



County of Orange Registrar of Voters



VOTE EASY.
VOTE SECURE.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



2026 General Election Media Briefing

Sept. 30, 2026

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Registrar of Voters





Registrar of Voters' Mission Statement

"To provide election services for the citizens of Orange County to ensure equal access to the election process, protect the integrity of votes, and maintain a transparent, accurate and fair process."



Registrar of Voters' Vision Statement

"To ensure excellence in the administration of elections to inspire confidence and trust in the democratic process."



Agenda

- Vote Easy
 - 2026 General Election Important Dates & What's on the Ballot
 - Four Ways to Vote
 - Language and Accessibility Services
- Your Vote Counted 1st
- Vote Secure
- Media Opportunities Schedule
- Results Reporting Schedule & Other Online Data Available

Vote Easy



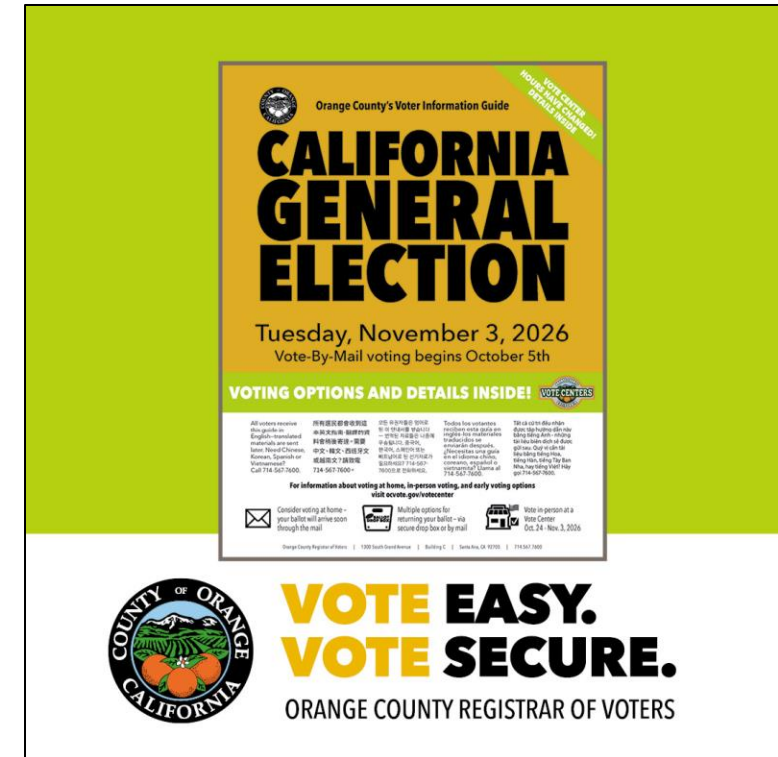
2026 General Election – Key Dates

- Military/Overseas Ballots Issued: Sept. 4 - 19
- County VIG Mailed: Sept. 23 - 24
- VBM Ballot Mailing Starts: Oct. 5
- Last Day for Voter Registration: Oct. 19
- In-Person Voting: Oct. 24 - Nov. 3
- Complete Canvass: Nov. 25 to Dec. 3

County Voter Information Guides and Ballots



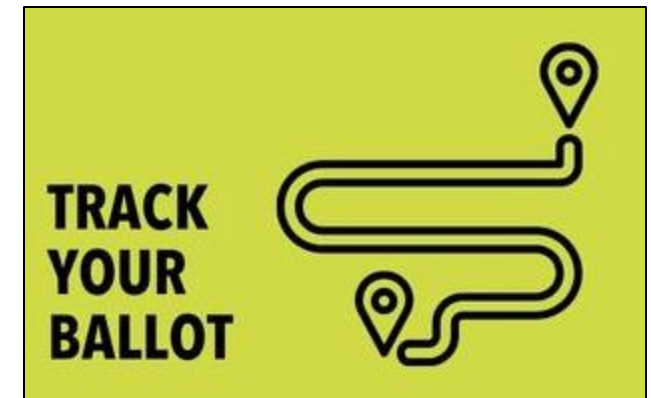
- Voter Information Guides (VIG) – mailed Sept. 23-24
- View & download by visiting ocvote.gov/VIG



County Voter Information Guides and Ballots



- Vote-By-Mail ballots – will be mailed starting Oct. 5
- Track your Vote-By-Mail ballot from start to finish
- Check ballot return status at ocvote.gov/track
- Sign up for State updates by email, text or phone
 - Ballot Mailed to Voter
 - Ballot Received by Registrar of Voters
 - Ballot Accepted for Counting





2026 General Election

What offices are up for election?

- Voter nominated elections for State Constitutional offices including the State Board of Equalization (4th District), U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, and State Assembly.
- Nonpartisan elections for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Supreme Court and Court of Appeal justices, School District offices, County Board of Supervisors (4th and 5th Districts), City offices, and Special District offices.



2026 General Election

What measures are on the ballot?

- 14 State Propositions
- 2 School District Bond measures
- 13 City measures

More information: ocvote.gov/elections



2026 General Election

- 17-inch ballot
- 549 unique ballot styles
- 169 Candidate Contests
- 430 Candidates



Orange County Elections are...

- Accessible
- Fair
- Accurate
- Secure
- Transparent





2026 General Election

- All registered voters will receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot starting Oct. 5
- 192 Vote Centers
 - 39 open for 11 Days
 - 152 open for 4 Days
 - 11 with a drive thru ballot drop off
 - 5 pop-up voting events
 - Election Day Vote Center at UCI's Verano Place Community Center
- 128 Ballot Drop Boxes unlocked on Oct. 2
 - Open for 33 days through Nov. 3

Locations: ocvote.gov/options

Pop-ups: ocvote.gov/pop-up



Four Easy Ways to Vote

- Return Ballot by Mail
- Place Ballot in a Secure Drop Box
 - One per 15,000 Voters
- Drop Ballot Off at a Vote Center
 - One per 50,000 Voters – E-10 to E-4
 - One per 10,000 Voters – E-3 to E-0
- Scan Ballot at a Vote Center





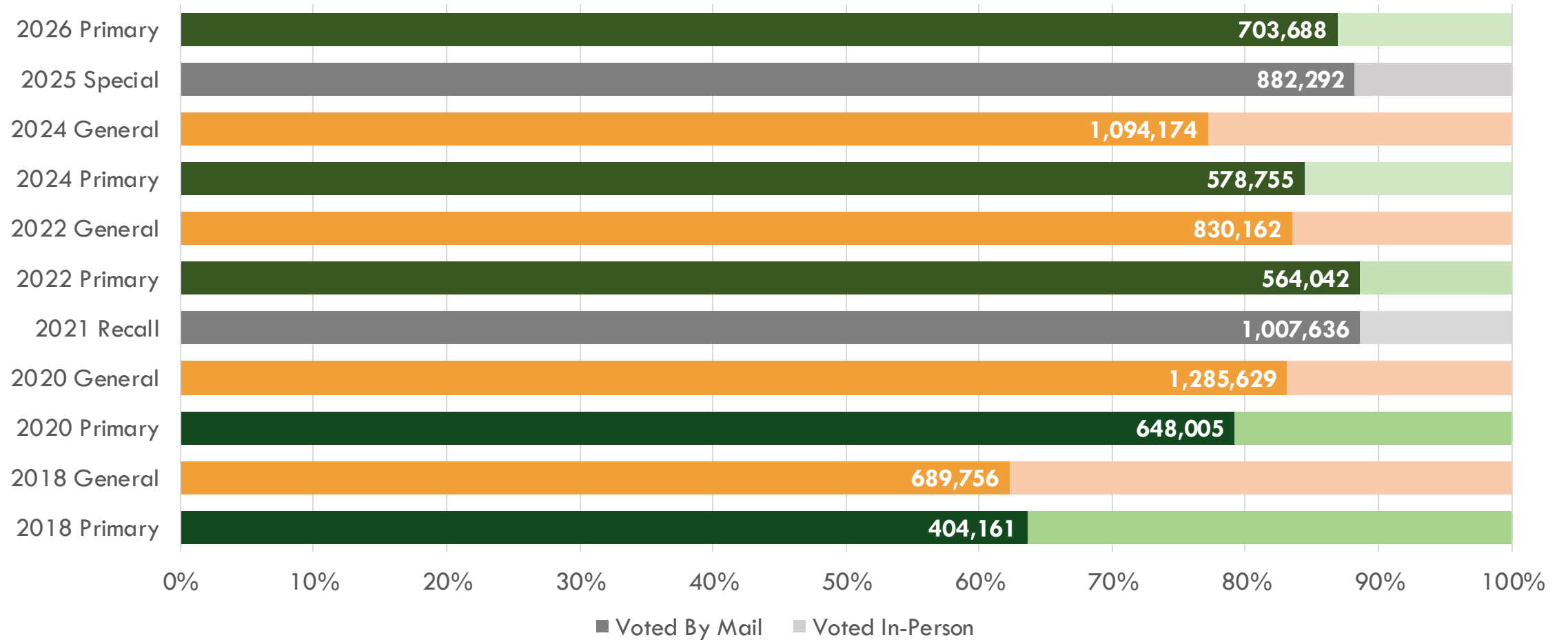
New Vote Center Hours

- Vote Center Hours
 - Early Voting E-10 to E-1: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Election Day: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Election Administration Plan 2026-2029
- Approved by Secretary of State on Dec. 4, 2025

