

Contra Costa County

Clerk-Recorder-Elections

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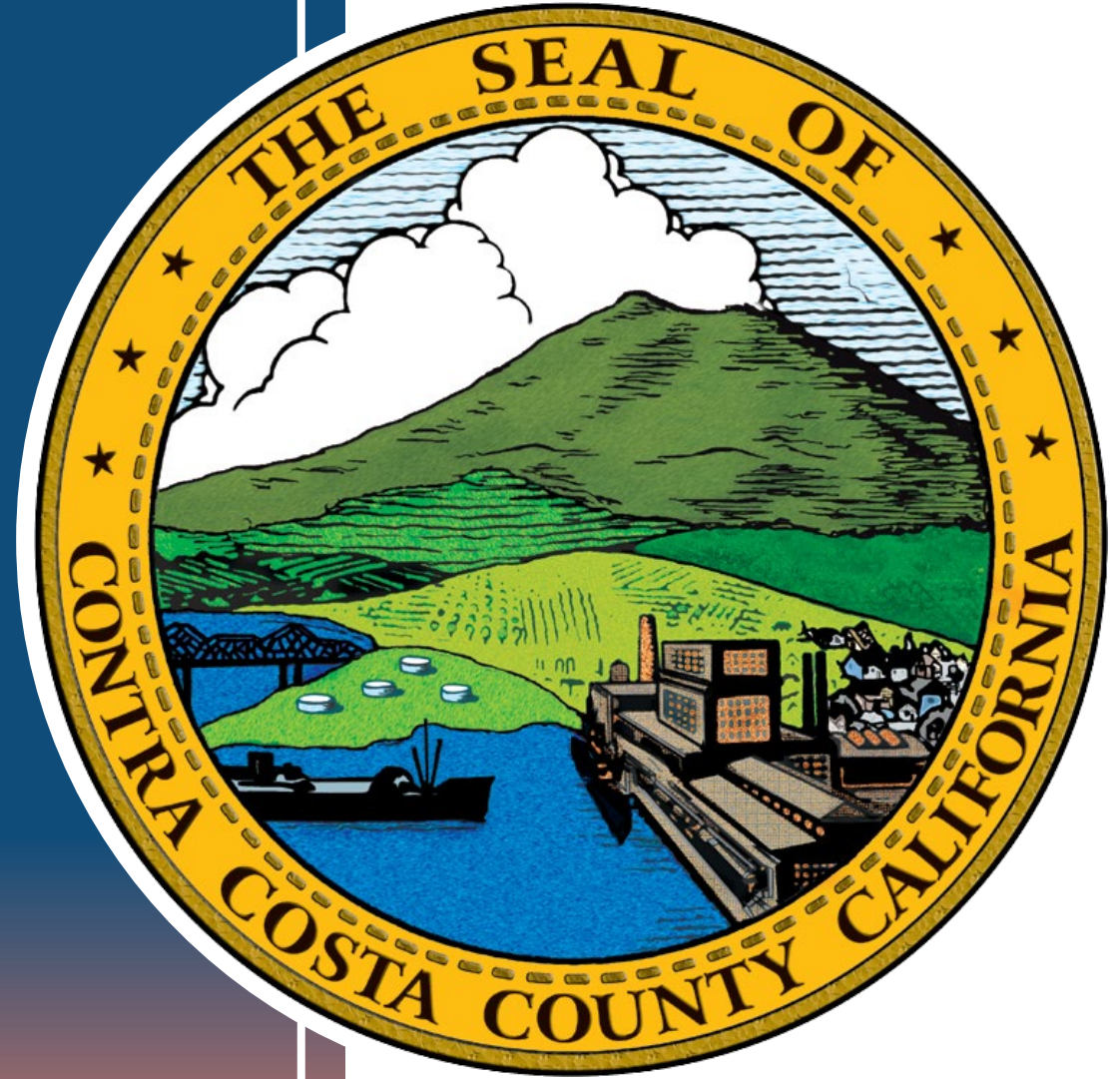
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ELECTIONS

Registrar of Voters



Primary Statutory Responsibilities Include:

- Conduct elections in a fair, efficient, accurate, and timely manner;
- Provide services to maintain a high level of voter registration and to ensure that all eligible citizens can register to vote and are able to exercise their right to vote, according to Federal and State statutory laws and regulations;

CLERK-RECORDER

Primary Statutory Responsibilities Include:



- Accurately maintain, protect, and preserve official records and indices relating to real property and vital records in Contra Costa County and provide the public with easy, convenient, and reliable access to public documents;
- Provide micrographic capability and equipment to digitize, maintain, and archive our public records.



