



**ORANGE COUNTY  
REGISTRAR OF **VOTERS****

**COMMUNICATIONS TOOL KIT**  
2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election

Resources for Sharing Voting Information  
Presented by the **Orange County Registrar of Voters**

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# INTRODUCTION

Orange County Registrar of Voters is committed to educating each registered voter about their right to cast a ballot safely and securely. The Communications Toolkit provides a variety of tools to help people and organizations who want to assist the Registrar of Voters with informing voters about how, when and where to cast a ballot for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election.

From social media posts, infographics, videos and more, this tool kit covers:

- Voting options – How to vote
- Voting locations – Where to vote
- Voting period – When to vote
- Safety – Creating a safe environment for election workers and voters
- Security – Protecting the election process and votes

We encourage you to share the information in this toolkit with your personal and professional networks and on your social media pages.

# IMPORTANT TOPICS

The 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election has many important topics, but the following themes and messages are critical and repeated throughout this tool kit:

- Our voter education campaign tagline is “**Vote Easy. Vote Secure.**”
- **You Have Voting Options** – While Vote-By-Mail ballots are being delivered to all registered voters, there are four ways to vote.
- **You Have More Days to Vote** – Vote-By-Mail ballots can be cast starting 29 days before the traditional Election Day; Select Vote Centers are open for 11 days for in-person voting, and all Vote Centers are open for four days.
- **You Have New Early In-Person Voting Hours** – From Saturday, May 23 through Monday, June 1, Vote Centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Updating Your Voter Registration is Key** – We encourage people to register (if they haven’t) and to make sure the information they have on file is up to date and correct.
- **We Need Your Help** – Our community outreach team delivers trusted voter education presentations and resources to community groups and for special events. [To request a presentation or resources, call 714-567-7600 or visit ocvote.gov/community/speaker-requests.](#)

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# IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, April 23: Voter Information Guides begin to be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service
- Monday, May 4: Vote-By-Mail Ballots begin to be delivered to U.S. Postal Service by this date
- Monday, May 4: Early Voting Begins – Registrar of Voters’ office and all Ballot Drop Boxes open
- Monday, May 18: Last day to register to vote
- Saturday, May 23: *SELECT* Vote Centers open across the county / Vote In-Person
- Saturday, May 30: All Vote Centers open / Vote In-Person
- Tuesday, June 2: Voting ends at 8 p.m.

# TOOL KIT CONTENTS

1. Voter education infographics
2. Series of “explainer” videos
3. Voter education presentation
4. Social media posts and graphics
5. Newsletter articles / Email Messages
6. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
7. QR Codes

## 1. VOTER EDUCATION INFOGRAPHICS – VOTE EASY

Our **Vote Easy** infographic highlights voting facts, how to vote, election dates and other voter related resources on one easy-to-read document.

- [Download the Vote Easy Infographic in English](#)
- [Download the Vote Easy Infographic in Chinese](#)
- [Download the Vote Easy Infographic in Korean](#)
- [Download the Vote Easy Infographic in Spanish](#)
- [Download the Vote Easy Infographic in Vietnamese](#)

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**FUN FACTS**

**Vote-By-Mail vs. Vote Center Participation**

Year	Vote Center	Vote-By-Mail
2024 General	77%	23%
2024 Primary	85%	15%
2022 General	84%	16%
2022 Primary	89%	11%

**Vote-By-Mail Return Method 2024 General**

Method	Percentage
Ballot Drop Box	40.4%
Mail	18.3%
ROV - 0.1%	0.1%

**HOW TO VOTE**

**Voting Options**

- Vote-By-Mail
- Ballot Drop-Off Locations
- Vote Center Ballot Drop-Off
- Vote Center In-Person

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 23**: Voter Information Guides Delivered to U.S. Postal Service
- May 4**: Mail Ballots Delivered to U.S. Postal Service/ Early Voting Begins
- May 18**: Last Day to Register to Vote
- May 23**: Select Vote Centers Open
- June 2**: Election Day Voting Ends at 8 p.m.

See All of Your Voting Options – [ocvote.gov/options](https://ocvote.gov/options) | [Continue on back](#)

**HOW TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT**

Track your Vote-By-Mail ballot every step of the way! Sign up for OC Ballot Express at [ocvote.gov/track](https://ocvote.gov/track).