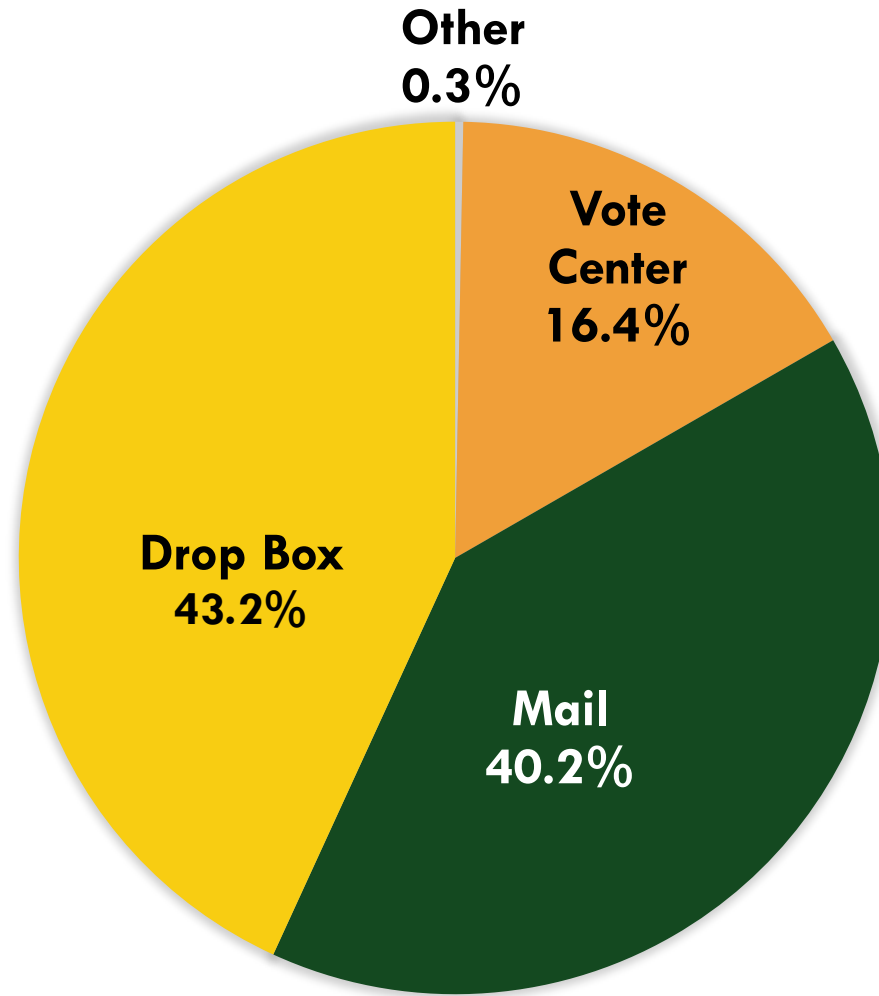
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Vote-By-Mail vs. Vote Center Participation

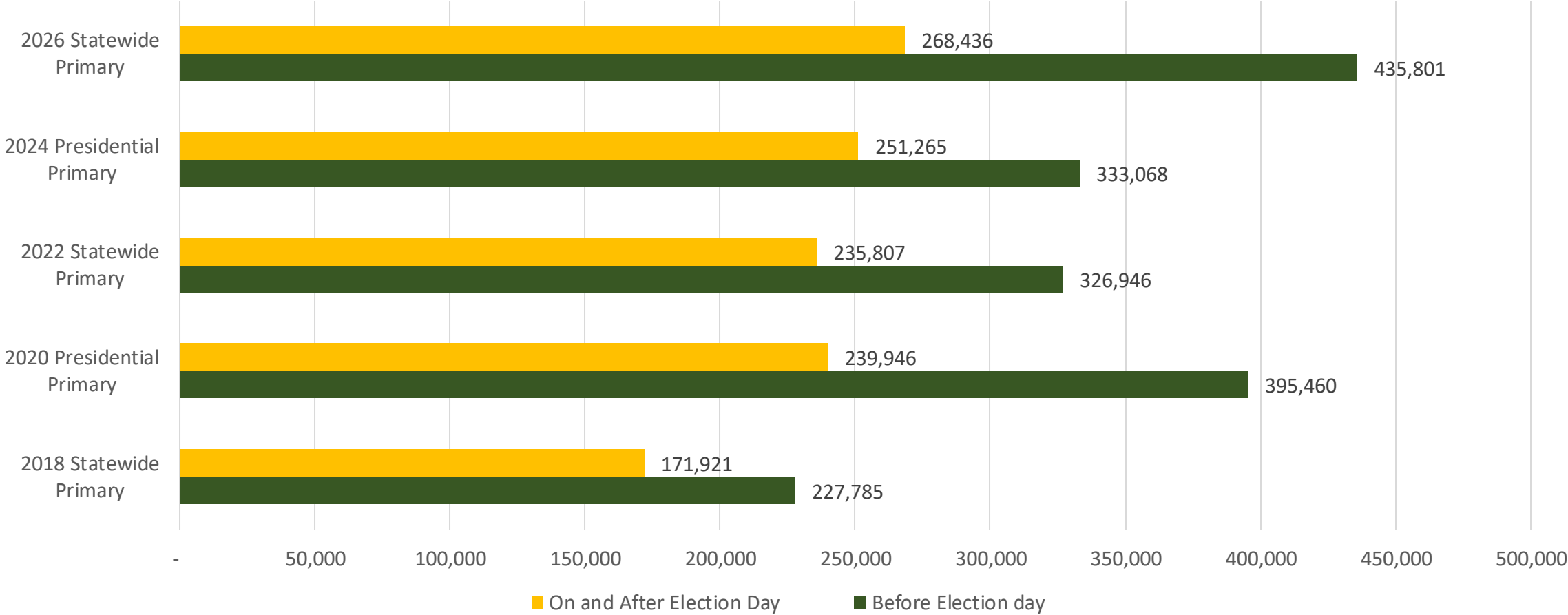


2026 Primary Election – VBM Return Method





VBM Returned Before/After Election Day





Federal Languages in OC – 2022 to 2026

- Chinese
- Korean
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S. Code section 10503



Federal-Covered Language Assistance

- Language translation/assistance requirements:
 - All voting materials, including official ballots, County VIG, instructions/warnings on Ballot Drop Boxes and registration forms
 - Recruit bilingual poll workers for targeted precincts
 - Voter's Choice Act – voter education PSAs and materials in Vote Centers; voter assistance in Vote Centers and via hotline; and Election Administration Plan materials and workshops



State Languages in OC – 2026 to 2029

Maintain	Added	Not Required
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Farsi

Hmong

Gujarati

Japanese

Indonesian

Hindi

Tagalog

Khmer

Nepali

Punjabi

[Elections Code section 14201](#)



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Accessibility Services for Voting

- Survey all voting locations for ADA compliance, space and parking
- Three ballot marking devices at each Vote Center
- ASL interpretation via video conferencing
- Curbside voting with a paper ballot
- Voters may bring up to two individuals to assist them
- Magna viewers, signature guides and large-print VIGs

Your Vote Counted 1st



Building Ballot Processing Capacity

- County invested \$4.1 million in Vote-By-Mail ballot processing equipment in 2023
- Results in 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election
 - Early ballots in drop boxes started process same-day
 - 94.1% of early ballots in first results (77.5% in 2022 Primary)
 - 77.4% of all ballots in E+3 results (65.4% in 2022 Primary)



Speed of the Count

- During 2026 Primary Election, the results from 96.6% of accepted ballots on **E+7**
- Only VBMs that were signature challenged were left to process after **E+8**
- Since 2024, the results from at least 95% of accepted ballots have been published from **E+4 to E+8**
- During 2018 Primary Election, the results from at least 95% of accepted ballots were not published until **E+14**



Building More Ballot Processing Capacity

In 2026-27 Budget, California allocated \$34 million to counties to expedite ballot counting and promote early voting.

- Orange County received \$3.2 million on Aug. 27 (E-68)
 - \$2,766,941.18 to expand of ballot processing space, buy equipment and furniture, use automated signature verification software, and hire additional temporary staff
 - \$477,058.82 to conduct voter education and outreach



Signature Cure Deadlines & Certification

- 2024 General Election: AB 3184 (Berman)
 - set a cure deadline of **E+26**
 - prohibited certification before **E+28**
- 2025 Special Election: SB 280 (Cervantes)
 - set a cure deadline of **E+26**
 - prohibited certification before **E+28**
- 2026 & Future Statewide Elections: AB 827 (Berman)
 - sets a cure deadline of 5 p.m. on **E+22**

Vote Secure



Security and Integrity Measures

The Orange County Registrar of Voters takes election integrity very seriously and completes numerous security steps to protect the County's elections.

