

## General Questions

### Where do I register to vote?

You can pick up a paper application to vote from the City Clerk's Office, or we can have it mailed to you. The Post Office has voter registration applications as well. You can even register online through [lavote.net](http://lavote.net) or [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov)

### Am I eligible to vote?

You may register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen
- You are a resident of California
- You are at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the next election)
- You may pre-register to vote if you are 16 or 17 years old. You will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday.
- You have not been found mentally incompetent by a court of law
- You are not:
  - Currently in a state or federal prison for a felony conviction
  - On parole for a felony conviction

### Can I use my P.O. Box, Business, or Mail Drop Address as my address when I register?

A residence address is required to determine your voting districts. You may use your P.O. Box, business or mail drop box address as your mailing address only.

### When is the last day to register to vote?

The last day to register online and receive a vote-by-mail ballot is October 19<sup>th</sup>. **But** California does offer same-day voting also known as conditional voting. Please be aware that the County might reach out requesting further documentation or signatures.

### I did not vote in the last election. Do I need to re-register?

You are registered to vote as long as you remain at the same address and you will continue to receive election materials in the mail. However, if you move to a different address or have not voted in the last several elections, you may be sent a notice requesting that you either confirm that you have not moved or provide current residence address information. Your registration may be cancelled for failure to respond to an address confirmation mailing or if you have not voted in any elections occurring between the date of the mailing and two consecutive federal general elections.

**What if my name, address, or political party affiliation changes?**

Complete and submit a new voter registration form with your new information. Your voter registration should always reflect your current residence address to ensure that you receive the correct ballot material regarding candidates and measures on which you can vote.

**Who receives a vote by mail ballot?**

Every registered California voter will receive a vote by mail ballot.

**Do I need postage to mail my ballot?**

All Vote By Mail ballots are mailed with the Return Envelope already have postage paid by the County.

**How can I ensure that my mail in ballot has been received?**

You can track your ballot on [California.ballottrax.net/voter/](https://California.ballottrax.net/voter/) You can sign up to receive notifications via email, text (SMS) or voice call.

**What safety precautions are being taken at the polling locations?**

All participating Vote Centers will follow State and County public health and safety guidelines, such as:

- Voters wearing facial coverings and gloves (coverings and gloves will be made available if needed)
- Wiping and sanitizing all surfaces and Ballot Marking Devices after each voter
- Social distancing of 6 feet
- Election Workers wearing protective gloves and masks

**I haven't received my ballot.**

Have you checked your voter registration status? If no results, please reach out to the Los Angeles Registrar Recorder's Office. You can track where your ballot is at on at [California.ballottrax.net/voter/](https://California.ballottrax.net/voter/)

**What is a Ballot Drop Box?**

A Ballot Drop Box is a secure, accessible, and locked receptacle available for voters to drop-off Vote by Mail ballot envelopes beginning 28 days before the election. Drop Boxes will be available during the locations' regular business hours. No postage will be needed when using a Drop Box.

**When do in person voting centers open?**

Select Vote Centers will be available beginning Saturday, October 24. All Vote Centers will be available beginning Friday, October 30. Voting early at the Registrar's headquarters will start on October 5, 2020 on the third floor. Please practice health and safety guidelines when voting.

**Do I have to go to a specific voting center (polling place)?**

Voters can safely vote in-person at ANY Vote Center in the County.

**I spoiled my ballot (voted incorrectly, etc.). What do I do?**

You still have the option of surrendering your ballot at the polling place and vote in person. You can also reach out to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office to request a new ballot.

**I mailed in my ballot on November 3<sup>rd</sup> will it still be counted?**

If your ballot is postmarked by Election Day and received within 17 days it will be processed, verified and counted.

**I forgot to sign my ballot, what will happen?**

If you returned your Vote by Mail ballot without signing the return envelope the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office will mail you a document called the "Unsigned Ballot Statement" asking for your signature. Your signature is **required** to verify your identity and process the ballot. You have up to 28 days after Election Day to return the statement for your ballot to be processed.

**I accidentally put my birthday on the date late. Will my ballot still count?**

Yes, it will. As long as your signature is on there and matches the record they have, it will still be counted.