**OC BALLOT EXPRESS**

- Ballot Mailed to Voter
- Ballot Received by Registrar of Voters
- Ballot Accepted for Counting

**VOTE EARLY. IT'S EASY AND SECURE.**

You don't have to wait until Election Day to vote in the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election!

Did you know that when you vote early the votes on your Vote-By-Mail ballot are included in the first election night results report at 8:05 p.m.?

**MAP CENTRAL**

Visit [ocvote.gov/maps](https://ocvote.gov/maps) to:

- Find the closest Vote Center, Ballot Drop Box, or USPS Mailbox
- Find your district / who represents you and your neighbors
- View registration data and election results by precinct
- View new Proposition 50 Congressional districts

**Percentage of Vote-By-Mail Ballots Included in Election Night Results**

Year	Early Vote-By-Mail Ballots Counted by First Report	Total Vote-By-Mail Ballots Cast before Election Day
2024 General	89%	91%
2024 Primary	91%	91%
2022 General	85%	85%
2022 Primary	77%	77%

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714.567.7600 | [ocvote.gov](https://ocvote.gov) | [@ocrov](#) | [@ocregistrar](#) | [@ocregistrar](#)

See election results updates - [ocvote.gov/results](https://ocvote.gov/results)

# VOTER EDUCATION INFOGRAPHICS - VOTE SECURE

Our **Vote Secure** infographic highlights voting security and integrity measures, voter roll accuracy, and other elections security facts on one easy-to-read document.

- [Download the Vote Secure Infographic in English](#)
- [Download the Vote Secure Infographic in Chinese](#)
- [Download the Vote Secure Infographic in Korean](#)
- [Download the Vote Secure Infographic in Spanish](#)
- [Download the Vote Secure Infographic in Vietnamese](#)

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**VOTE EASY. VOTE SECURE.**

**SECURITY AND INTEGRITY MEASURES**

**Physical**  
Ballot Drop Boxes are made out of thick secure metal. Each drop box is bolted to the concrete and has its own individual key to open it.

**Technical**  
Voter participation data is encrypted when shared in near real time between all Vote Centers and the Registrar of Voters to prevent double voting.

**Process**  
All ballot scanners, vote tally equipment and software are tested before and after Election Day to ensure all votes are counted accurately.

**People**  
The Registrar of Voters background checks every election worker prior to hiring. All workers complete extensive training on election equipment security measures.

**VOTER ROLL ACCURACY FACTS**

Registration records updated daily based on information from voters and government sources.

- 81,185 Average Number of Monthly Registration Updates in 2024
- 705,545 Registration Notices Mailed to Voters in 2024
- 1.7% Percentage of 2024 General Election Ballots Returned Undeliverable
- 35,689 Voter Registrations Canceled in 2024
- 16,742 Voter Registrations Canceled in 2024 Due to Death of Voter

For details on security and integrity, visit [ocvote.gov](http://ocvote.gov) | [Continue on back](#)

**YOUR VOTE IS SECURE**

Every voter marks a paper ballot. Chain of custody maintained for all voted ballots. Ballot audit confirms accuracy of results. Ballots securely stored after election.

**ELECTION SECURITY FACTS**

**2024 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

**Ballot Collection**  
Two-person ballot collection teams submitted nearly **13,500** verification photos during the 2024 Presidential General Election. All photos are reviewed in real time to ensure no ballots are missed and that the ballots and drop boxes are secured.

**Tamper-Proof Voting Equipment Seals**  
More than **29,000** voting equipment seals were checked and logged at Vote Centers during the 2024 Presidential General Election to prevent tampering.

**Signature Verification**  
During the 2024 Presidential General Election, trained Registrar of Voters staff compared more than **1,100,000** signatures on return envelopes of cast Vote-By-Mail ballots to the voters' signatures in the voter registration file.

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Track Your Ballot with OC Ballot Express – [ocvote.gov/track](http://ocvote.gov/track)

## 2. VIDEOS

Our short “explainer” videos highlight a variety of voter related topics.