Security and Integrity Measures



Physical

Technical

Process

People

More than 125 measures listed: ocvote.gov/security

Security and Integrity Measures – Physical

- Badge access controls
- Auditable security seals
- Ballot drop boxes
 - Made of thick, secure metal
 - Bolted to concrete
 - Individually keyed



Security and Integrity Measures - Technical



- Electronic voter check-in with near real-time updates
- Voter data is secured and encrypted while in transit and at rest
- All votes are cast on paper ballots
- Pre- & post-election confirmation of voting system software version
- Vote tally system is not connected to the internet
- Intrusion detection/prevention systems in place



Security and Integrity Measures – Process

- Voter File Maintenance – Regular and consistent
- Ballot Handling – Daily randomized routes, GPS tracking, radio communication with controlled chain of custody
- Signature verification of all Vote-By-Mail ballots
- Pre-election & post-election Logic and Accuracy tests
- 1% Manual Tally and Risk Limiting Audit
- Partnerships – Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement & DA



Security and Integrity – People

- Background checks on all employees
- Extensive training provided to all employees
- Two-person integrity for movement of ballots
- Use of DA Investigators, Sheriff's deputies, and security officers
- Command Center/Vote Center Help Desk
- Rapid deployment teams

Voter File Maintenance



Voter Registration Requirements

Help America Vote Act

- Prove identity with Driver's License / ID number or last four of SSN
- Utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government document
- 0.18% of OC voters must provide proof before next federal election

California Elections Code

- Content of the voter registration affidavit shall be certified as to its truthfulness and correctness, under penalty of perjury
- Compare to DMV or Social Security records



Voter Registration Requirements

Proof of Citizenship Requirements

- Help America Vote Act
 - Form must ask registrant if a U.S. citizen; check box answer
- National Voter Registration Act
 - Form must ask registrant to self-attest and sign under penalty of perjury to being a U.S. citizen
- California Elections Code
 - Voter self-attestation of U.S. citizenship is evidence affiant is a citizen for voting purposes



Voter File Maintenance

- Mandated Daily Activities
 - Information from voters and government sources
 - State law: Update within 5 business days
- Additional discretionary activities, including
 - Identification of duplicate voter registration files
 - Access third-party data to identify possible voter changes
 - Encourage voters to re-register to update their information and signature



Voter File Maintenance

- Before elections
 - Identify and merge potential voter record pairs
 - Compare voter file to Experian deceased persons data
 - Review addresses with 10 or more registrants – is it a facility that can house that many registrants
 - Activate young voters who will turn 18 by Election Day
 - Review registrants pending due to a missing or bad residential address



Voter File Maintenance

- After Each Statewide General Election
 - Inactive: No forwarding/Out of state address change
 - Cancelled after two general elections after notice
 - More than 176,000 inactive voters cancelled in 2025



Voter File Maintenance

Official Government Sources

- USPS National Change of Address / Undeliverable election mail
- Social Security Administration
- Secretary of State / VoteCal
 - DMV
 - Department of Corrections
 - Superior Court
- OC Health Care Agency
- Other CA counties if voter re-registers



Voter File Maintenance

Third Party Sources

- Consumer credit reporting agency
- Direct marketing list brokers for national death records
- Family members, other voters, or the public

Refer suspicious activity and reports of fraud to OCDA and/or SOS

A registration record cannot be modified by third-party data, but OCROV uses the information to confirm the information's accuracy with the voter or official government sources



Voter File Maintenance

- Low undeliverable rates
 - 1.6% for 2024 Presidential Primary Election
 - 1.7% for 2024 Presidential General Election
 - 1.5% for 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election
 - USPS undeliverable 1st Class Mail in FY 2024 – 4.72%
 - USPS undeliverable 1st Class Mail in FY 2025 – 4.49%
- Smallest number of unresolved updates for large counties
 - 0.002% of OC registered voters



Voter File Maintenance

2024 Performance Measurements:

- 974,220 – Number of Voter Registration Updates
- 81,185 – Average Transactions a Month

2025 Performance Measurements:

- 713,834 – Number of Voter Registration Updates
- 59,486 – Average Transactions a Month



Voter Registration File Maintenance

Registration Cancellations

- 2020 – 35,389
- 2021 – 62,567
- 2022 – 58,263
- 2023 – 115,570
- 2024 – 35,689
- 2025 – 205,622

Media Opportunities Schedule



Media Opportunities Schedule

- **Tues., Sept. 29:** Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy Testing and VBM Ballot Processing Begins
 - Creation and scanning of test ballots for Logic and Accuracy Test
 - VBM ballot processing includes sorting, signature verification
- **Friday, Oct. 2:** Ballot Drop Boxes Unlocked
 - Visuals of ballot drop boxes across Orange County being unlocked and prepared for the start of voting period on Monday, Oct. 5



Media Opportunities Schedule

- **Saturday, Oct. 3:** Vote-By-Mail Ballot Mailing Begins
 - Visuals of ballots on pallets being loaded for transport to USPS for mailing on Monday, Oct. 5
- **Monday, Oct. 5:** Early Voting Begins
 - OCROV office open for in-person voting
 - Ballot drop-off locations open



Media Opportunities Schedule

- **Saturday, Oct. 24:** 39 Select Vote Centers Open for 11 Days
 - Visuals of Vote Centers opening
 - Set up visuals available
- **Wednesday, Oct. 28:** Media Tour at OCROV
 - Guided tour of ballot-processing center
 - TV stand-ups with OC Registrar and CalOES Director
- **Saturday, Oct. 31:** 152 Additional Vote Centers Open for 4 Days
 - Visuals of Vote Centers opening and set up



Media Opportunities Schedule

- **Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Election Day
 - Ballot processing and counting at OC ROV
 - Results starting at 8:05 p.m., followed by 9:30 p.m., and then each half hour until all precincts have been reported on election night
- **Wednesday, Nov. 4:** Official Canvass Begins
 - VBM ballot processing and counting continues
 - Audits and post-election testing of election equipment and software
 - Daily schedule available – ocvote.gov/observe

Online Data Available



Online Data Available

- Media Kit

ocvote.gov/media

- Election Results – Results and What's Left to Process

ocvote.gov/results

- Data Central – Registration and Ballots Returned

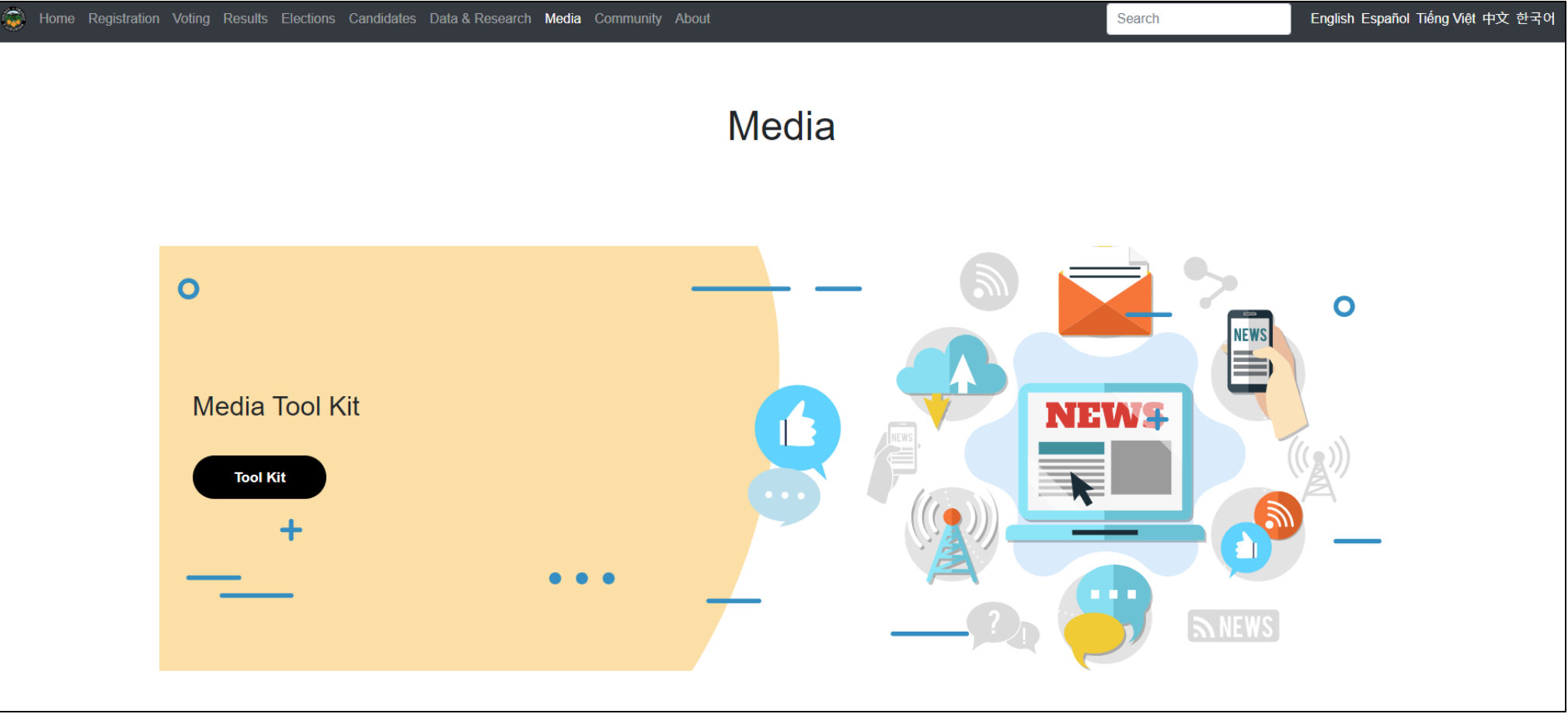
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- Map Central – Registration, Find My District, and Results

ocvote.gov/map-central

Media Kit

Media Kit





Media Kit

- Available online – ocvote.gov/media
- Accurate and helpful election administration information
- Instructions about how to access resources and data
- Library of graphics, photos and videos

