for more information or visit
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/>.

4. **When election season comes**, your church can hold a biblical election forum to discuss ballot measures, propositions and candidates from a theological world view.
 - Invite your congregation to bring their Mail-In ballots and fill them out together at the church.
 - Ask them to invite their friends and family.

5. **Ballot Gathering:**
 - **The church can then collect or “gather” the ballots** and place them into a secure container and turn them all into a local Vote Center or County Registrar of Voters office before or by 8:00 PM on Election Day. Now that ballot gathering is legal, churches can take an active role in preserving Christianity and biblical values.

Tyler & Bursch, LLP provides legal and financial support to our non-profit law firm, Advocates for Faith & Freedom, in defense of religious liberty.

Please feel free to contact our office at 951-304-7583 or visit our website at www.faith-freedom.com for more information about voting with a theological worldview and help with organizing voter registration and election events at your church.

In His Service,



Robert H. Tyler, Esq.

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IMPORTANT DATES

2020

| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | | | | | | | <u>OCTOBER</u> | | | | | | | <u>NOVEMBER</u> | | | | | | |
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SEPTEMBER
9/27 Sunday Announcement

OCTOBER
10/4 Sunday Announcement
10/11 Ballot Collection Day
10/18 Ballot Collection Day
10/25 Ballot Collection Day

NOVEMBER
11/1 Ballot Collection Day



ORGANIZING A CHURCH VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE - California Edition -

Organizing a non-partisan church registration drive is easy, legal, and allows us to vote our Biblical values.

ASK FOR PERMISSION

- Ask your pastor or church leadership for permission to organize a voter registration drive.
- Ask for a prominent location to set up a table for necessary materials.

OBTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

- Get Voter Registration Applications (VRA) from your county Registrar of Voters (ROV) office or the elections office of the California Secretary of State (SOS).
- Use county specific VRAs if you will be registering people from only one county. Otherwise, use the VRA from the SOS office. You may submit the Statement of Distribution form (see our resources section) to have forms mailed to you from the SOS.

DETERMINE THE TIMING

- Consider holding the voter registration drive for several Sundays before the registration deadline. All VRAs must be postmarked by the deadline – 15 days before the election.

PROMOTE THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

- Ask for permission to promote the drive through all available avenues of church communication. This might include pulpit announcements, bulletin blurbs, newsletter articles, social media, or an information table.

KNOW THE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND RULES

- Take the quick and easy training offered by your county elections office then train your volunteers. The county registrar's office offers this guidance. Call them for more information.
- Read the California *Secretary of State Guide to Voter Registration Drives* (see the Real Impact website) and keep a copy at the registration table for reference.
- Recruit a responsible person to mail the VRAs from the post office or deliver the VRAs to the county ROV before the registration deadline.

IMPORTANT CALIFORNIA DATES

- **Presidential General Election Voter Registration Deadline:** October 19, 2020
Voter registration applications must be post marked and online registrations must be completed by this date.
- **Vote by Mail Ballots:**
Election officials begin mailing ballots 29 days before Election Day.
- **Presidential General Election Day:**
November 3, 2020
- **Conditional Voter Registration:**
October 20, 2020 – November 3, 2020
Eligible citizens who missed the voter registration deadline may still vote if they go to their county elections office or a designated satellite location during the 14 days prior to the election, or on Election Day a person can register to vote conditionally.

ORGANIZING A CHURCH VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE - California Edition -

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CONSIDER THESE IDEAS

- **Table Registration:** A table can be set up in a highly trafficked area of the church. Encourage the registrants to immediately fill out VRAs and leave them with you to return to the ROV. You will need voter registration applications, black or blue ink pens, and clipboards.
- **Pew Distribution:** An effective method for VRA distribution is to make the applications available in the pew racks. This idea is not for every church, but for those that choose this method, have everyone who needs to register complete the VRA before the end of service. Ushers or volunteers can collect the forms.
- **Voter Information:** Collect contact information for those who register to vote. This information must be given voluntarily by the registrants and not obtained from the VRA. This data can be used to remind voters to get out and vote.