CLERK-RECORDER- ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Recognized for Excellence

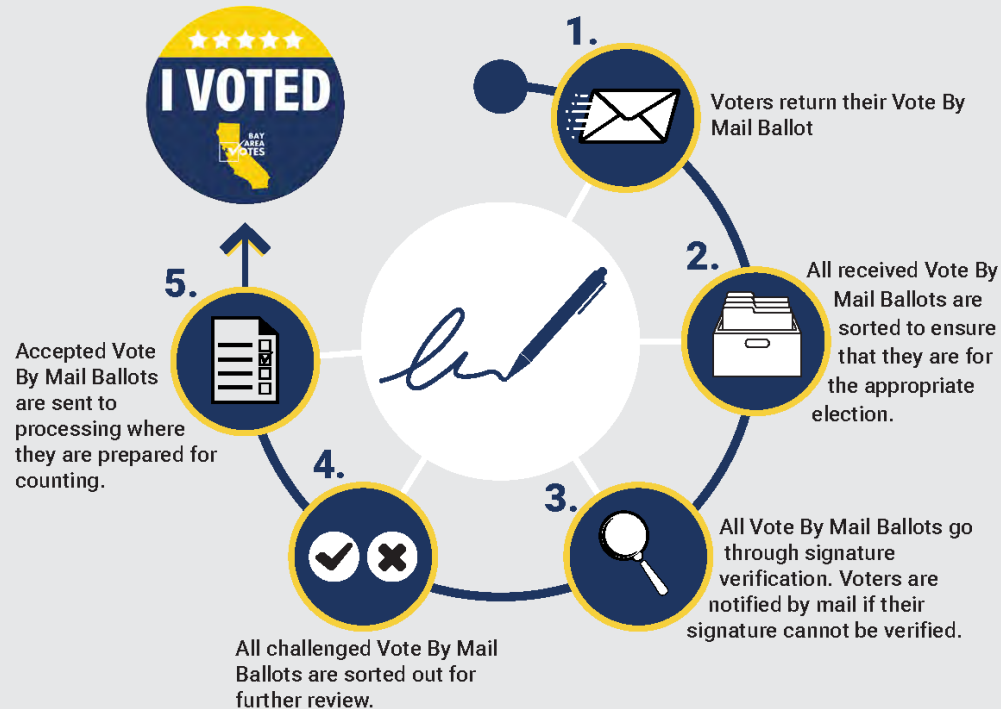
- The Election Division was selected as 1 of just 16 jurisdictions nationwide to be a Center for Election Excellence.
 - The award is bringing nearly \$2 million in grant revenue through the end of 2024.
- Contra Costa Elections also received the Democracy Award from the National Association of Election Officials in 2022 for leading the 11-county Coalition of Bay Area Elections Officials (bayareavotes.org) for collaborating to fight mis- and dis-information about elections in our shared media market.
- We continue to collaborate on new collateral.

HOW DO I KNOW MY VOTE WAS COUNTED?

Registered voters can drop off their voted ballots:

- In the mail
- In a drop box
- In person
 - At a vote center
 - At a polling place
 - At the Elections Office

Vote by mail return envelopes contain a unique ID to help with signature verification and ensure voters only vote once.



Did you know?

Voters can track their Vote By Mail Ballots through the entire process with BallotTrax?