Election Results

Reporting Schedule / Ballots Left To Process



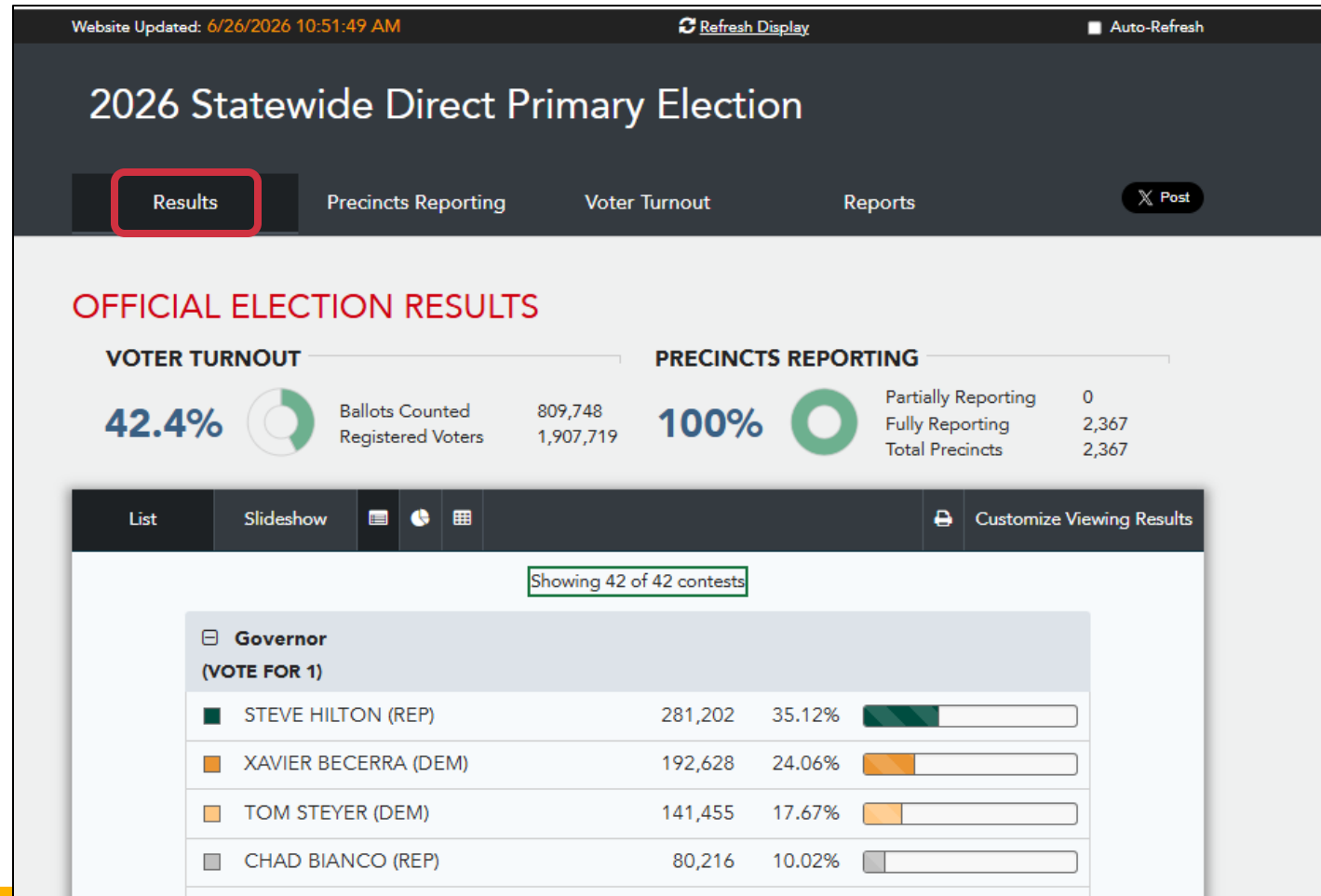
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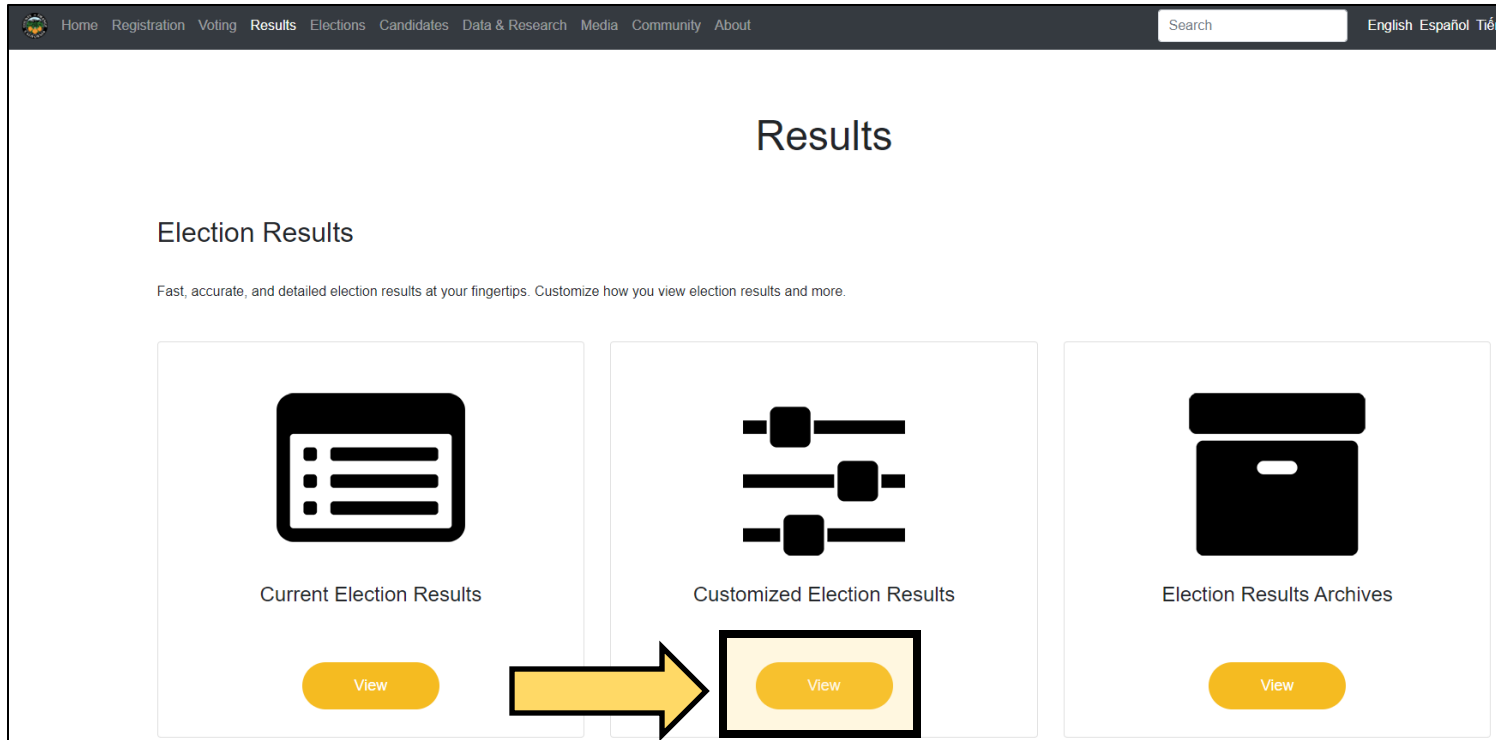
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Election Results



Reporting Schedule / Ballots Left To Process



[Detail Data and Reports](#)

Detailed district reports for the election.

[Election Night Operations](#)

Election night monitoring and live video broadcast.

[Election Night Reporting Schedule](#)

View the Election Night Reporting Schedule.



Results Reporting Schedule

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Election Results Reporting Schedule

March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Results Reporting Schedule

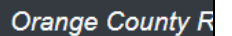
Tuesday, March 5th	8:05 p.m.	First Election Night unofficial results (vote-by-mail ballots only).
Tuesday, March 5th	9:30 p.m.	First unofficial in-person voting results.
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Tuesday, March 5th	10:30 p.m.	Third unofficial in-person voting results.
Tuesday, March 5th	11:00 p.m.	Fourth unofficial in-person voting results.
Tuesday, March 5th	11:30 p.m.	Fifth unofficial in-person voting results (tentative last results, but updates will continue until all Vote Centers have reported)
Wednesday, March 6th	5:00 p.m.	First update following Election Night

Updates will continue each weekday by 5:00 p.m. during the canvass period until the last official results are posted.

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What's Left to Process

What's Left to Process

***IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER:** Ballot estimates will expand as eligible ballots (mailed on or before Election Day) are received via USPS and ballots deposited in official drop boxes (prior to 8PM on Election Night) are received and processed.

Note: These estimates were prepared based on averages and will be adjusted following additional detailed sorting.

Estimate of Ballots Left to Process
Click here to see an estimate of the total ballots left to process.

