

Voter Registration and General Election Voting

August 20, 2024

Part 1



### **Election Education Series**

Election Education Series Part 1	August 20, 2024	Voter Registration and General Election Voting
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October 7, 2024: Ballots are mailed to every registered voter

October 8, 2024: Ballot drop boxes are opened throughout the State of California

November 5, 2024: Election Day (Polls Open 7 AM - 8 PM)

November 22, 2024: Registrar of Voters to certify election results



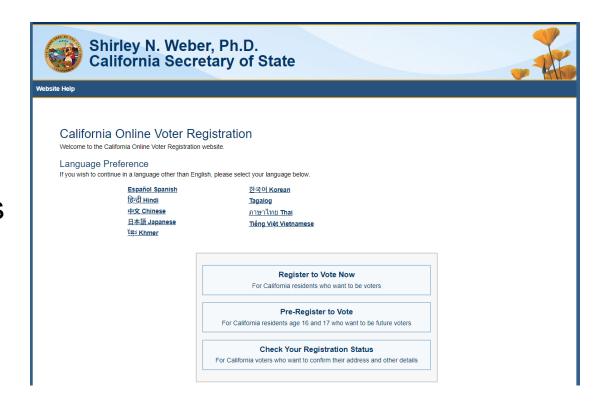
### Register to Vote!

#### Visit <u>registertovote.ca.gov</u> to:

- Register or re-register to vote
- 16- and 17-year-olds can
   Pre-Register to vote

Or contact the Mono County Elections
Office to request to have a Voter
Registration Card mailed to you.

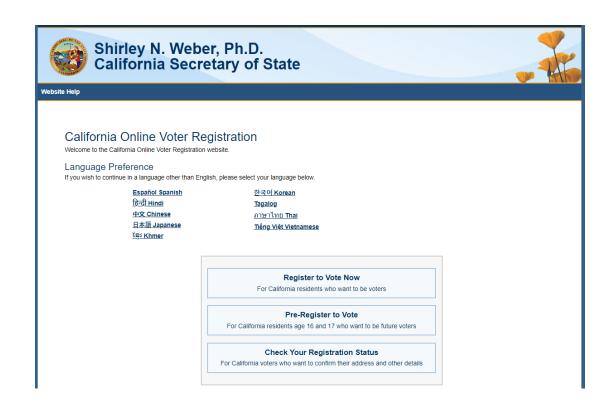
If you need to register after October 21, 2024, you can do so in person at a polling place or the Mono County Elections Office.



### Register to Vote!

## You can register to vote and vote if you are:

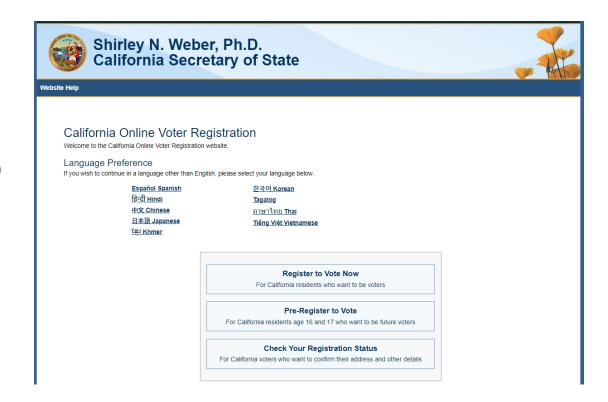
- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court



### Register to Vote!

## Persons with a prior felony conviction who can register to vote:

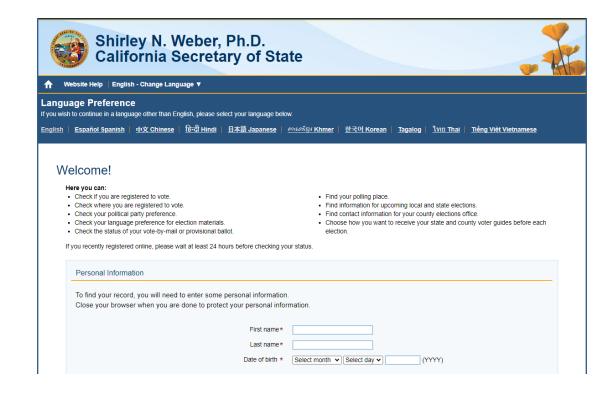
- In local detention facility:
  - Serving a misdemeanor sentence
     (a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote)
  - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
  - Serving a felony jail sentence
  - Awaiting trial
- On parole
- On probation
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication



