Voting lets you have a say about important collective decisions such as public transit, funding for public education and climate change policy. If voting did not matter, powerful forces would not have tried to stop people from voting by restrictive voter identification rules, purging voter rolls, and intimidation.

When you vote, you are vocalizing what you need, want, and believe in. You are standing up and demanding to be counted. By voting, you improve your chances of getting a government that actually represents you, your values, and your interests.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Feb. 3rd - March 3rd**
- Voting Center at SF City Hall is open

**Feb. 18th**
- Deadline to register to Vote

**Feb. 25th**
- Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot

**Feb. 29th, March 3rd**
- Voting Center at SF State (Towers Conf. Ctr.) is open

Have your say
Raise your voice
vote March 3rd
Check if you are registered to vote and your party preference
You can check if you are registered and for which political party at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status/

Register or reregister to vote
To register to vote for the first time, or register with a change of address or party preference do the following:

Up to February 18, 2020: You can register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov or by submitting a paper registration application. Application forms are available in person at public libraries, city and county offices, California Department of Motor Vehicles offices and at U.S. Post Offices.

From February 19 through Election Day, March 3, 2020: In San Francisco and San Mateo County you can register conditionally at a voting center or polling place and at the same time you can cast your vote. See below for how to find a voting center in your county of residence. In Alameda County you can only cast a same date ballot at the Alameda County Registrar of Voters main office at 1225 Fallon Street, Room G1.

How to vote
How to vote is different depending on which county you are registered in. San Francisco: You are assigned to a specific polling place based upon where you live. Find your polling place at sfelections.sfgov.org/vote-your-polling-place. If you vote at a polling place that is not your assigned polling place your name will not be printed on the roster of voters and you will therefore be given a provisional ballot.

There will be a voting center at San Francisco State in the Towers Conference Center at 798 State Drive where you may register, reregister, request a crossover ballot, and drop off your ballot. The hours are:

- Saturday & Sunday, February 29 – March 1, 10 am to 4 pm
- Monday, March 2, 8 am to 5 pm
- Tuesday, March 3 (Election Day), 7 am to 8 pm

- San Mateo County: This year San Mateo County is conducting an all-mail ballot election. If you miss the February 18th deadline to register you can vote in person at a voting center many of which are open before election day. For a list of county voting centers see smcacre.org/vote-center-locations
- Alameda County: For voting options see website acvote.org/voting/ways-of-voting

How to vote in a presidential primary if you are currently registered No Party Preference
The Democratic, Libertarian and American Independent parties all allow No Party Preference voters to vote in their primary elections. To receive a ballot with one of these parties primary contests, you must take one of the following two actions:

1) Request a “crossover” party ballot with your desired presidential primary contest (Democratic, Libertarian, or American Independent). You can make your request online or by phone from the county elections office in the county where you are registered. The deadline for requesting a crossover mail-in ballot is February 25th. After that if you want a crossover ballot you will have to make the request at a voting center or polling place.

- San Francisco county
  website sfelections.org/VoterPortal
  phone (415) 554-4375
- San Mateo county
  website smcacre.org/march2020-crossover-ballot
  phone (650) 312-5222
- Alameda county
  website acgov.org/rovform_app/ontimevbm
  phone (510) 272-6973

2) Reregister to vote with a new party preference to receive a ballot with that party's presidential primary contests. See section above on registering or registering to vote.

How to vote in the presidential primary of a party other than the party you are currently registered with
To receive a ballot with the presidential primary contest you want to vote in ereregister to vote and pick a new party preference (See how to register and reregister above).

Location of voting centers and polling places by county

- San Francisco
  website sfelections.sfgov.org/vote-your-polling-place
- San Mateo
  website smcacre.org/vote-center-locations
- Alameda
  website acgov.org/rov_app/pollinglist

For More info:

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  website smcacre.org/elections
  Phone: (650) 312-5222
- Alameda
  website acvote.org/index
  Phone (510) 272-6973
- For other counties see
  website sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/