To learn more, scan this QR code or visit california.ballottrax.net/voter



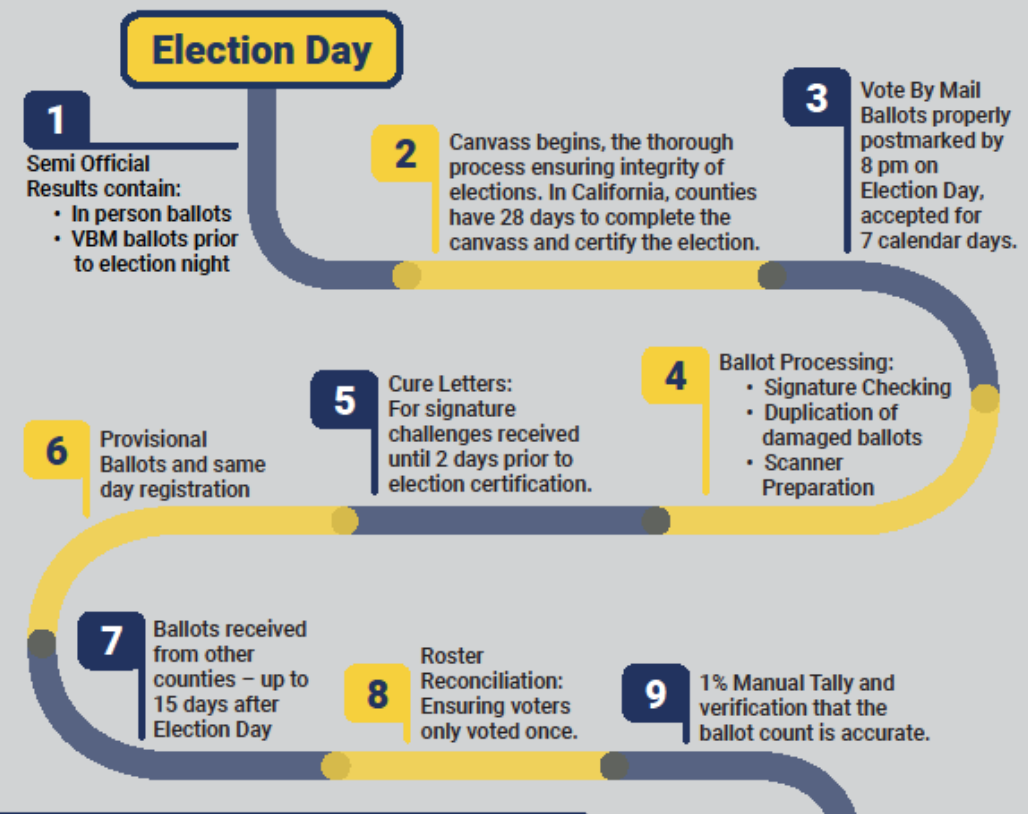
Coalition of Bay Area Election Officials
bayareavotes.org

WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG TO COUNT THE VOTES?



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Counting votes includes more than just scanning ballots and tallying results. The roadmap below shows what happens from the time polls close until the election is certified in the Bay Area.



Did you know?

All processes are open to the public for observation



Certification of Election



CONTRA COSTA ELECTIONS BY THE NUMBERS

9th Largest County in California

- 704,567 registered voters
 - 90%-95% of ballots are cast as Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballots.
 - These get returned split about evenly between secure drop boxes and USPS.
- We moved to a central count model in 2022.
- We are authorized for just 32 permanent FTEs.
- By contrast, Santa Clara has only 400,000 more registered voters and they have 90 permanent FTEs.
- The Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024, is first time in the history of California where we will mail every voter a ballot in a partisan presidential primary.



PINOLE BY THE NUMBERS

- 12,250 registered voters (1.7% of county)
 - 12 precincts serving city voters
- Partisan breakdown of registered voters:
 - 60.3% Democratic Party
 - 14.2% Republican Party
 - 3.0% American Independent Party
 - 0.5% Green Party
 - 0.8% Libertarian Party
 - 0.5% Peace & Freedom Party
 - 20.1% No Party Preference
 - 0.6% Misc.
- 19 volunteers from Pinole have committed to help with the Presidential Primary.
- In November 2022, the highest turnout for in-person voting was at Pinole Valley Community Center with 204 voters on Election Day.





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Elections Division
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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



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FirstName MiddleName LastName
MailingAddress1
MailingAddress2

First Name MiddleName LastName Mailing
Address1
Mailing Address2

Voter ID

No Party Preference Cross-Over Ballot Notice and Application - March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election
Aviso y Solicitud para una Boleta Electoral de Votación Cruzada Sin Preferencia de Partido - Elecciones Primarias
Presidenciales del 5 de marzo de 2024

NOTICE: Any voter that has declined to disclose a political party preference on their voter registration may request a one-time ballot for a political party that is allowing cross-over voting in the presidential primary election.

AVISO: Cualquier votante que haya rechazado revelar su preferencia por un partido político en su registro del votante puede solicitar una boleta electoral de una sola vez para un partido político que permita la votación cruzada en la elección primaria presidencial.

• I have declined to disclose a preference for a qualified political party. The below-listed political parties are allowing cross-over voting in this election. For the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election only, I request a ballot for the following party (select only one):

• Rechacé revelar una preferencia por un partido político calificado. Los partidos políticos que se mencionan a continuación permiten votación cruzada en esta elección. Solo para la Elección Primaria Presidencial del 5 de marzo de 2024, solicito una boleta electoral para el siguiente partido político (seleccione solo uno):

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AIP



American Independent
Americano Independiente
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DEM



Democratic
Demócrata
民主黨

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LIB



Libertarian
Libertario
自由黨志黨

Contra Costa County Elections Division
mailed all NPP voters a postcard in December
that gave instructions on how to request a cross-over ballot for American Independent Party, the Democratic Party or the Libertarian Party.

