

You will see candidates for the next Governor of California, your district's Assembly legislators, and other key positions such as Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, District Attorney, Sheriff, and additional local municipal and city races. Twenty State Senate districts are also up for a vote and will be listed on your ballot if you are in an even-numbered senate district.

You will see the top-two candidates for all of the open positions you voted on in the primary election. You will then make a choice between the two.

Election officials encourage voters who send ballots close to the deadline go to their local post office and have the envelope "hand stamped" with a postmark.

- For the primary election, vote-by-mail ballots must be mailed on or before June 2, 2026.
 - For the primary election, vote centers will open for early in-person voting on May 23, 2026.
- To vote:**

On June 2, 2026 there is a statewide primary election. The deadline to register to vote for the primary election is May 18, 2026.

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Reminder!

You will also vote on propositions, if there are any.

A ballot proposition is a proposed law or constitutional amendment that voters decide on directly in an election. If approved by a majority of voters, it becomes law in the state.

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California has a "Top Two Open Primary system." This means that all candidates running for state constitutional (like Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State), U.S. Congressional, and state legislative offices will be listed on your statewide primary election ballot.



In the primary election, you will vote for the candidate of your choice for these offices, regardless of what political party you are registered with.

The top two candidates with the most votes in each race, will advance to the general election in November.