Vote-by-mail Ballots received on or before Election Day via mail left to process
Click here to see an estimate of vote-by-mail ballots left to process.

Ballots Returned at Drop Boxes Left to Process
Click here to see an estimate of ballots returned at drop boxes left to process.

Duplicated Ballots Left to Process
Click here to see ballots that require duplication left to process.

***Eligible Vote-by-Mail Ballots Received After Election Day Left to Process**
Click here to see an estimate of eligible vote-by-mail ballots received after Election Day left to process. These numbers can fluctuate, and reflect eligible vote-by-mail ballots received up to 72 hours after Election Day.

Conditional Voter Registrations Left to Process
Click here to see an estimate of eligible conditional voter registrations left to process. These numbers include voters who registered and voted after the close of registration.

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Orange County Registrations



Data Central





Current Voter Registration

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- Voter Registration
- 1,909,176 Voters*

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Current Registration Counts

Total active voters	1,909,176
Total inactive voters (what are inactive voters?)	110,122
Change from yesterday	↓ -8
Change (%)	0
Statewide	21,240,236
Military and overseas	9,965
Party Counts	
DEM	696,246
REP	640,519

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Party Registration on Data Central

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- Party Counts

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AI	80,564
GRN	7,819
LIB	20,885
P-F	10,215
MISC	4,050
NPP	448,878

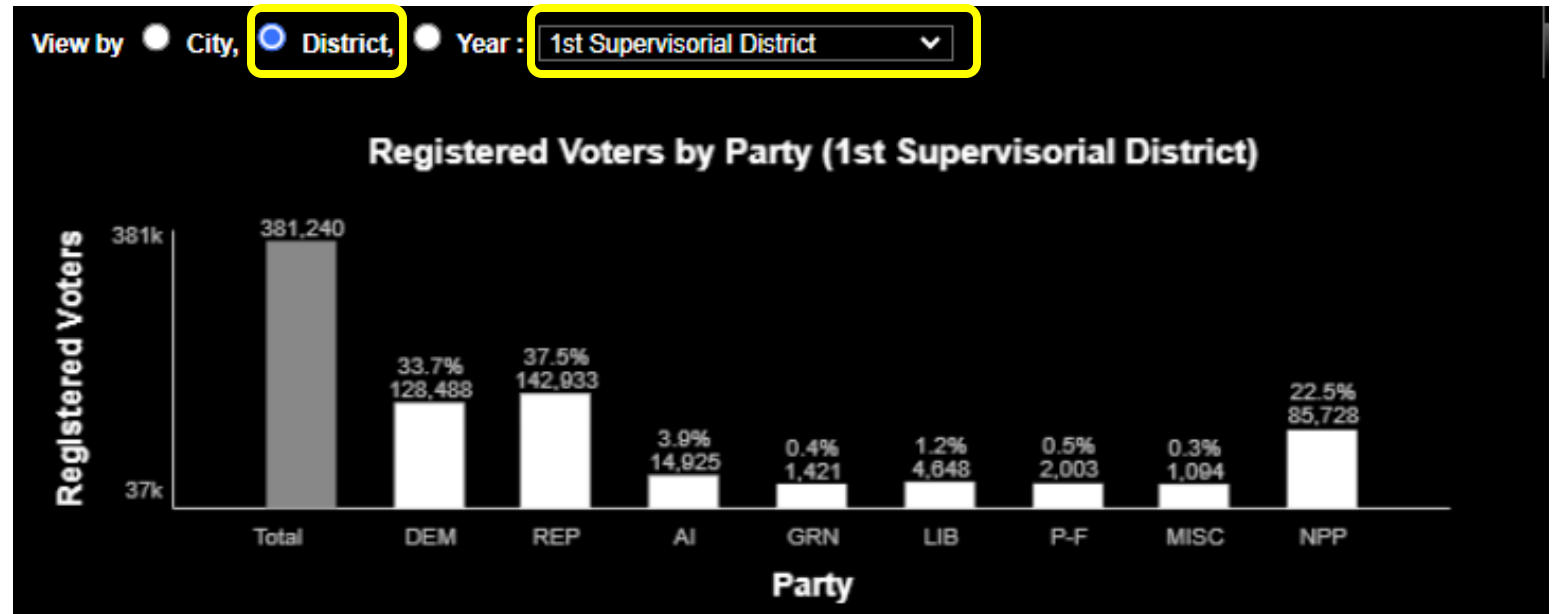


Party Registration on Data Central

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- City
- District
- Year





Ballots Returned on Data Central

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- Ballots Returned

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2026 Primary Election

Select ballots issued or returned:

Ballots Issued

Current Total Ballots Issued

All ballots Issued

Military and overseas ballots

Total ballots

Vote-by-mail ballots issued by party

*DEM

DEM

REP

*AI

AI

GRN

LIB

P-F

*P-F

N-P

Daily raw count of vote-by-mail ballots mailed

1,892,028

9,840

1,901,868

4

689,708

642,415

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78,566

7,676

20,937

9,838

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446,814

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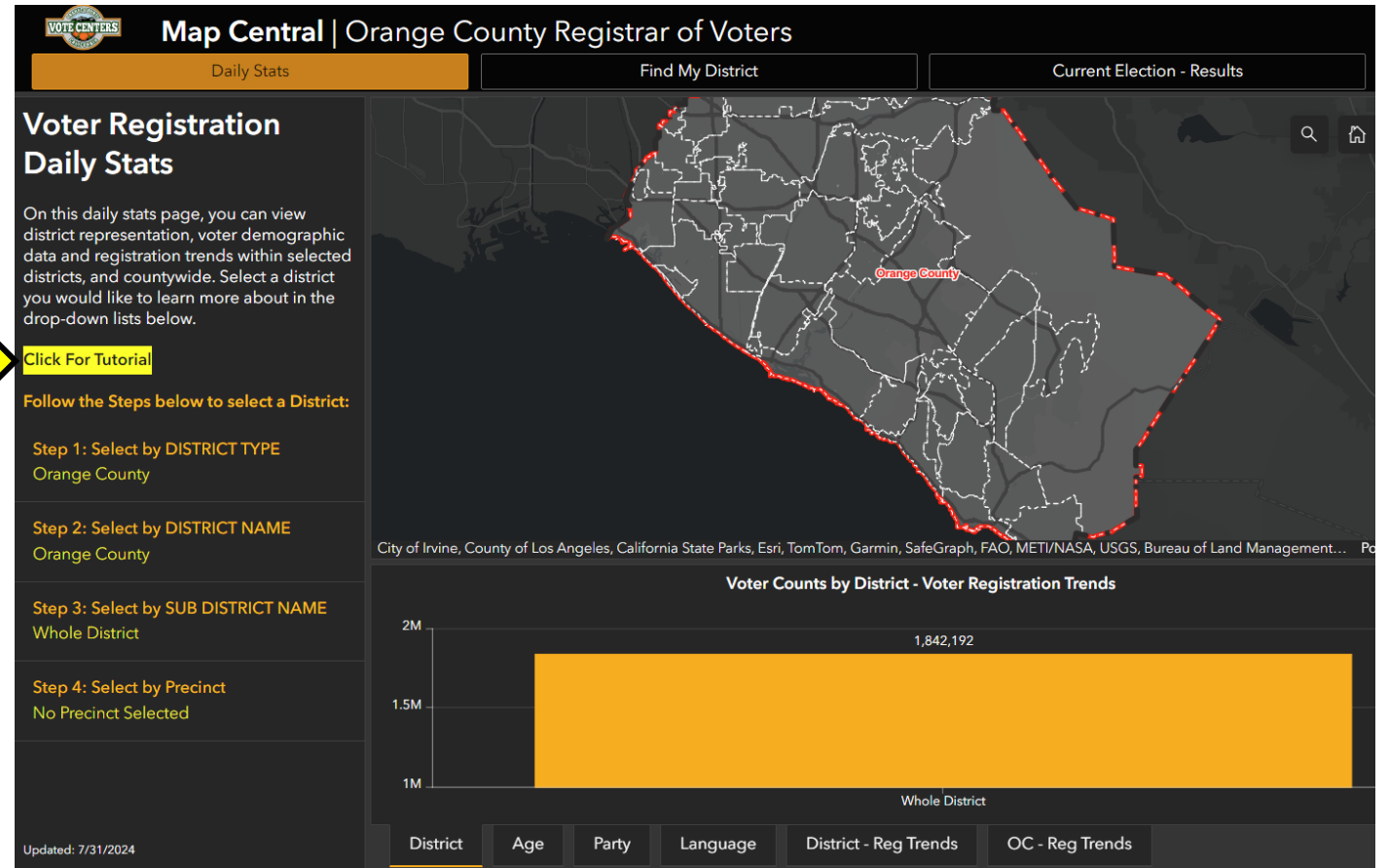


Map Central

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- Click for Tutorial
- Daily Registration
- Find My District
- Election Results