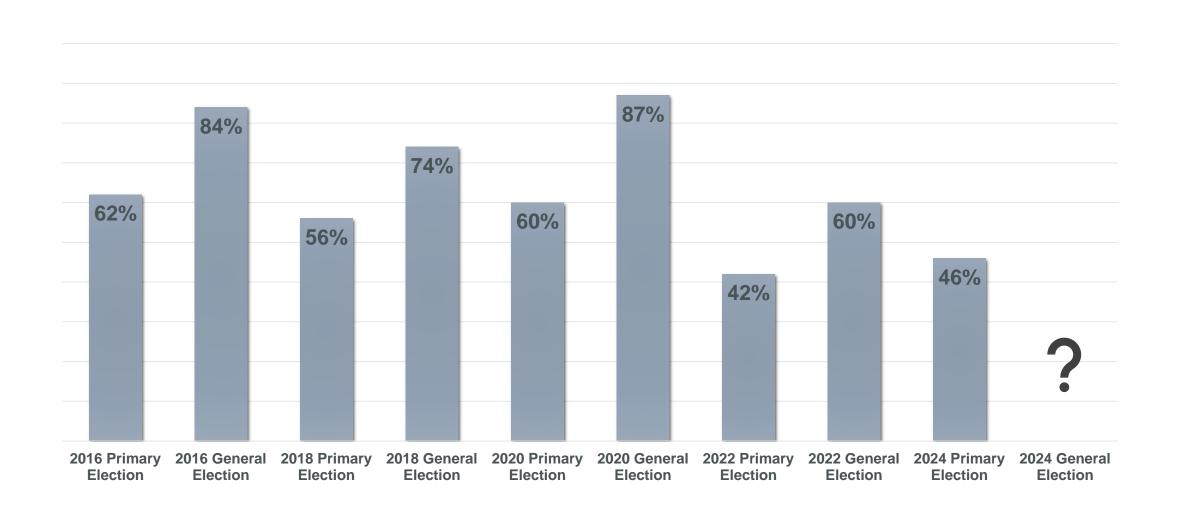
### Check Your Registration Status

#### Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/ to:

- Check if you are registered to vote.
- Check where you are registered to vote.
- Check your political party preference.
- Check your language preference for election materials.
- Check the status of your vote-by-mail or provisional ballot.
- Find your polling place.
- Find information for upcoming local and state elections.
- Find contact information for your county elections office.
- Choose how you want to receive your state and county voter guides before each election.

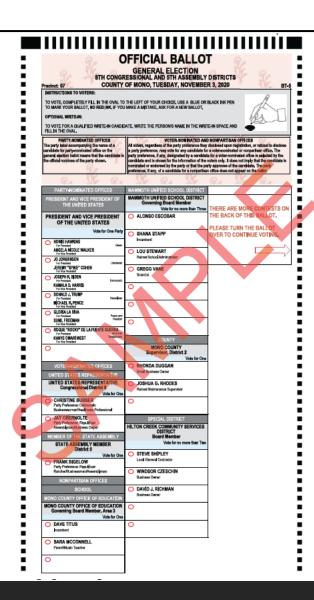


### Voter Turnout in Mono County



#### **Contests & Measures on the Ballot:**

- President of the United States
- United States Senator (full and partial term)
- United States Representative,
   3rd Congressional District
- State Assemblymember, 8th District



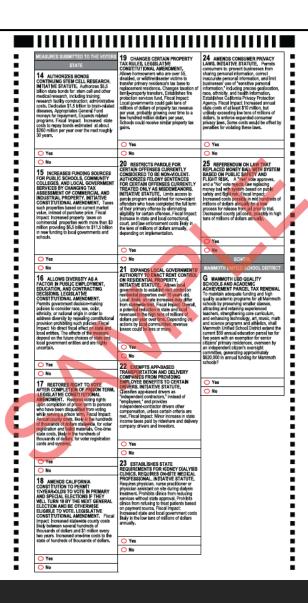
#### **Contests & Measures on the Ballot:**

- Proposition 2
  - Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities. Legislative Statute.
- Proposition 3
  - Constitutional Right to Marriage. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- Proposition 4
  - Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks. Legislative Statute.
- Proposition 5
  - Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- Proposition 6
  - Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- Proposition 32
  - Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 33
  - Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 34
  - Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 35
  - Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.
- Proposition 36
  - Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