Voters wanting to participate in the Republican, Green Party or Peace & Freedom Party Presidential Primary need to re-register with that party by February 20, 2024.

How to get back to us?

Voters can send us their No Party Preference Cross-Over Ballot Notice and Application in person or by mail. It can also be sent by email or fax.

- Email: Voter.Services@vote.cccounty.us
- Fax: (925) 335-7836

No Party Preference: Podcast



In this episode we discuss No Party Preference (NPP) voting with Kristin Connelly, the County Clerk Registrar of Voters from Contra Costa County.

Podcasts are available on:

- Youtube
- Spotify
- Apple
- Podcast Link Tree

VOTING EARLY IN PINOLE

In-Person Voting

Richmond Memorial Auditorium
403 Civic Center Plaza

Friday March 1 -- 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday March 2 -- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday March 4 -- 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

24/7 Drop Box Locations

2131 Pear Street



When is the Next Election?

2024 Presidential Primary Election

Voter Information Guides mailed

Includes locations of ballot drop boxes and voting sites

Ballots mailed to all voters

In-person voting begins in Martinez; drop boxes opened

Last day to register online-If haven't received your ballot

Email ballots@vote.cccounty.us or phone 925.335.7800

Five early voting sites open

Fri, Sat, Mon, and Election Day

Election Day!

Ballot postmark deadline

Drop-dead

County must receive your ballot

E-Day -40
1/25/24

E-Day -29
2/5/24

E-Day -15
2/19/24

E-Day -4
3/1/24

E-Day
3/5/24

E-Day +7
3/12/24

How Can You Support Elections?

- Communicate with your residents and reinforce important election information.
- **For the March Primary, NPP voters need to let us know if they would like a “crossover ballot” that allows them to vote in a partisan primary.**
 - To participate in the Republican Primary, a resident needs to be registered with the Republican party.
- Encourage high school students to become student poll workers. Invite our staff to speak to your Youth Commission.

How Can You Support Elections?

- Be an ambassador for registering new voters year-round.
- Reinforce safety messages with your local police department.
- Support California High School Voter Education Weeks the last two weeks of April and September.
- In 2024, please do what you can to amplify information about the importance of voting. The CA SOS, Dr. Shirley Weber plans to highlight the 60th anniversary of Fannie Lou Hamer's 1964 speech "I'm so sick and tired of being sick and tired," to help inspire Californians to vote.
- Check out our Website and follow us on Social Media:

ContraCostaVote.gov

We're Easy to Reach!

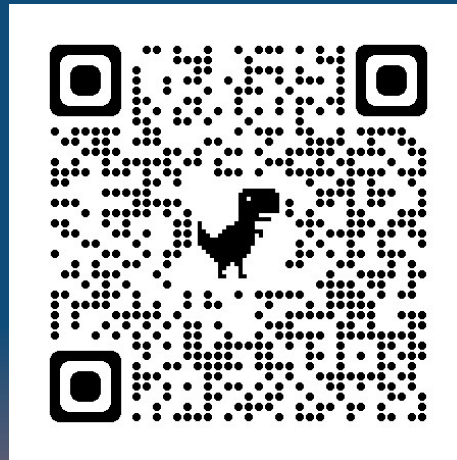
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TikTok



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Social Media:

