

# Secure Your Vote in 2024

## 2024 Primary Election – March 5, 2024 / 2024 General Election – November 5, 2024

The minimum Civic Duty that all voters can do is participate in our elections. Not participating hurts the chances of electing the right representatives to serve their constituents. For anyone that feels the system is rigged, we welcome them to get involved locally or at a state level. GET OUT AND VOTE!

Over the last couple of election cycles there have been countless reports of voters being told they had already voted when they voted In-Person. Many people are offered a Provisional ballot and unknowingly cast their ballot that may or may not be counted. The system is designed to be complex and confusing. Hopefully this information helps voters protect their Constitutional right to have their ballot count.

If a Vote by Mail is cast, the voter has no reasonable assurance that their ballot was accepted and that another ballot was not cast in their place. That is why voting in person is vital to the preservation of our Republic.

If voters are to ensure their vote and voice has the “best” chance of being counted, which is our Constitutional right under Article II, Sec 2.5 of our California Constitution, they must vote in person and follow these steps.

Art II, Sec 2.5 Source:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=CONS&sectionNum=SEC.%202.5.&article=II](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=CONS&sectionNum=SEC.%202.5.&article=II)

1. Vote on Election Day
  - a. **IF** there is any cheating occurring in our local and statewide elections, voting ONLY on election day makes it much harder to cheat.
2. Vote in Person
  - a. Take your incomplete UNOPENED mail-in-ballot to the voting center and vote in person.
  - b. Do NOT vote by mail or use a drop box.
3. Request a Regular Ballot
  - a. If your county provides paper ballots for voters to fill out by hand, it is imperative that they request a REGULAR ballot. Some counties only use a Ballot Marking Device and voters get a printed ballot back.
  - b. Some counties will also let you use your Vote by Mail ballot to fill out and vote with.
  - c. Do NOT accept a “conditional” or “provisional” ballot. Show your “UNOPENED” as proof that you could not have voted yet. NOTE: If you are registering within 14 days of the election you will have to use a “conditional” ballot to vote with in most cases.
  - d. Some counties that DO NOT use e-poll books to check in voters may require the Vote by Mail ballot to be surrendered to vote in person. Do not argue and follow Step f. below.
  - e. For counties that use e-poll books, you do NOT need to surrender your original mail in ballot and if you feel pressured to do so, use a marker/pen and write void on it OR tear it up before surrendering.
  - f. **IF** for some reason you are told you have already voted, here is what you can do. Remember most poll workers are average people like all of us. BE POLITE and work up the chain of command.
    - i. Show them your UNOPENED mail in ballot and tell them you want to speak to a supervisor.
    - ii. Request that a formal complaint and report be filed and request a copy. You want to know what date/time someone else voted for you because that is identity theft. Also include the precinct it came from, was it someone voting in person or VBM, and most important, IF it was a Vote-By-Mail ballot, you want a photocopy/image of the envelope used to fraudulently steal your vote and voice.
    - iii. If they do nothing, inform them you are left with no other choice but to call the county Sheriff and have a complaint of fraud and identity theft filed.
4. Call your Sheriff.
  - a. Whether the county officials create a report or not, call your Sheriff and request that they make an official report of your identity being stolen.

Sheriff Locator:

<https://www.calsheriffs.org/directory/offices/sheriffs.html>



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SoS Portal:  
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint>



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5. Self-Report to the SoS
  - a. Fill out a self-reporting form through the SoS portal.
  - b. Share this link with others for them to self report also.