

# California

[http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_mov.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm)

<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>Presidential Primary June 5, 2012</b>	<b>State Primary June 5, 2012</b>	<b>General Election November 6, 2012</b>
<b>Registration</b>	May 21, 2012	May 21, 2012	October 22, 2012
<b>Ballot Request</b>	May 29, 2012	May 29, 2012	October 30, 2012
<b>Ballot Return</b>	8pm, June 5, 2012	8pm, June 5, 2012	8pm, November 6, 2012

**These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.**

Information is current as of January 2013. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for every subsequent Federal election held until the voter fails to return an executed ballot in four consecutive statewide general elections.

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

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

**Block 2:** Enter your political party preference. If you do not wish to provide a party preference, enter “no party preference.” In Presidential elections only, California law allows voters who have declined to provide a party preference 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](http://www.sos.ca.gov). If you want to change your political party preference, submit a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local elections official no later than 15 days before the election.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

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, California shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purpose.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** California allows you to receive the blank ballot by mail, email, or fax. Some counties also offer downloadable

online ballots. Check the county listing at [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_mov.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm) to see what options your county provides. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** 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 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now, even if you request your ballot electronically.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

**Affirmation:** 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. You may also register and request an absentee ballot online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>

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 [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_mov.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm). 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](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 696-2148, 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](http://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: [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_mov.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm).

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 you are unable to appear at your polling place because of being recalled to service after the absentee ballot request deadline, but before 5 pm PST on the day before the election, you may request an absentee ballot at your local election office.

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## 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 PST on election day. Postmarks do not count.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

California law does not allow for return of voted ballots by email. Uniformed service members, their dependents, and citizens outside the U.S. temporarily may return the voted ballot by mail or fax in accordance with the instructions sent with the ballot. No witness or notary is required on voted ballots. If you fax your ballot, you must also fax the “oath of

voter” form provided by your county waiving your right to secrecy.

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the “Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD”. This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

### Tracking your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/>.

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## Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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## 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 registration, ballot request, and voting in primary, special, run-off, and general elections for Federal, State, and local offices and non-candidate ballot issues. If you are registered and have requested your absentee ballot, feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

The FWAB may be used to register to vote and request an absentee ballot as long as it is received no later than 15 days prior to the election. If received later than that date the voter must already be registered.

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

**Block 1:** California allows you to use this form for registration. It must be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the election.

**Block 2:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid California Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, OR your State voter registration number.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** Enter your political party preference. If you do not wish to provide a party preference, enter "no party preference." In Presidential elections only, California law allows voters who have declined to provide a party preference 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](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

**Block 7:** 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 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### Vote Your FWAB:

To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to <http://voterguide.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:

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form, ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the registration deadline.

If using the FWAB simultaneously as a ballot request form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot request deadline.

If using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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.

Uniformed service members, their dependents, and citizens outside the U.S. temporarily may choose to fax your FWAB, you must sign an oath waiving your right to cast the ballot secretly. You should fax back your voted ballot only if doing so is necessary for the ballot to be received before the close of polls on election day.

It is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_mov.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm). 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](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 696-2148, 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](http://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 Fax: (510) 272-6982 Email: <a href="mailto:lolita.francisco@acgov.org">lolita.francisco@acgov.org</a>
Alpine	Alpine County Clerk, Registrar of Voters PO Box 158 Markleeville, CA 96120-0158 Fax: (530) 694-2491 Email: <a href="mailto:bhoward@alpinecountyca.gov">bhoward@alpinecountyca.gov</a>
Amador	Amador County Registrar of Voters 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642-2132 Fax: (209) 223-6467 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@amadorgov.org">elections@amadorgov.org</a>
Butte	Butte County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 25 County Center Drive, Suite 110 Oroville, CA 95965-3375 Fax: (530) 538-6853 Email: <a href="mailto:LCassady@buttecounty.net">LCassady@buttecounty.net</a>