Twitter – @cocoelections

YouTube – Contra Costa Clerk Recorder

Facebook – Contra Costa County Elections

Instagram – @contra_costa_elections

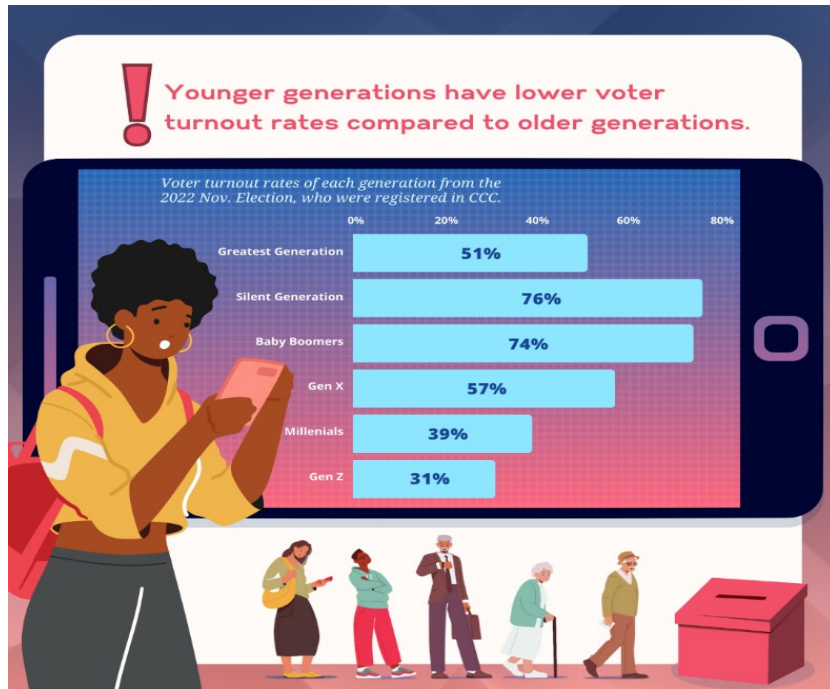
Tik Tok – @cc.clerkrec.elect

California's Youth Vote

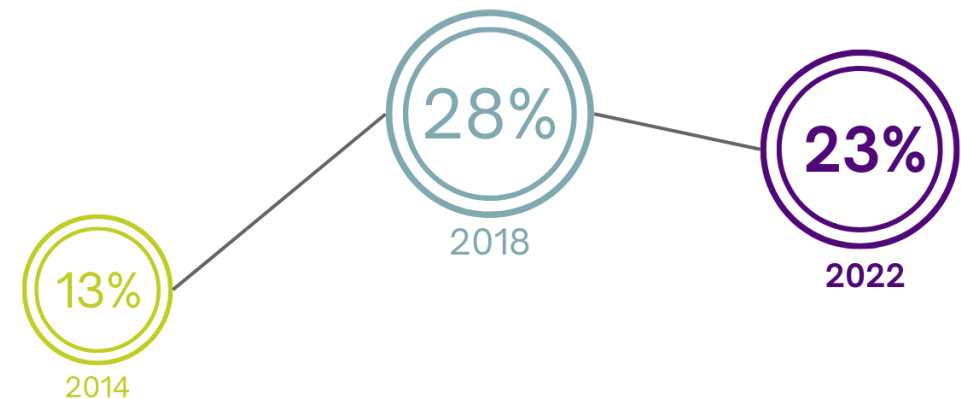
Youth Voter Turnout in Recent Midterm Elections: State by State

CIRCLE estimates of youth voter turnout (ages 18-29) in the past three midterm elections. Turnout is the percentage of eligible voters (whether or not they were registered) who cast a ballot.

State	2014 Youth Turnout Rate	2018 Youth Turnout Rate	2022 Youth Turnout Rate	Change in Youth Turnout, 2018-2022
California	10.3%	30.3%	22.1%	-8.2



National Youth Voter Turnout in Recent Midterm Elections



Five Steps to Safer Elections

from the

Committee for

Safe and Secure

Elections

1 Meet

Meet with counterparts and other stakeholders

2 Share

Share experiences, contact information, election details, and expectations

3 Agree

Agree to work together regularly and define rules of engagement where voters are present

4 Plan

Plan incident response, information sharing, and crisis communications

5 Practice

Practice information sharing and response plans

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CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



This pocket reference guide contains key provisions found within the California Elections Code, Penal Provisions, Division 18, § 18000 – 18700 and other relevant sections.

- Interfering with election officers holding an election, or with voters lawfully exercising their vote is a felony.
- Threatening force, violence, coercion, or intimidation against a voter related to their exercise of their vote is a felony.
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place or vote center is a felony.

VOTING HOURS

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

2024 ELECTION DATES

Presidential Primary Election: March 5

General Election: November 5

For other election dates: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TO

Your local election official:
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices

California Secretary of State:
(800) 345-VOTE (8683);
www.sos.ca.gov/elections



Unlawful Reward for Voting

CA Elec Code § 18310

A person shall not directly or through any other person pay or receive any money or other valuable consideration before, during, or after an election in order to reward any person or as a reward for voting...
Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony.

Unlawful Acts on Election Day

CA Elec Code § 18370

(a) A person shall not, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, within the 100 foot limit specified in subdivision (b), do any of the following:

- (1) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (2) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot.
- (3) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of the voter's qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (4) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

(b) The activities described in subdivision (a) are prohibited within 100 feet of either of the following:

- (1) The entrance to a building that contains a polling place as defined by Section 338.5, an elections official's office, or a satellite location specified in Section 3018.
- (2) An outdoor site, including a curbside voting area, at which a voter may cast or drop off a ballot.

Any person who violates any of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Unlawful Vandalism of Polling Places

CA Elec Code § 18380

(a) A person, during any election, shall not do any of the following:

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