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# Contests & Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

- Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Member (2 seats)
- Mono County Office of Education Board,
   Trustee Area #3 (1 seat)
- Bishop Unified School District Board (shared District with Inyo County) (2 seats)
- Southern Mono Healthcare District Board Member (3 seats)



#### Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

### Mammoth Unified School District School Safety and Improvement Measure Measure J

Bond Measure Vote Requirement: 55%

"With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall Mammoth Unified School District's measure to construct classrooms; upgrade heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; improve school facilities; and construct teacher/staff housing to attract and retain qualified employees be adopted, authorizing \$70 million in bonds, at legal rates, levying approximately \$37 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$4.5 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, independent audits, and full disclosure of spending?"

#### Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate in Unincorporated Mono County

Measure K

General Tax Measure Vote Requirement: Majority of Voters

"To fund essential Mono County services, including affordable and workforce housing; public safety and emergency services; childcare; street maintenance and pothole repair; county parks; public health and healthcare; economic development; and other general government use; shall the ordinance increasing Transient Occupancy Tax from 12% to 15% paid only by hotel and short-term rental guests in unincorporated Mono County, providing approximately an additional \$1,100,000 annually, subject to annual public review and audits, until ended by voters, be adopted?"

#### Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate in the Town of Mammoth Lakes

Measure L

General Tax Measure Vote Requirement: Majority of Voters

"To support general town services - without increasing taxes on Mammoth Lakes residents - such as providing affordable workforce housing through the Town's Housing Now! Program, supporting public safety, enhancing disaster preparedness, repairing roads, improving recreation amenities and supporting snow removal, shall the Town of Mammoth Lakes' measure increasing the transient occupancy tax by 2% be adopted, generating approximately \$4,000,000 annually for 10-years, paid only by hotel and short-term rental guests, with annual audits and all funds staying local?"

#### Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

# Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Special Tax for Emergency Response and Fire Protection Services Measure M

Special Tax Measure Vote Requirement: Two-thirds vote

"To reduce the risk of wildfires, maintain and improve rapid response times for 9-1-1 emergency services, attract, retain, and train qualified firefighters, and fund defensible space programs to improve wildfire prevention, shall the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District ordinance levying \$98 per parcel for nine years be adopted, providing approximately \$925,000 annually in locally controlled funding, an optional yearly increase not to exceed CPI, with senior and low-income exemptions, independent oversight, annual audits and all money spent locally?"

#### Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Bishop Unified School District Bond Measure (shared district with Inyo County)

Measure R

Bond Measure Vote Requirement: 55%

"Bishop Union High School and Home Street Middle School Repair Bond. With funds that cannot be taken by the State, shall Bishop Unified School District's measure to repair/ replace deteriorating plumbing, roofs, electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems and update career training facilities, classrooms, and Bishop Union High School's historic main building be adopted, authorizing \$46.3 million with legal rates, audits, average levies below \$52 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$2.9 million annually) while outstanding, independent oversight, no funds for administrator salaries and full disclosure of spending?"

### **Election Observers**

Elections are a public process, and transparency is an important part of ensuring voters have confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the election results.

Below are some of the aspects of elections activities that are open for the public to observe. Please note some dates are subject to change.

- Touch Screen Ballot Marking Device Preparation and Testing (Oct 7-11)
- Central Count Ballot Scanner/Tabulator Preparation and Testing (Oct 7-11)
- Returned Vote by Mail Ballot Processing (Oct 7-Nov 20)
- Polling Place Locations (Election Day)
- Election Night Ballot Receipt and Counting (Election Day)
- Official Canvass (Nov 6-22)



### California Trusted Information

Mono County and the Secretary of State's Office is committed to ensuring that elections are free, fair, safe, secure, accurate, and accessible. Misinformation and disinformation continues to confuse voters and sow distrust in the electoral process. The Secretary of State's Rumor Control page is designed to provide clear and accurate information in response to some of the most widespread rumors about elections.

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity/trusted-information



### California Trusted Information

Reality: You can vote for as many or as few contests as you choose.

Rumor: If I leave something blank on my ballot, my ballot will not be counted.

**Facts:** A blank contest on a ballot is known as an undervote. An undervote occurs when a voter intentionally or unintentionally does not vote in a specific contest. Properly marked votes on the ballot will then be counted. Democracy happens one contest at a time and every vote matters.

In addition, you can sign-up at <u>WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov</u> to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot's status.

