

California

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DEADLINES	State Primary June 8, 2010	General Election November 2, 2010
Registration	May 24, 2010	October 18, 2010
Ballot Request	June 1, 2010	October 26, 2010
Ballot Return	June 8, 2010	November 2, 2010

Information is current as of July 2009. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Your valid California Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your California voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 4.c: California allows you to receive your ballot by mail. You may also receive your ballot by fax only if you are an overseas Uniformed Service member or family member or an overseas citizen. Check how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (mail or fax). Provide your fax number in Block 2. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

Block 5: Enter your political party affiliation. If you do not wish to register with any party, enter "decline to state." California law allows "decline to state" voters to vote a party ballot at a primary election if the political party allows it. Find out which political parties allow this at www.sos.ca.gov. If you want to change your political party, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local elections official no later than 15 days before the election.

Block 6: Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.

In addition to mailing a regular ballot, California provides a State Special Absentee Voter Ballot up to 60 days before the election to any voter unable to vote in the regular vote-by-mail process due to military or other contingencies. This ballot allows you to vote for local, State and Federal offices. To request it, write in Block 6: "I cannot vote by mail during the normal vote-by-mail period due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. [Specify reason(s).] I request a special absentee ballot."

Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

California allows you to submit the FPCA by mail or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, it is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.sos.ca.gov. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703)693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office. Contact information can be found at: www.sos.ca.gov.

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

Late Registration

Discharged military personnel and civilians outside the U.S. who return to their county of residence after the registration deadline may apply for registration at the local election office. Military personnel must provide documentary proof that their release was after the registration deadline.

Ballot Request by Letter

If you are already registered, you may submit a letter to your local election official to request an absentee ballot by the ballot request deadline. The letter must include your name as registered, voting residence address, address to which the absentee ballot should be sent, and the name and date of the election. The letter must be signed and dated.

Ballot Request if Recalled to Service

If registered voters are unable to appear at their polling place because of being recalled to service after the absentee ballot request deadline, but before 5 pm on the day before the election, they may request an absentee ballot at their local election office.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials mail absentee ballots beginning 60 days before the election.

Voted ballots must be received by the local election office by 8 pm on election day.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You must return your voted ballot by mail if you are a Stateside Uniformed Service member or family member. You may return your ballot by mail or fax only if you are an overseas Uniformed Service member or family member or an overseas citizen. Use FPCA mail and fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

California allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for voting in general elections for Federal office. If you are registered and have requested your absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/Affirmation:

Block 1.a: Select the category that describes you.

Block 1.b: California does not allow you to use this form for registration. Do not check this block.

Block 2.a: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 2.e: Date of Birth

Blocks 2.f and 2.g: Enter your valid California Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your State voter registration number.

Blocks 2.h through 2.j: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Blocks 3.a through 3.e: Complete street address of your California voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 4.a: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 6: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

Block 7: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

Vote for any Federal office in a general election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.sos.ca.gov. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate’s name or a political party designation. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for regular State absentee ballots. If you receive the regular ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the regular ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the regular ballot will be counted.

You must submit your FWAB by mail if you are a Stateside Uniformed Service member or family member. You may submit your FWAB by mail or fax only if you are an overseas Uniformed Service member or family member or an overseas citizen.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the ballot directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found below.

If you choose to fax your FWAB, you must sign an oath waiving your right to cast the ballot secretly. It is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.sos.ca.gov. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703)693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Alameda	Alameda County Registrar of Voters 1225 Fallon Street, Room G1 Oakland, CA 94612-4229
Alpine	Alpine County Clerk, Registrar of Voters PO Box 158 Markleeville, CA 96120-0158
Amador	Amador County Registrar of Voters 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642-2132
Butte	Butte County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 25 County Center Drive, Suite 110 Oroville, CA 95965-3366