County	Mailing Address
Calaveras	Calaveras County Clerk, Elections Department 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249-9713 Fax: (209) 754-6733 Email: RTurner@co.calaveras.ca.us
Colusa	Colusa County Clerk, Elections Department 546 Jay Street, Suite 200 Colusa, CA 95932-2400 Fax: (530) 458-0512 Email: csu@countyofcolusa.org
Contra Costa	Contra Costa County Clerk, Elections Department PO Box 271 Martinez, CA 94553-0027 Fax: (925) 335-7843 Email: voter.services@vote.cccounty.us
Del Norte	Del Norte County Clerk, Recorder, Elections 981 H Street Room 160 Crescent City, CA 95531-3457 Fax: (707) 465-0321 Email: smealue@co.del-norte.ca.us
El Dorado	El Dorado County Registrar of Voters 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667-4100 Fax: (530) 626-5514 Email: edced@edcgov.us
Fresno	Fresno County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 2221 Kern Street Fresno, CA 93721-2613 Fax: (559) 488-3279 Email: vnajera@co.fresno.ca.us
Glenn	Glenn County Clerk, Elections 516 W. Sycamore Street, 2nd Floor Willows, CA 95988-2746 Fax: (530) 934-6571 Email: lteeter@countyofglenn.net
Humboldt	Humboldt County Clerk, Elections 3033 H Street, Room 20 Eureka, CA 95501-4409 Fax: (707) 445-7204 Email: ksanders@co.humboldt.ca.us
Imperial	Imperial County Clerk, Courthouse 940 W. Main Street, Room 206 El Centro, CA 92243-2865 Fax: (760) 337-4182 Email: janehurtado@co.imperial.ca.us
Inyo	Inyo County Clerk-Elections 168 N. Edwards PO Drawer F Independence, CA 93526-0606 Fax: (760) 878-1805 Email: kfoote@inyocounty.us
Kern	Kern County Clerk - Elections Office 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639 Fax: (661) 868-3768 Email: barnetta@co.kern.ca.us
Kings	Kings County Elections Dept., Govt. Center 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard Hanford, CA 93230-5997 Fax: (559) 585-8453 Email: rachellesimases@co.kings.ca.us
Lake	Lake County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 255 N. Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453-4747 Fax: (707) 263-2742 Email: dianef@co.lake.ca.us
Lassen	Lassen County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 220 S. Lassen Street, Ste. 5 Susanville, CA 96130-4343 Fax: (530) 257-3480 Email: lcclerk@co.lassen.ca.us
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters/County Clerk 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650-8357 Fax: (562) 462-2354/(562) 462-3035/(562) 864-2394/(562) 864-6786 Email: militaryoverseasav@rrcc.lacounty.gov

County	Mailing Address
Madera	Madera County Clerk-Elections 200 W. 4th Street Madera, CA 93637-3548 Fax: (559) 675-7870 Email: ssibley@madera-county.com
Marin	Marin County Registrar of Voters 3501 Civic Center, Room 121 San Rafael, CA 94903-4183 Fax: (415) 473-8683 Email: dbelben@marincounty.org
Mariposa	Mariposa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters PO Box 247 Mariposa, CA 95338-0247 Fax: (209) 966-6496 Email: cprogner@mariposacounty.org
Mendocino	Mendocino County Clerk-Elections 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 Ukiah, CA 95482-3738 Fax: (707) 463-4257 Email: bartolok@co.mendocino.ca.us
Merced	Merced County Clerk-Elections 2222 M Street, Room 14 Merced, CA 95340-3729 Fax: (209) 385-7387 Email: smachado@co.merced.ca.us
Modoc	Modoc County Clerk-Elections 204 South Court Street Alturas, CA 96101-4020 Fax: (530) 233-6666 Email: darcylocken@co.modoc.ca.us
Mono	Mono County Clerk-Elections Library Building 74 School Street, Annex 1 Bridgeport, CA 93517 Fax: (760) 932-5531 Email: elections@mono.ca.gov
Monterey	Monterey County Elections 1370 S. Main Street # B Salinas, CA 93901-2109 Fax: (831) 755-5485 Email: rempertis@co.monterey.ca.us
Napa	Napa County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 900 Coombs Street, Room 256 Napa, CA 94559-2900 Fax: (707) 253-4390 Email: elections@co.napa.ca.us
Nevada	Nevada County Clerk - Elections 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959-8600 Fax: (530) 265-9829 Email: gail.smith@co.nevada.ca.us
Orange	Orange County Registrar of Voters 1300 S. Grande Ave Bldg. C Santa Ana, CA 92705-4434 Fax: (714) 567-7556 Email: jessica.castaneda@rov.ocgov.com
Placer	Placer County Registrar of Voters 2956 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA 95604-2640 Fax: (530) 886-5688 Email: vote@placer.ca.gov
Plumas	Plumas County Clerk - Elections 520 Main Street, Room 102 Quincy, CA 95971-9366 Fax: (530) 283-6155 Email: marcydemartile@countyofplumas.com
Riverside	Riverside County Registrar of Voters 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507-0918 Fax: (951) 486-7272 Email: rovweb@co.riverside.ca.us
Sacramento	County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections 7000 65th Street Sacramento, CA 95823-2315 Fax: (916) 876-5597 Email: jonesdi@saccounty.net