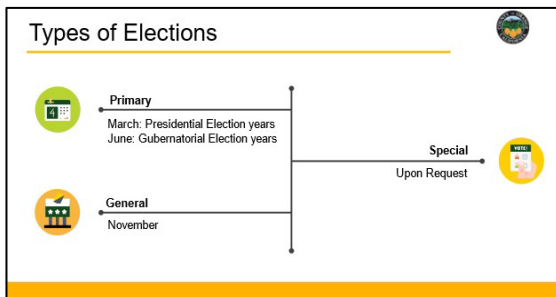
- [View the “Ways to Vote” video](#)
- [View the “Accessibility and Language Services” video](#)
- [View the “Community Champions Vote Easy Vote Secure Messages” video](#)
- View the “Completing Your Ballot” video (*Coming Soon*)
- Election Security:
  - [View the “How Ballots are Securely Printed and Distributed” video](#)
  - [View the “How Ballots are Securely Collected and Processed” video](#)
  - [View the “Observable Election Processes” videos](#)



## 3. VOTER EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Our comprehensive "Voter Education" presentation highlights essential voter topics, upcoming election information, and voting options.

- [View and download the Voter Education Presentation](#)



## 4. SOCIAL MEDIA AND GRAPHICS

Our ready-to-share social media posts are perfect for posting to your Facebook, Instagram, or X social media pages.

We've organized the content by topic and have provided suggested dates on when to post the content to your pages.

You can click on the selected image to download it to your phone or computer.

Consider these helpful tips when posting our captions and images:

- Personalize the content! While it is important key information remains unchanged, we know that your followers want to hear from you. We encourage you to adapt the posts, so they are authentic to your voice and organization.
- Find and follow us by searching for the following social media handles:
  - Facebook - @ocrov
  - Instagram - @ocregistrar
  - X - @ocregistrar
  - YouTube - @ocrov

Be sure to tag us when you post your content. We also encourage you to also “share” our posts with your followers.

- Use these hashtags to when posting:
  - #VoteEasyVoteSecure
  - #OCVote
  - #OrangeCountyCounts
  - #VoteCalifornia
  - #VoteEarly
  - #BallotSecurity
  - #YourVoiceYourChoice
  - #OCBallotExpress
  - #VoteReady (for posts about voter registration)

[To view and download all our social media posts and other graphics used our voter education advertisement campaign, visit ocvote.gov/community/2026-statewide-direct-primary-election-communications-tool-kit-assets.](https://ocvote.gov/community/2026-statewide-direct-primary-election-communications-tool-kit-assets)

## TOPIC: REGISTRATION & KEY DATES

### Post 1: April 1 - May 18

May 18 is the deadline to register to vote for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. Register to vote or update your registration today at [ocvote.gov/registration](https://ocvote.gov/registration).

#OCVote #VoteReady #VoterRegistration



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### Post 2: April 1 - May 18

#DYK you can check if you're registered to vote, check your ballot status or review your voter history online? Visit [ocvote.gov/verify](https://ocvote.gov/verify) today.

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### Post 3: April 1 – May 18

Not sure if you're registered to vote? Go to [ocvote.gov/verify](https://ocvote.gov/verify) to check your status and make any updates before May 18.

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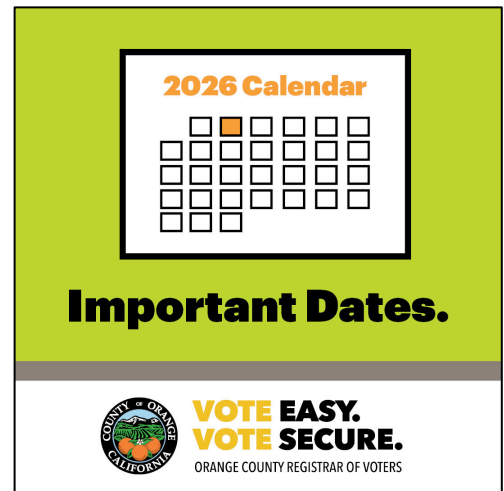


## TOPIC: REGISTRATION & KEY DATES (Continued)

**Post 4:** April 1 – May 18

Voting in the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election opens on May 4 and closes on June 2 at 8 p.m. Check your registration status at [ocvote.gov/verify](https://ocvote.gov/verify) and make any updates before May 18.

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## TOPIC: HOW TO VOTE

**Post 5:** May 1 – June 2

You've got options! Orange County voters can choose to cast their ballot by mail, at a Ballot Drop Box, or at a Vote Center. Learn more at [ocvote.gov/options](https://ocvote.gov/options).