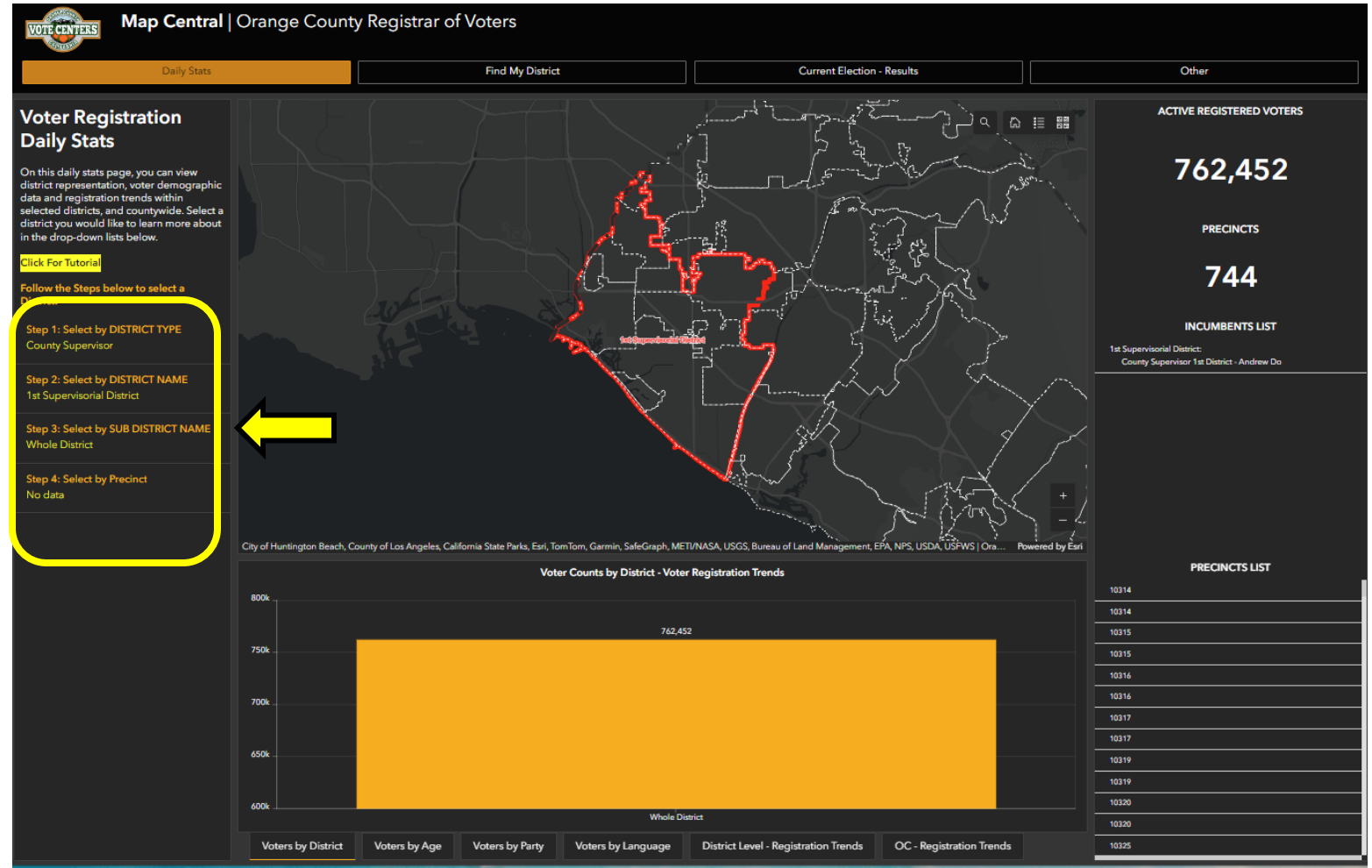


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- Sub District Name
- Precinct