#### Sources:

- . Do you have to vote for everything on your ballot, Ballotpedia
- <u>Uniform Vote Counting Standards</u>, California Secretary of State
- <u>Undervote</u>, Ballotpedia
- Rumor Control, CISA



### California Trusted Information

Reality: Voting rights are restored after a jail sentence is served.

Rumor: Californians with a felony background are prohibited from voting in the state's election.

**Facts:** A person with a criminal history can register to vote if the following applies: if they are on parole, probation, mandatory supervision, under post-release community supervision, federal supervised release, or in a local detention facility. A person with a criminal history cannot vote if they are <u>currently serving</u> a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony. Once the prisoner is released, their right to vote is automatically restored and they should visit <u>RegisterToVote.ca.gov</u> or fill out a paper registration form to register to vote.

#### Sources:

- Voting Rights: Persons with a Criminal History, California Secretary of State
- California Penal Code section 2910, California Elections Code
- Restore Your Vote, California Secretary of State



### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### Visit <a href="https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/frequently-asked-questions-faqs">https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/frequently-asked-questions-faqs</a>

Q1: When are ballots mailed out?	<b>Al:</b> October 7, 2024.
Q2: When are the drop boxes opened and how often are ballots picked up?	<ul> <li>A2: October 8, 2024. Ballots shall be retrieved from drop boxes in teams of two at times determined by the elections official, but shall be subject to the following:</li> <li>Ballots shall be retrieved from drop boxes at least every 96 hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, between the 29th day before the election and the 10th day before an election.</li> <li>Ballots shall be retrieved from drop boxes every 48 hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, hours after the 10th day prior to an election through the closing of the polls on Election Day.</li> <li>Current Schedule (subject to change):</li> <li>Friday, October 11, 2024</li> <li>Wednesday, October 23, 2024</li> <li>Monday, October 30, 2024</li> <li>Friday, November 1, 2024</li> <li>Monday, November 4, 2024</li> <li>Tuesday, November 5, 2024</li> </ul>
Q3: Where are drop boxes located in Mono County?	A3: Look up drop box locations in Mono County HERE.  Note: Ballots can be dropped off in any drop box in the State of California by 8:00 PM on Election Day.
Q4: I never received my ballot / I lost my ballot. Can you issue me a new one?	A4: Yes! You can call our office or email us to request a replacement ballot. You can also complete and return a <a href="Replacement Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application">Replacement Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application</a> to our office in person, by mail, email, or fax.
Q5: When is the last day you can mail me a new ballot?	A5: The last day we can mail you a new ballot is October 29. After that date, you will need to come to our office in Bridgeport or go to your polling place on Election Day to be issued a new ballot.
Q6: Can you email me a ballot?	A6: Yes! We can email you a ballot up until Election Day. A Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail (RAVBM) Ballot is emailed to you to download, mark selections, print, fill out and sign, and mail back to our office to be counted.
Q7: Can I track my ballot?	<b>A7:</b> Yes! The California Secretary of State is now offering Where's My Ballot? — a way for voters to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot.



### Misinformation / Disinformation Resources

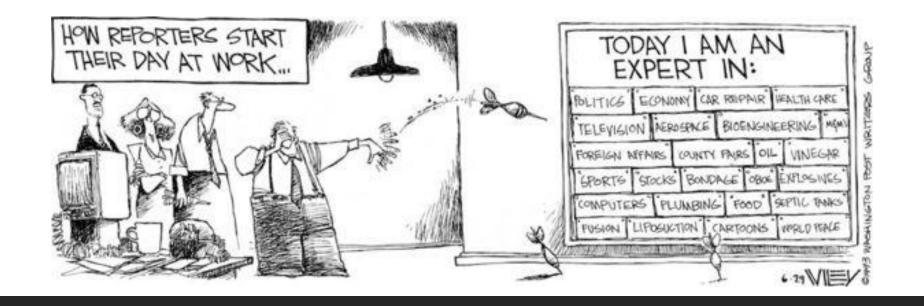
 Cornell University Library - Misinformation, Disinformation, and Propaganda:

https://guides.library.cornell.edu/evaluate\_news

- Understanding Bias: <a href="https://newslit.org/tips-tools/understanding-bias/">https://newslit.org/tips-tools/understanding-bias/</a>
- How to speak up without starting a showdown:
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Reliable Fact-Checking Sites:

FactCheck.org
PolitiFact
Snopes.com
Washington Post Fact Checker



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