



CAIR CALIFORNIA VOTING GUIDE

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The California Elections Division (CDE) supplies excellent information, answers voting questions and provides ballot and candidate information.

CDE Phone: (916) 657-2116

CDE Website: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>

CDE Online Contact Form: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/webcontact/general/question.aspx>

When and Where to Vote:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th, 2012.
- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Find your local polling station at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_ppl.htm
- Here are some other ways to find your polling place:

Contact Your State Democratic Party

- Phone: (916) 442-5707
- Website: <http://www.cadem.org>

Contact Your State Republican Party

- Phone: (818) 841-5210
- Website: <http://www.cagop.org>

Contact Your Local CAIR Chapter

- **CAIR Greater Los Angeles Area**
Phone: (714) 776-1847
Email: info@losangeles.cair.com
- **CAIR Sacramento Valley**
Phone: (916) 441-6269
Email: info@sacval.cair.com
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- **CAIR San Francisco Bay Area**
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- **CAIR California Website:** <http://ca.cair.com>

How to Register to Vote:

- To register, print the voter registration form from <https://www.sos.ca.gov/nvrc/fedform/>, and mail it to your local election authority.
- Registration must be received by October 22, 2012.
- Re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name, or would like to declare an official party

affiliation. If your voter registration information has not changed, you do not need to re-register.

What to Bring on Election Day:

- Bring a photo ID with your current address, such as a California driver's license, your state ID, or a US Passport.
- If you do not have a photo ID with a current address, bring two IDs that contain your name and address, such as a utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck, etc.
- You cannot be turned away from voting because you did not bring proper identification. If you do not have proper ID, you can use a provisional ballot.

Absentee Voting:

- All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee.
- Request an absentee voting ballot application from http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_m.htm, and mail it to your local election authority.
- An application to vote absentee is printed on the sample ballot mailed to your residence by the local election authority prior to the election.
- Absentee ballot can be requested until October 30, 2012
- Ballots must be mailed or delivered in person and received by 8:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012.
- Voters are strongly encouraged to go to the polls to vote if possible.

Early Voting:

- Early voting is available however voting dates and deadlines differ county by county.
- For more information contact your local election authority.

Your Rights as a California Voter are as Follows:

- To vote if you have registered by October 22, 2012.
- To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to receive assistance if needed.
- To vote without being intimidated, threatened, or coerced.
- To vote if you are eligible to do so even if you do not bring an ID to the polls.
- To vote using a provisional ballot if your registration comes into question.
- If you feel that your rights are violated or you witness a violation of rights in the registration or voting process, please contact the California Elections Division at (916) 657-2116.
- Your vote is private – The ballots are processed in such a way that your identity will not be distinguishable from your ballot.

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