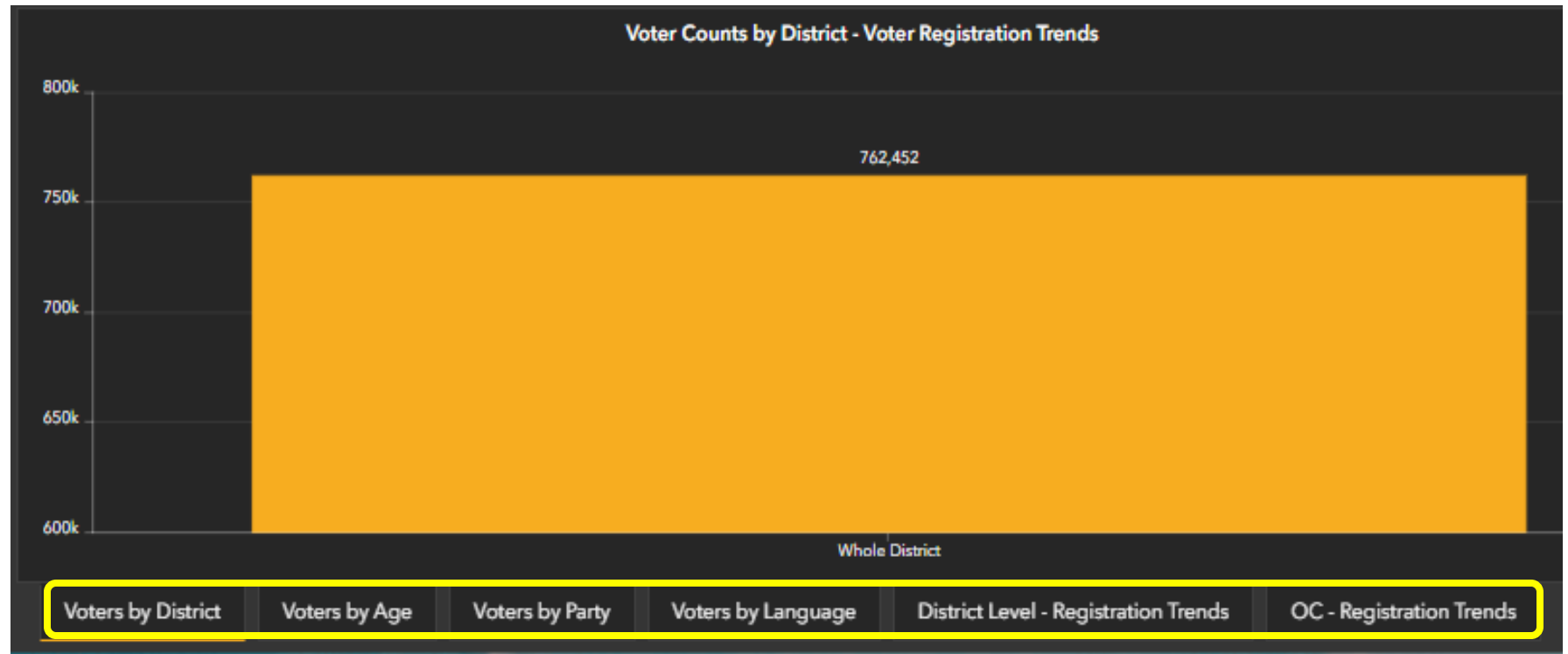


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- District
- Age
- Party



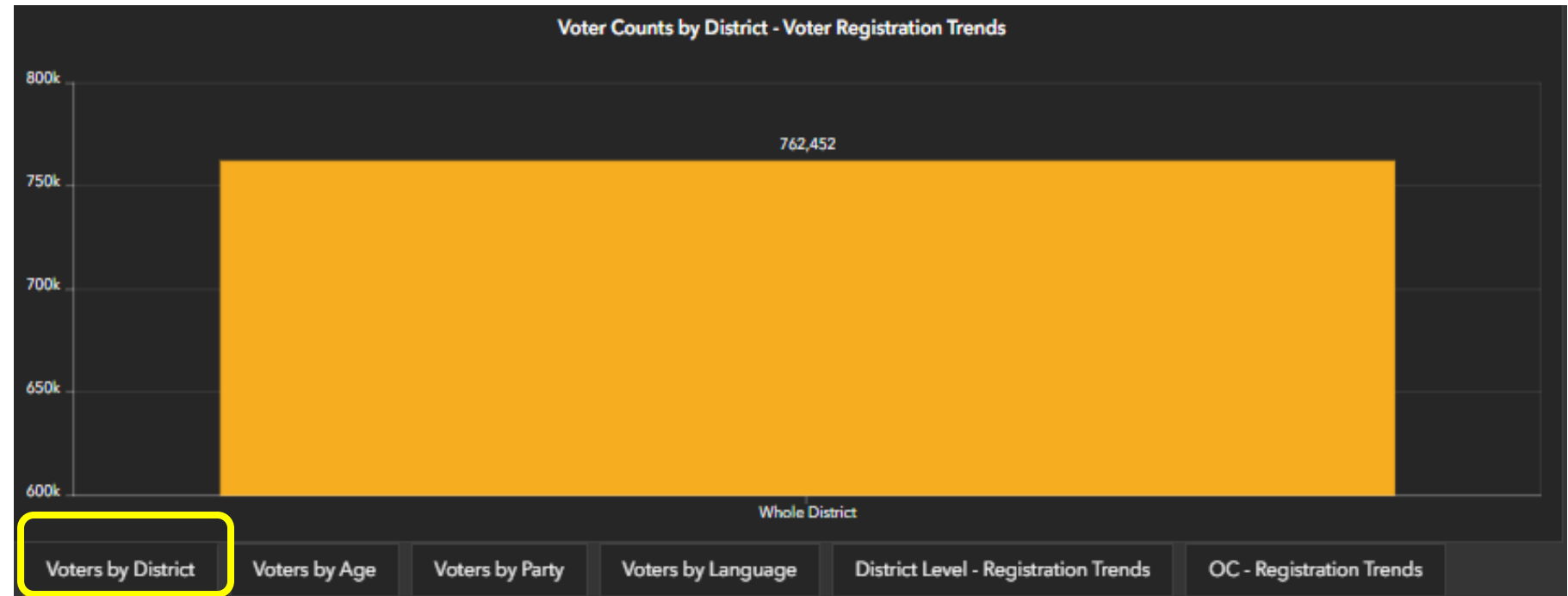


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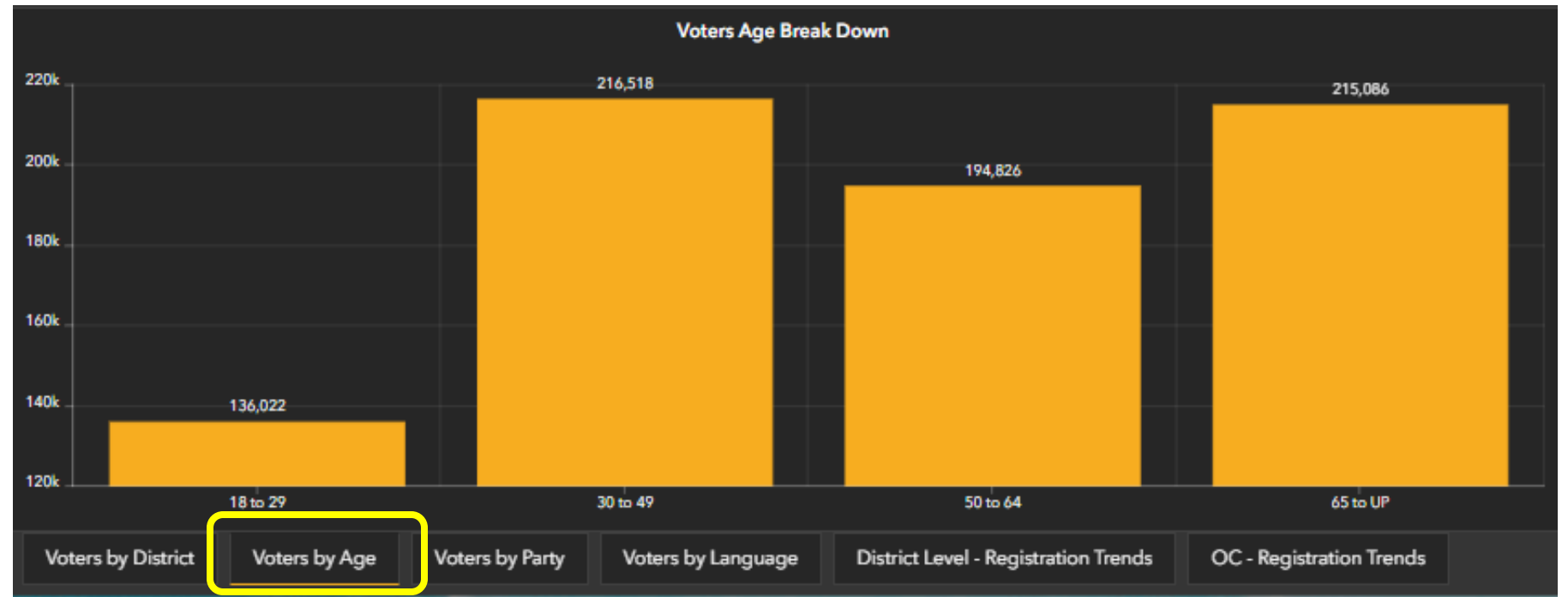


Age Group Registration on Map Central

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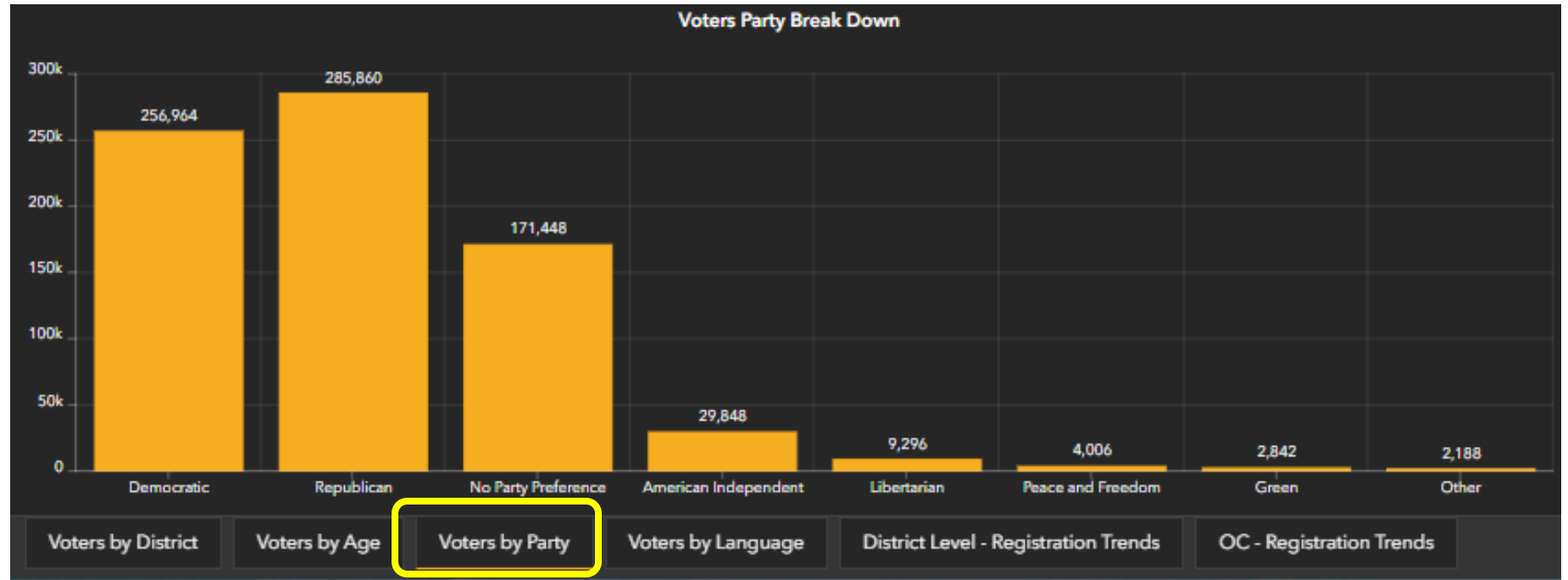


Party Registration on Map Central

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- Party





Find My District on Map Central

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- Find My District
- Enter Address



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Daily Stats **Find My District** Current Election

Find My District - Lookup Tool

Find address or place

District Lookup Tool

Step 1: Begin entering your address, or by using the interactive map to click on a location

Step 2: If you entered an address, select the correct address from the suggested list to find the latest district boundaries.

Find address or place

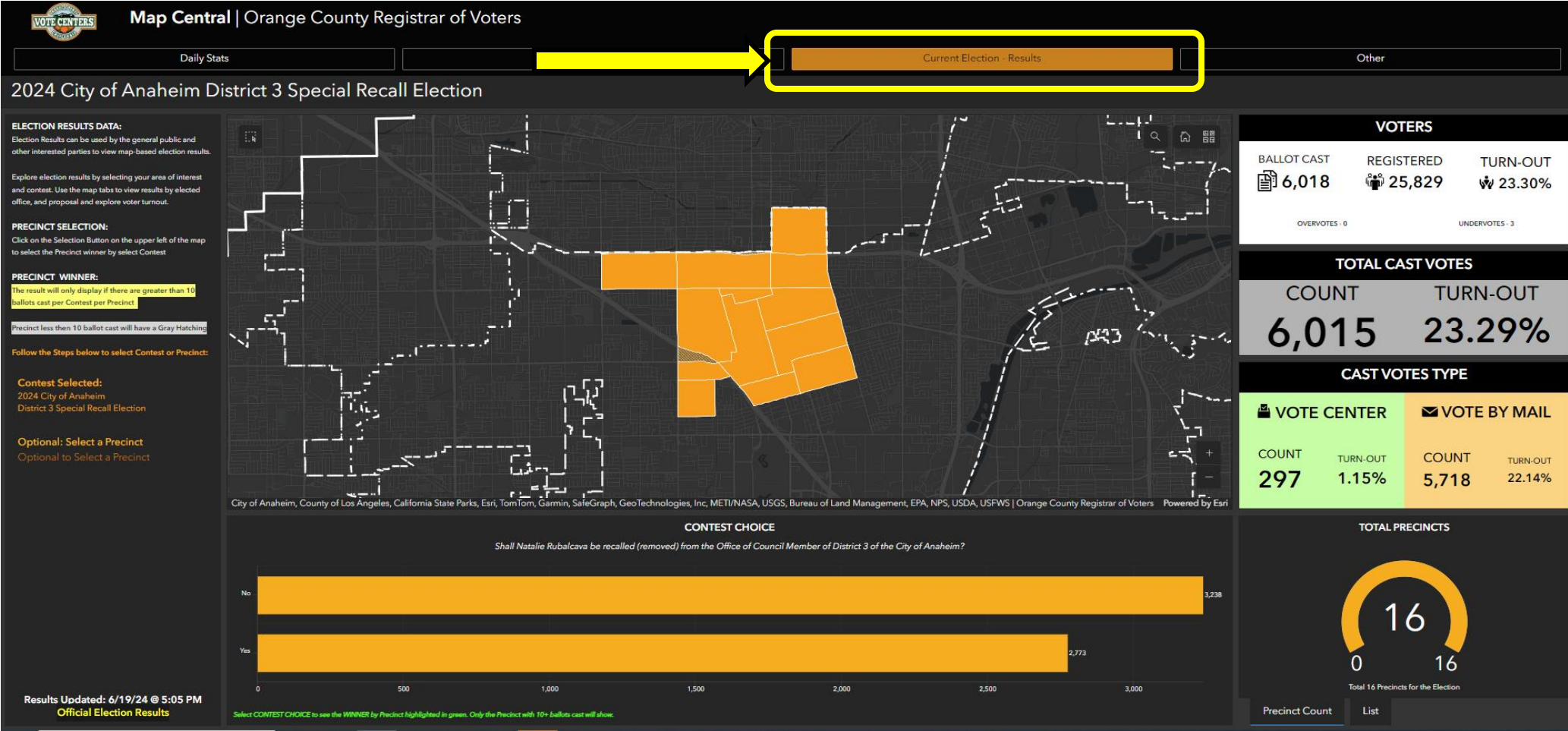
Map showing various districts: 68th Assembly District, 2nd Supervisorial District, 46th Congressional District, 70th Assembly District, 1st Supervisorial District, 34th Senate District, 36th Senate District, 5th Supervisorial District, 47th Congressional District.



