



WHAT YOU CAN DO BETWEEN **NOW** AND **NOVEMBER 3** TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY IN THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTIONS

Print this document and hang on your bulletin board or refrigerator to refer to often.

PROTECT YOUR OWN VOTE:

- sign up to receive all alerts and updates from EIPCa at www.eip-ca.com. Staying abreast of the rapidly changing election information is especially vital this year. Be sure you are not affected by “surprises”.
- sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive text, email or phone message information:
 - about when your ballot is mailed
 - the date of expected ballot delivery
 - ballot return arrival at the elections office
 - when your ballot is counted or rejected (with remediation suggestions)
 - a reminder to vote before the deadline.

If your county is not participating,
contact your county’s elections office to find out what tracking program they are using.

- Visit your Registrar’s website often to learn the details of how your county will handle every aspect of the election: ballot drop boxes, in-person voting opportunities, citizen observation, etc.
- Check your registration (now, and at the end of summer) at your county elections office website **and** at www.voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.
- If you believe your signature has changed over the years, you may wish to visit your county elections office soon and update your signature.
- mark your calendar: you should receive your ballot in the mail **NO LATER THAN** October 14
 - if it has not arrived, call your Registrar’s office **IMMEDIATELY**, report your ballot missing, and insist that it be cancelled and that you be mailed a new one; verify the mailing address
- If you are going to use your mail-in ballot:
 - mark your ballot carefully with a proper implement and make **NO** stray marks or other writing
 - do not spill or drip anything on your ballot; handle carefully to keep in pristine condition
 - If you damage your ballot in any way, call your county elections office and request a new one, or go to a polling location to surrender your damaged ballot.
 - turn your ballot in **only** to a staffed drop box that is emptied daily, a polling location or your county elections office
 - do **NOT**
 - **mail your ballot**

- turn your ballot in to an unstaffed drop box
 - give your ballot to anyone other than a trusted friend or relative to turn in for you
- If your county offers a legitimate in-person voting opportunity, **VOTE IN PERSON** (see EIPCa website and emails for more information and instructions).

PROTECT ALL VOTES

- Provide the above advice to everyone you can. EDUCATE your friends, neighbors, family, members of any group in which you participate. IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO START NOW.
 - Make fliers to distribute.
 - Post on social media
 - Blog
 - Speak to groups
 - Call in to radio shows
 - Other?
- Download EIPCa's Citizen Incident Statement from www.eip-ca.com .Make copies to have on hand. Use if appropriate and provide to others who have something to report.
- **Explore the possibility of working for your county elections office during election season or helping to staff a vote center or a polling place in your county. Application and information can be found at your county elections office website.**
- If you are not already volunteering with EIPCa, visit <https://www.eip-ca.com/volunteer/> and sign up.
 - Counties and communities need coordination teams—encourage some friends to join you and volunteer NOW—we will assist you in getting started
 - All polling locations and counting centers will need OBSERVERS. We plan to offer training for observing a vote center or poll by live Zoom conference as well as in person if possible. Training for ballot processing observation will be offered via zoom link at your leisure. (If you trained for either of these for the Primary, you will only need a brief Zoom live update on changes due to COVID.)
- Every time you visit an elections office or polling location, BE AN OBSERVER. Watch for things of concern, and when in doubt, contact EIPCa and fill out a Citizen Incident Report. (see link above)
- At the Post Office or an apartment complex, watch for discarded ballots thrown in the trash and report to authorities; discarded ballots are opportunities for vote theft
- BE GENERALLY ALERT. IF YOU SEE OR HEAR SOMETHING AMISS, REPORT IT!

OTHER IMPORTANT ADVICE

If you receive a ballot addressed to someone else:

- Fill out a Citizen Incident Statement and mail to EIPCa (include photo)
- Mark ballot “No such person at this address” and return to postal service

If you receive more than one ballot:

- Fill out a Citizen Incident Statement and mail to EIPCa (include photo)
- Call your elections office to report; follow their instructions