

Voting in the 2020 Election: What You Need to Know

An Overview for California Voters

Presented by CAIR California and MSA West



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Why Vote?

- Bringing light to our narratives → Building Collective Power
- Understanding what it means for you and your community
- Voting Down the Ballot
- Accountability



Getting Started: Find Your County Elections Office

- California Secretary of State's website: <http://tiny.cc/electionsoffice>
- Not sure which county you are in? <https://www.whatcountymiin.com/>
- Ballots will be mailed out statewide on **October 5th!**
- Did not receive your ballot within 1 week after October 5th?
 - Check ballot status at the link below, or contact your county elections office.
 - Track your ballot here: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>
- Mail your ballot at any time between October 5 - November 3! November 3rd is the last day to vote!



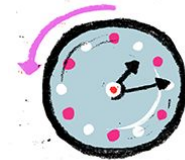
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COVID-19: What will be the same this election?



- We'll provide local updates at bit.ly/caircavote
- Registering and voting remotely still available
- You can vote in person if you need to
- Early Voting is still an option



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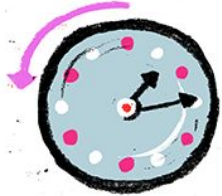
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COVID-19: What will be different this election?



- Every voter gets a mail-in ballot
- Less in-person ballots for voting early
- Questions about in-person voting?

Check with your county to understand your options! (<http://tiny.cc/electionsoffice>)



Source: [FiveThirtyEight](#)



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Voter's Choice Act Counties

- Mail - In Ballots
- Vote Centers
 - Open from Oct. 31 - Nov. 3
 - Go to any vote center in your county
 - Language Resources
 - New Equipment



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How to Register to Vote

- To qualify you must
 - Be a US citizen, a resident of California, at least 18 years old on Election Day
 - NOT currently be in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
 - NOT currently be found to be mentally incompetent to vote by a court
 - **If you're under 18 you can still pre-register!**
- Simply visit <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> and submit the following information
 - Legal Name
 - Date of Birth
 - California ID/Social Security
 - **Home Address - Your address must be up to date in order to receive your ballot!**
 - Party Preference or No Party Preference



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How to Check If You've Already Registered

- Check Registration by visiting <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
 - Here you can
 - Check if you are registered to vote, **where you are registered to vote**, your political party preference, your language preference for election materials, and the status of your vote-by-mail or provisional ballot
 - Find your polling place, information for upcoming local and state elections, contact information for your county elections office
 - Choose how you want to receive your state and county voter guides before each election



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Make Sense of Your Ballot: Things to Look For

- COMING SOON: CAIR-CA voter guide which will include
 - Recommendations about how to vote on state propositions
 - Congressional scorecard on how incumbent candidates have voted on priority legislation in the US House of Representatives, US Senate, and CA State Legislature

Find it soon at bit.ly/caircavote

- One helpful resource in the interim: Ballotpedia
 - https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page
 - Learn about our 13 CA state propositions:
https://ballotpedia.org/California_2020_ballot_propositions
 - See information on other elements of the ballot, too!

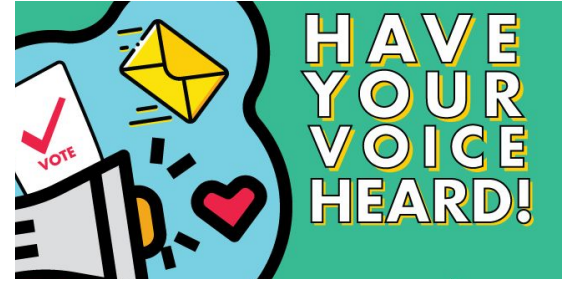


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Call to Action: Engage Others in Our Community to Get Out the Vote

- Vote!
- What's your personal connection?
- Educate and Organize Your Network
- Get Involved - Phonebank with MSA West
- CAIR community members - volunteer here: tiny.cc/CAIRMVP
 - Join our regular Muslim Voter Powerhouse (MVP) calls to come together in localized groups and help each other get ourselves and others ready to vote!
 - Voter Registration Parties
 - Phone Banking
 - Text Banking
 - Social Media Amplification
 - Weekly Zoom Events
 - Sign up!: tiny.cc/CAIRMVP



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SAVE THESE RESOURCES!

- CAIR-CA voter education webpage:

bit.ly/caircavote

- View our upcoming voter guide including a congressional and state legislative scorecard and our stances on statewide ballot measures!
- View and register for all the upcoming voter education webinars, candidate forums, FAQ

- MPower Change: mymuslimvote.org

- Poligon Education Fund: poligonnational.org

- Vote411.org

- Can I Vote?: nass.org/can-i-vote



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Next Week - 2020 Election: What's at Stake? A Panel on Equity and Justice

Thursday, September 10 at 5pm

REGISTER at bit.ly/0910gotv

Inter-generational issues of racial and social inequity and injustice in California abound. The pandemic, Black Lives Matter movement, climate fires, and other events expose the deep and systemic problems facing our most disadvantaged friends, families and neighbors. So, how does this connect to voting and the general election? Does it connect at all? With just weeks before California voters receive ballots in the mail, join us to learn and reflect on what is at stake.

We'll also be Live on Facebook. Find your local CAIR-CA chapter FB page.

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