## Carson Specific

### What District am I in?

You can see which district you reside in through [carsonproperty.info](http://carsonproperty.info) or [lavote.net/apps/precinctsmaps](http://lavote.net/apps/precinctsmaps)

### Why do I not have any of the Carson Council Districts on my ballot?

Only Districts 1 and 3 will be voting for Council. Districts 2 and 4 will vote for their councilmember in the November 2022 election.

### Who represents my District?

Currently the seated Councilmembers were all elected at-large. Voters will have an opportunity to vote for their respective district as follows:

District 1: Nov, 2020

District 2: Nov, 2022

District 3: Nov, 2020

District 4: Nov, 2022

### Can I vote for another district?

You are able to cast a vote for your district ***only***.

### How many candidates can I vote for?

You can only vote for one (1) candidate for your City Council District.

### Is everything by districts now?

Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer are city-wide offices. Only Councilmembers are elected on a district basis.

### Do we have any Vote-By-Mail Drop Boxes in Carson?

Carson is home to seven drop boxes, they are accessible 24/7. They are located at:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library (17906 S. Avalon Blvd.)
- Carson Library (151 E. Carson St.)
- Foisia Park (23410 Catskill Ave.)
- Hemingway Park (700 E. Gardena Blvd.)
- Anderson Park (19101 S Wilmington Ave.)
- Mills Park (1340 E Dimondale Dr.)
- Harbor Gateway Transit Office (731 W 182<sup>nd</sup> St.)

Please note you are also able to drop off your ballot in our public comment box, located in City hall by the parking lot.

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**Is in person voting going to be available?**

Yes, in person voting is available. There will be 10 polling locations available in Carson:

Vote Center Location	Address	City	Zip Code	Additional Info
Cal State University, Dominguez Hills	1000 E Victoria St	Carson	90747	Room E1213 and Room E1218 Hours: 10/24 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Carson Civic Center	801 E Carson St	Carson	90745	Carson Dominguez Room Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Carson High School	22328 S Main St	Carson	90745	Multi-Purpose Room Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Curtiss Middle School	1254 E Helmick St	Carson	90746	Gymnasium Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Dominguez Elementary School	21250 S Santa Fe Ave	Carson	90810	Multi-Purpose Room Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Foisia Park	23410 Catskill Ave	Carson	90745	Gymnasium Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Mission Ebenezer Family Church	425 W Torrance Blvd	Carson	90745	Heritage Hall Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Scottsdale Townhouse	23400 S Avalon Blvd	Carson	90745	Grand Hall Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Veterans Park	22400 Moneta Ave	Carson	90745	Gymnasium Hours: 10/30 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Victoria Community Regional Park	419 E 192nd St	Carson	90746	Multi-Purpose Room Hours: 10/24 - 11/02: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 11/03: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

For a list of polling locations nearest you please check out

<https://locator.lavote.net/locations/vc>

## Poll Worker

### What will I do as an election worker?

As an election worker, you will:

- Help set up the polls
- Assist voters when signing in
- Issue ballots
- Account for ballots and pack supplies after voting has ended

### How do I apply to become an election worker?

You can pick up a paper application at the City Clerk's Office or you can apply online at [lavote.net](http://lavote.net)

### How do I know if I am eligible to be an election worker?

To become an election worker in Los Angeles County, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older (unless participating in the Student Election Worker Program)
- A resident of California
- A United States citizen registered to vote or a legal permanent resident (green card holder)

### Where will I serve as a County election worker?

You will be assigned in a polling place based on where there are critical shortages of workers.

Election Workers are either assigned to a polling location:

- Near their home, office, or day care facility.
- If willing, anywhere throughout the County as needed.

### If I have previously worked at the polls, do I need to reapply for each election cycle?

Once you have worked at the polls on election day, your record will remain active and you do not have to apply again. If you want to determine whether you are still on the active Poll Worker file, call our office 1.800.815.2666 option 7.

## Resources

### **Carson City Clerk's Office**

[cityclerk@carson.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@carson.ca.us)

Phone: (310) 952-1720

Fax: (310) 513-6243

<http://ci.carson.ca.us/Government/election.aspx>

### **Los Angeles County Registrar Recorders Office**

[LAVote.net](http://LAVote.net)

(800) 815-2666