

How to Register Voters

Register on-line- <http://www.sos.ca.gov/>

When you approach a potential voter say, **“Hi! Are you registered to vote? We are registering voters so we can vote for real change in our community.”** Explain that voting is a way to improve their lives and the lives’ of their family. Try to give specific examples.

Who can register to vote:

- A Citizen of the United States
- Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction
- Will be 18 years old by the next election (16 year olds can pre-register at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/>)

People Need to Re-register When:

- They have a change of address.
- They have changed their name.
- They want to change their political party.
- Anything they wish to change about their registration. (There is a short form for PAVs)

Make Sure You Follow These Guidelines

- The forms must be filled out with BLUE or BLACK ink.
- They need to sign and date the form and fill out **all** mandatory fields.
- Encourage them to sign-up as an Absentee Voter.
- The forms need to be recorded in our data base and mailed or dropped off at Elections within three (3) days of the date of registration.

Some Useful Information to Tell New Voters

- In four or six weeks, you will receive a Voter Notification card. The Elections Office now has your registration card on file and requests that you check the information to be sure that it is correct.
- Between forty and twenty-one days before the election, the Elections Office will send you a Sample Ballot Pamphlet that will contain the information about the candidates and ballot measures on which you will vote.
- The address of the polling place will be shown on the mailing label of the Sample Ballot Pamphlet’s back cover.
- When you have read the sample ballot carefully and you feel that you are informed on each issue and candidate, mark your sample ballot. Take the sample ballot with you into the voting booth on Election Day to save time.

Information for Absentee Voters

- Approximately 30 days prior to election day, a ballot will be sent to you. After you have voted, insert your ballot in the envelope provided. (*SEAL IT, SIGN IT, STAMP IT, SEND IT*)
- Mail your ballot to the Kern County Elections Office by Election Day. *You can* return it in person to a polling place or Elections Office on or before Election Day. The ballot **MUST** be mailed to the Kern County Elections Office or dropped-off at any polling location before 8 p.m. on Election Day.