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San Benito	San Benito County Clerk, Court House 440 Fifth Street, Room 206 Hollister, CA 95023-3843 Fax: (831) 636-2939 Email: acurro@cosb.us
San Bernardino	San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters 777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92451-0770 Fax: (909) 387-2022 Email: kplimley@rov.sbcounty.gov
San Diego	San Diego County Registrar of Voters 5201 Ruffin Road, #1 San Diego, CA 92123-1693 Fax: (858) 694-2955 Email: Carolyn.Twichel@sdcounty.ca.gov
San Francisco	San Francisco County Elections, City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48 San Francisco, CA 94102-4608 Fax: (415) 554-4372 Email: demetri.chames@sfgov.org
San Joaquin	San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters 44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 350 Stockton, CA 95202-2924 Fax: (209) 468-9534 Email: apayne@sjgov.org
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Elections 1055 Monterey Street, Room D120 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-1003 Fax: (805) 781-1111 Email: lzohns@co.slo.ca.us
San Mateo	San Mateo County Clerk of Elections 40 Tower Road San Mateo, CA 94402-4098 Fax: (650) 312-5348 Email: mdubroff@smcare.org
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara County Clerk-Elections P.O. Box 61510 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200 Santa Barbara, CA 93601-1510 Fax: (805) 568-2209 Email: arichey@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Santa Clara	Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2 San Jose, CA 95112-2716 Fax: (408) 293-6002 Email: matt.moreles@rov.sccgov.org
Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz County Clerk - Elections 701 Ocean Street, Room 210 Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4076 Fax: (831) 454-2445 Email: tricia.webber@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
Shasta	Shasta County Clerk-Elections 1643 Market Street Redding, CA 96001-1022 Fax: (530) 225-5454 Email: smathews@co.shasta.ca.us
Sierra	Sierra County Clerk-Elections 100 Courthouse Square PO Drawer D, Room 11 Downieville, CA 95936-0398 Fax: (530) 289-2830 Email: clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ws
Siskiyou	Siskiyou County Clerk-Elections 510 N. Main Street Yreka, CA 96097-9910 Fax: (530) 841-4110 Email: csetzer@co.siskiyou.ca.us
Solano	Solano County Registrar of Voters 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600 Fairfield, CA 94533-6338 Fax: (707) 784-6678 Email: cmcooper@solanocounty.com
Sonoma	Sonoma County Clerk, Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 11485 Santa Rosa, CA 95406-2820 Fax: (707) 565-6843 Email: debbie.justice@sonoma-county.org

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Stanislaus	Stanislaus County Clerk, Registrar of Voters 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101 Modesto, CA 95354-2331 Fax: (209) 525-5803 Email: stanvote@stancounty.com
Sutter	Sutter County Clerk-Elections 1435 Veterans Memorial Circle Yuba City, CA 95993-3011 Fax: (530) 822-7587 Email: wasmith@co.sutter.ca.us
Tehama	Tehama County Clerk-Elections PO Box 250 Red Bluff, CA 96080-0250 Fax: (530) 527-1140 Email: jvise@co.tehama.ca.us
Trinity	Trinity County Clerk-Elections 11 Court Street Weaverville, CA 96093-1258 Fax: (530) 623-8398 Email: elections@trinitycounty.org
Tulare	Tulare County Registrar of Voters 5951 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277-9394 Fax: (559) 737-4498 Email: mcypert@co.tulare.ca.us
Tuolumne	Tuolumne County Clerk of Elections 2 S. Green Street Sonora, CA 95370-4696 Fax: (209) 694-8931 Email: drussell@co.tuolumne.ca.us
Ventura	Ventura County Clerk-Elections 800 S. Victoria Avenue, L-1200 Ventura, CA 93009-1200 Fax: (805) 648-9200 Email: christina.valenzuela@ventura.org
Yolo	Yolo County Clerk-Registration 625 Court Street, Room B 05 Woodland, CA 95695-3475 Fax: (530) 666-8123 Email: cntyclrk@yoloelections.org
Yuba	Yuba County Clerk, Courthouse 915 8th Street, Suite 107 Marysville, CA 95901-5273 Fax: (530) 749-7854 Email: dhillegass@co.yuba.ca.us