RESOURCES:

- California Secretary of State:
www.sos.ca.gov
- Register to Vote CA:
www.registertovote.ca.gov
- Advocates for Faith and Freedom:
The legality of organizing a church voter registration drive can be obtained at: www.faith-freedom.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) **What if we receive a ballot envelope that the voter forgot to sign?**
ANSWER: Make every attempt to contact the voter to sign the ballot. Otherwise, contact the Country Registrar of Voters for help.
- 2) **What if a voter writes an incorrect date on the envelope (e.g. their birth date)?**
ANSWER: The voter must cross out the incorrect date and write the date the ballot was dropped off. Otherwise, contact the Country Registrar of Voters for help.
- 3) **What if a voter did not leave the “authorized return agent/person” section blank on the ballot return envelope? (*This should be signed by the person delivering the ballot to the election’s office.*)**
ANSWER: The volunteer who is delivering the ballot to the election’s office must cross out the incorrect name by drawing a straight line through the name and inserting his or her name. (DO NOT use white out.)
- 4) **What should a voter do if he or she lost or damaged their ballot?**
ANSWER: Have the voter contact their county elections office for a replacement.
- 5) **Can people drop off ballots for family, friends, and neighbors?**
ANSWER: Yes.
- 6) **Can church volunteers help a voter fill out their ballot?**
ANSWER: Church volunteers should not tell voters how to vote; however, they are able to recommend non-partisan voter guides.
- 7) **What if the voter receives a ballot for the incorrect Political Party?**
ANSWER: The voter should contact their county elections office to request the correct ballot.
- 8) **What if the voter does not receive his or her vote-by-mail ballot?**
ANSWER: The voter should contact their county elections office to request the ballot.
- 9) **What if the voter receives two ballots in the mail?**
ANSWER: The voter should contact their county elections office for instructions. It is illegal to vote twice.
- 10) **Can a vote-by-mail voter decide to vote at the polls instead?**
ANSWER: Yes. He or she can surrender the ballot at a polling location or at voting centers prior to Election Day and proceed to vote in-person.

For all other questions a voter may pose, have the voter contact his or her county elections office. A list of phone numbers is located at the end of this packet.



Sample Table Set-up

One or more tables can be used depending on church size.



Verifying

Volunteer verifies ballot envelope is filled out properly.



Signing & Sorting

Volunteers who will be delivering ballots, sign back of envelopes and sort by county.

County Elections Offices

A list of county elections offices and their contact information is listed below. You can also call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) for your county elections official's contact information.

County elections offices provide election materials in various languages, in addition to English, as required by federal law. Please contact your county elections office directly to ask whether your county's voting-related materials are available in your language.

Alameda

Tim Dupuis, Registrar of Voters
1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-6973 (510) 272-6982 Fax
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Alpine

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 158, Markleeville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2281 (530) 694-2491 Fax
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
E-Mail: ttremayne@alpinecountycal.gov

Amador

Kimberly L. Grady, Registrar of Voters
810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642-2132
(209) 223-6465 (209) 223-6467 Fax
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
E-Mail: Elections@amadorgov.org

Butte

Candace J. Grubbs, County Clerk-Recorder/
Registrar of Voters
155 Nelson Ave, Oroville, CA 95965-3411
(530) 552-3400, option 1 (800) 894-7761
(Domestic) (530) 538-6853 Fax
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
E-Mail: elections@buttecounty.net

Calaveras

Rebecca Turner, County Clerk/Recorder
Elections Department
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-6376 (209) 754-6733 Fax
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
E-Mail: electionsweb@co.calaveras.ca.us

Colusa

Rose Gallo-Vasquez, County Clerk/Recorder
546 Jay Street, Suite 200, Colusa, CA 95932
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Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
E-Mail: ccclerk@countyofcolusa.org

Contra Costa

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Humboldt

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Imperial

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Lassen

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Mono

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Napa

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Sacramento

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San Benito

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San Bernardino

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Tehama

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Yolo

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