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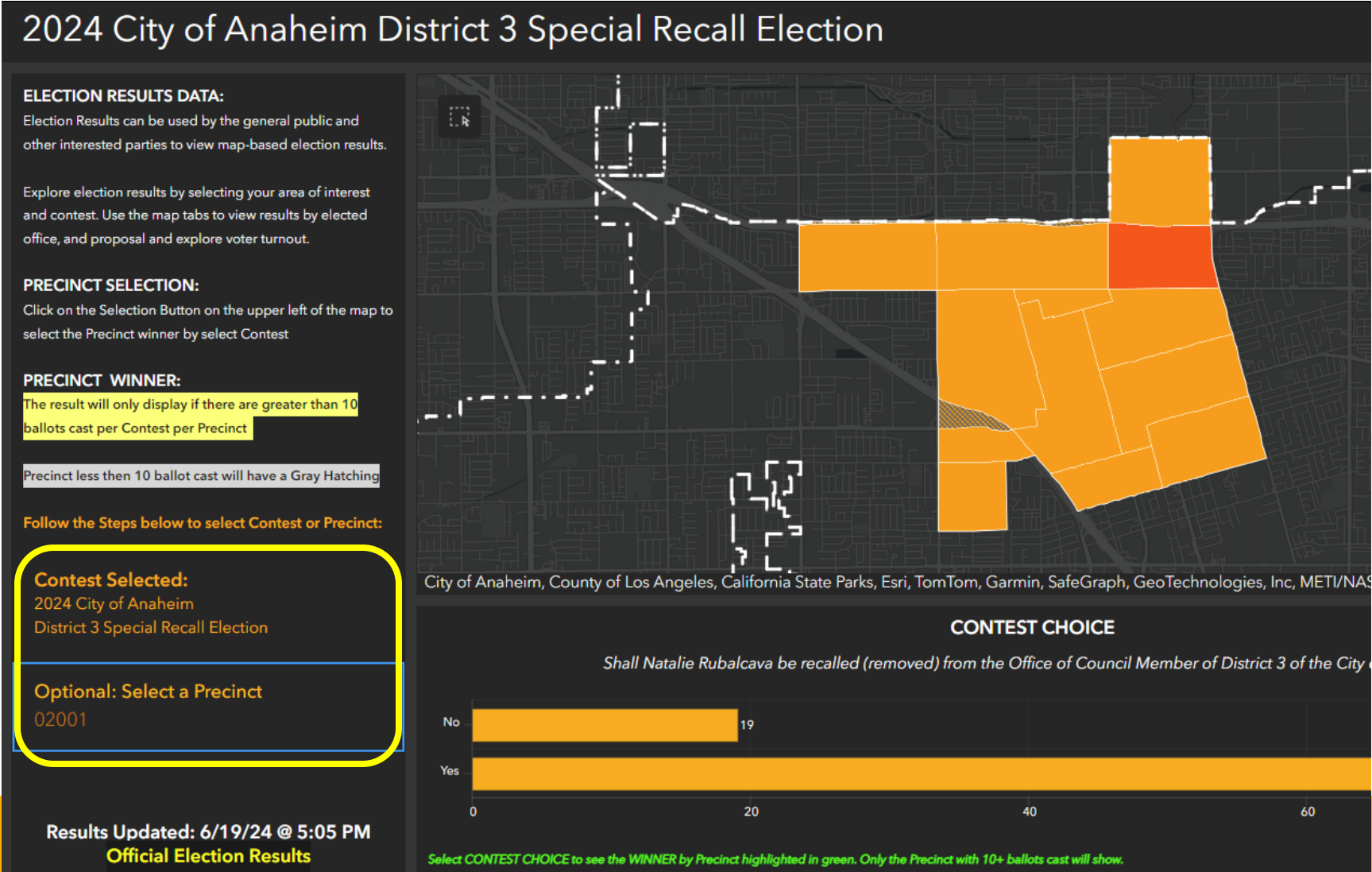


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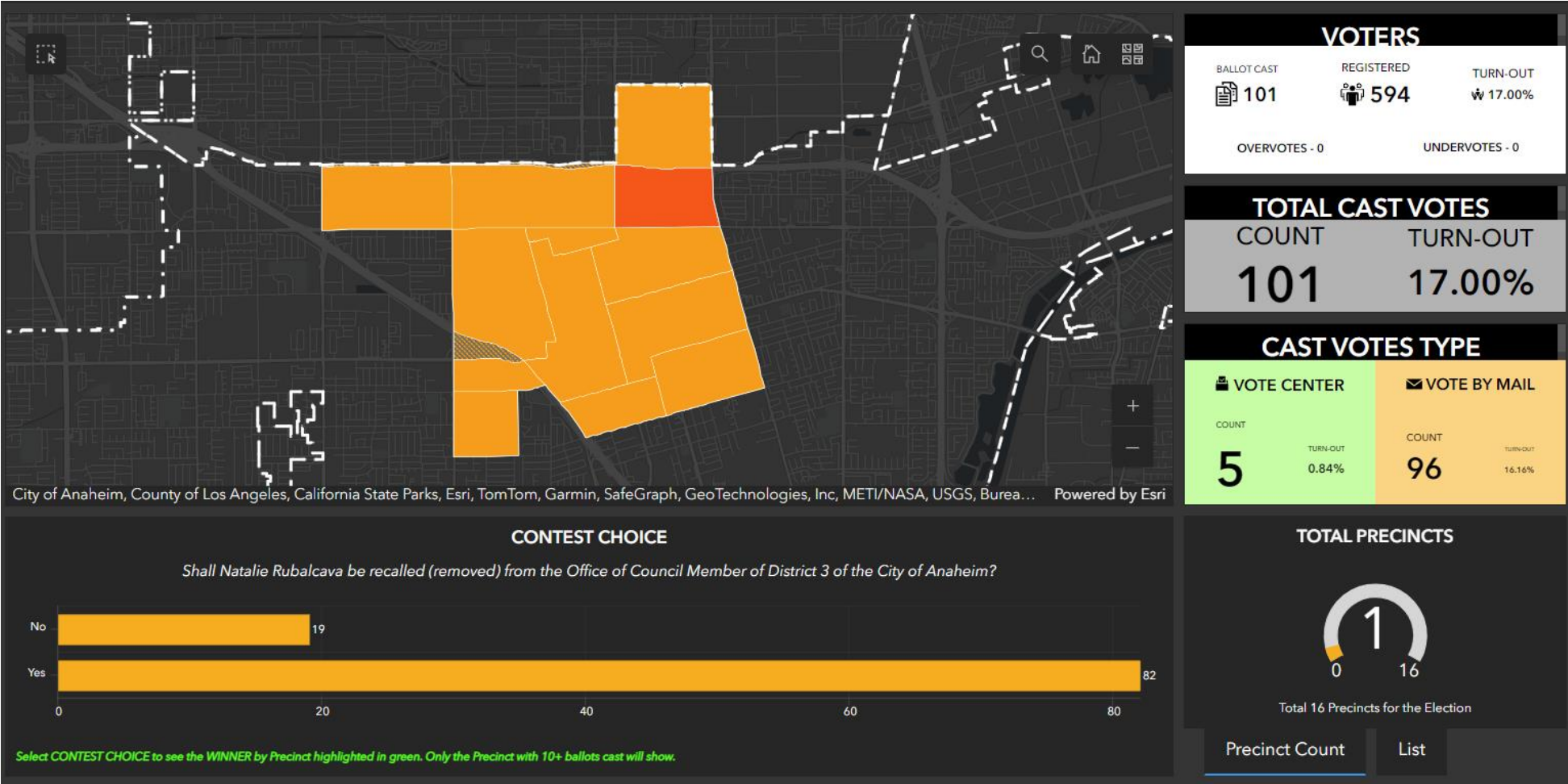


Results by Precinct on Map Central





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