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Your Ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Election is in the Mail Vote Your Way With Confidence and Vote Early

Contra Costa County—All registered voters in Contra Costa County will receive their Official Ballot for the upcoming November 3, 2026 General Election soon. Ballots are in the mail today, October 5th. County Voter Information Guides were mailed last week and should have already arrived in voters' mailboxes. Voters who do not receive their ballot by October 19th should call our office at 925-335-7800 or email ballot@vote.cccounty.us. The Secretary of State's office mailed State Voter Information Guides to voters two weeks ago.

The Contra Costa Elections Division works closely with our printers and the postal service to ensure that all voters will receive their ballots in a timely manner. Voters can vote their ballot as soon as they receive it.

"We want to make sure that voters know they can vote the way they want to vote with confidence," says Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters Kristin B. Connelly. "We encourage Contra Costa voters to complete their ballot as soon as they receive it in the mail and get it back to us early."

Here's what voters need to know about voting in the upcoming election:

Register to Vote:

Voters can confirm they are registered to vote and that their address is correct at [My Voting Information](#) on the Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Website. If a voter needs to register or update their registration, they can visit the California Secretary of State's website at registertovote.ca.gov until October 19th. After October 19th new voters can register and vote in-person

at the Elections Division in Martinez, at one of the County's Regional Early Voting Sites, or at a polling place on Election Day.

Voting by Mail:

All active registered voters will receive a ballot with a postage paid return envelope. Voters should enclose their completed ballot in the envelope, seal it, sign it, and return it to us. Voted ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received within seven (7) days of Election Day to be counted. The Elections Division recommends that voters who choose to put their ballots in the mail do so no later than October 23rd to ensure ballots are postmarked on or before Election Day and received in time to be counted.

Voters are encouraged to use one of the County's 43 official drop boxes to vote. Voters can also drop their ballots at any of our in-person voting locations. Official drop boxes are open for service. Dropping a ballot in an official drop box is just like dropping it at the Elections Office and saves taxpayer dollars by reducing the cost of return postage.

Voters can find a list of convenient drop-box locations at <https://www.contracostavote.gov/elections/official-ballot-drop-boxes/>. Ballots must be dropped off no later than 8 pm on Election Day.

Regional Early Voting locations are listed here: <https://www.contracostavote.gov/elections/rev/>

Voters can avoid long lines and be sure their vote is included in the Election Night results by voting early so the Elections Division receives the ballot by Friday, October 30th.

Voters can track their ballot!

Ballot tracking is a service provided by the California Secretary of State that will send voters a notice about their ballot, including when it's mailed, received, and counted. Voters can know where their ballot is every step of the way! Sign up at <https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov>.

For more information about the November 3, 2026 General Election, go to our website at www.contracostavote.gov and select "Current Elections" and "November 3, 2026 General Election", or call 925-335-7800 Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

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