County	Mailing Address
Calaveras	Calaveras County Clerk, Elections Department 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249-9713
Colusa	Colusa County Clerk, Elections Department 546 Jay Street, Suite 200 Colusa, CA 95932-2400
Contra Costa	Contra Costa County Clerk, Elections Department PO Box 271 Martinez, CA 94553-0027
Del Norte	Del Norte County Clerk, Recorder, Elections 981 H Street Room 160 Crescent City, CA 95531-3457
El Dorado	El Dorado County Registrar of Voters 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667-4100
Fresno	Fresno County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 2221 Kern Street Fresno, CA 93721-2613
Glenn	Glenn County Clerk, Elections 516 W. Sycamore Street Willows, CA 95988-2740
Humboldt	Humboldt County Clerk, Elections 3033 H Street Eureka, CA 95501-4409
Imperial	Imperial County Clerk, Courthouse 940 W. Main Street, Room 202 El Centro, CA 92243-2865
Inyo	Inyo County Clerk-Elections 168 N. Edwards PO Drawer F Independence, CA 93526-0606
Kern	Kern County Clerk - Elections Office 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301-4617
Kings	Kings County Elections Dept., Govt. Center 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard Hanford, CA 93230-5997
Lake	Lake County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 255 N. Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453-4747
Lassen	Lassen County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 220 S. Lassen Street, Ste. 5 Susanville, CA 96130-4343
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters/County Clerk 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650-8357
Madera	Madera County Clerk-Elections 200 W. 4th Street Madera, CA 93637-3548
Marin	Marin County Registrar of Voters 3501 Civic Center, Room 121 San Rafael, CA 94903-4183
Mariposa	Mariposa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters PO Box 247 Mariposa, CA 95338-0247
Mendocino	Mendocino County Clerk-Elections 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 Ukiah, CA 95482-3738
Merced	Merced County Clerk-Elections 2222 M Street, Room 14 Merced, CA 95340-3729
Modoc	Modoc County Clerk-Elections 204 South Court Street Alturas, CA 96101-4020
Mono	Mono County Clerk-Elections Bryant Street, Library Bldg. 74 School Street, Annex 1 Bridgeport, CA 93517
Monterey	Monterey County Elections 1370 S. Main St. # B Salinas, CA 93901-2109
Napa	Napa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 900 Coombs Street, Room 256 Napa, CA 94559-2900
Nevada	Nevada County Clerk - Elections 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959-8600



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Orange	Orange County Registrar of Voters 1300 S. Grande Ave Bldg. C Santa Ana, CA 92705-4434
Placer	Placer County Registrar of Voters 2956 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA 95603-2640
Plumas	Plumas County Clerk - Elections 520 Main Street, Room 102 Quincy, CA 95971-9366
Riverside	Riverside County Registrar of Voters 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507-0918
Sacramento	County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections 7000 65th Street Sacramento, CA 95823-2315
San Benito	San Benito County Clerk, Court House 440 Fifth Street, Room 206 Hollister, CA 95023-3843
San Bernardino	San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters 777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415-1005
San Diego	San Diego County Registrar of Voters 5201 Ruffin Road, #1 San Diego, CA 92123-1693
San Francisco	San Francisco County Elections, City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48 San Francisco, CA 94102-4608
San Joaquin	San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters 212 North San Joaquin Street Stockton, CA 95202-2409
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Elections 1055 Monterey Street, Room D120 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-1003
San Mateo	San Mateo County Clerk of Elections 40 Tower Road San Mateo, CA 94402-4098
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara County Clerk-Elections, Courthouse 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200 Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2019
Santa Clara	Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2 San Jose, CA 95112-2716
Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz County Clerk - Elections 701 Ocean Street, Room 210 Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4011

County	Mailing Address
Shasta	Shasta County Clerk-Elections 1643 Market Street Redding, CA 96001-1022
Sierra	Sierra County Clerk-Elections Courthouse PO Drawer D, Room 11 Downieville, CA 95936-0398
Siskiyou	Siskiyou County Clerk-Elections 510 N. Main St. Yreka, CA 96097-2525
Solano	Solano County Registrar of Voters 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600 Fairfield, CA 94533-6338
Sonoma	Sonoma County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 435 Fiscal Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2820
Stanislaus	Stanislaus County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101 Modesto, CA 95354-2331
Sutter	Sutter County Clerk-Elections 1435 Veterans Memorial Circle Yuba City, CA 95993-3011
Tehama	Tehama County Clerk-Elections PO Box 250 Red Bluff, CA 96080-0250
Trinity	Trinity County Clerk-Elections PO Box 1215 Weaverville, CA 96093-1215
Tulare	Tulare County Registrar of Voters 5951 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277-9394
Tuolumne	Tuolumne County Clerk of Elections 2 S. Green Street Sonora, CA 95370-4618
Ventura	Ventura County Clerk-Elections 800 S. Victoria Avenue, L-1200 Ventura, CA 93009-0001
Yolo	Yolo County Clerk-Registration 625 Court Street, Room B 05 Woodland, CA 95695-3475
Yuba	Yuba County Clerk, Courthouse 915 8th Street, Suite 107 Marysville, CA 95901-5273

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