#OCVote #VoteEasyVoteSecure #OrangeCounty #VoteCenter



**Post 6:** May 23 – June 2

Vote Centers are your one-stop shop for voting in Orange County. There are 191 Vote Centers (open 4 or 11 days) where you can drop off your ballot, vote in-person, register to vote, get a replacement ballot or receive in-person assistance.

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## TOPIC: HOW TO VOTE (Continued)

### Post 7: May 23 – June 2

Save time and avoid the lines! You can check Vote Center wait times in Orange County at [ocvote.gov/time](https://ocvote.gov/time) and find a location near you.

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#VoteCenter #VoteEarly



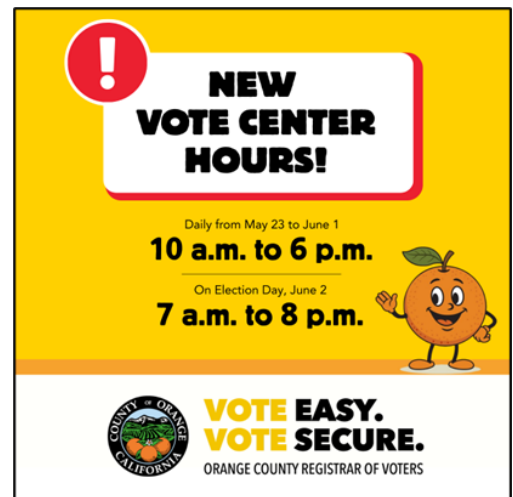
### Post 8: May 23 – June 2

Big news, Orange County voters! Starting with the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election, Vote Centers will have new hours.

From Saturday, May 23, through Monday, June 1, Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Election Day, Tuesday, June 2, Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit [ocvote.gov/voting](https://ocvote.gov/voting).

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### Post 9: May 23 – June 2

It's easy to find a Vote Center in Orange County near you! Visit [ocvote.gov/time](https://ocvote.gov/time) to search for your nearest Vote Center and to check live wait times.

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#VoteCenter



## TOPIC: HOW TO VOTE (Continued)

### Post 10: May 15 – June 2

Keep an eye out for Orange County pop-up Vote Center sites! This unique mobile voting unit offers all the voting services that are available at traditional Vote Centers. View the pop-up Vote Center schedule at [ocvote.gov/pop-up](https://ocvote.gov/pop-up).

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### Post 11: May 1 – June 2

You don't have to wait until June 2 to cast your ballot in the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. Ballot Drop Boxes are available 24/7 beginning on May 4 and select Vote Centers open beginning May 23. Visit [ocvote.gov/voting](https://ocvote.gov/voting) for a list of locations.

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### Post 12: May 1 – June 2

Follow these helpful tips to ensure your mail-in ballot is counted when filling it out:


1. Use black ink.
2. Check your ballot for any damage, tears, or unclear marks.
3. Remember to sign the envelope before you mail your ballot or drop it off.
4. Mail ballots must be postmarked by June 2, so submit your ballot on or before that date.

For more information on completing your ballot, visit [ocvote.gov/voting](https://ocvote.gov/voting).

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**Vote Here!**

**Pop-Up Vote Centers**  
ocvote.gov/pop-up

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**Drop Boxes  
Are Available 24/7**

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**Helpful Voting Tips.**  
ocvote.gov/voting

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## TOPIC: HOW TO VOTE (Continued)

### Post 13: May 1 – June 2

If you make a mistake on your ballot, you can simply make a clear notation correcting your vote. No need to initial or sign your name after the correction. If needed, you can call and ask for a replacement ballot or visit a Vote Center for assistance. For more information on receiving a replacement ballot, visit [ocvote.gov/replacement](https://ocvote.gov/replacement).

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**Make a mistake?**

[ocvote.gov/replacement](https://ocvote.gov/replacement)



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### Post 14: May 4 – June 2

Return your ballot early! Ballot Drop Boxes are open today and will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through June 2 at 8 p.m. You can find your nearest Ballot Drop Box at [ocvote.gov/locate](https://ocvote.gov/locate).

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**Vote Early!**  
[ocvote.gov/locate](https://ocvote.gov/locate)



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### Post 15: May 19 – June 2

Missed the registration deadline and want to vote in the upcoming 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election? You can still vote a regular ballot by registering online first and then going to your nearest Vote Center.

To register, visit [ocvote.gov/registration](https://ocvote.gov/registration).

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[ocvote.gov/registration](https://ocvote.gov/registration)



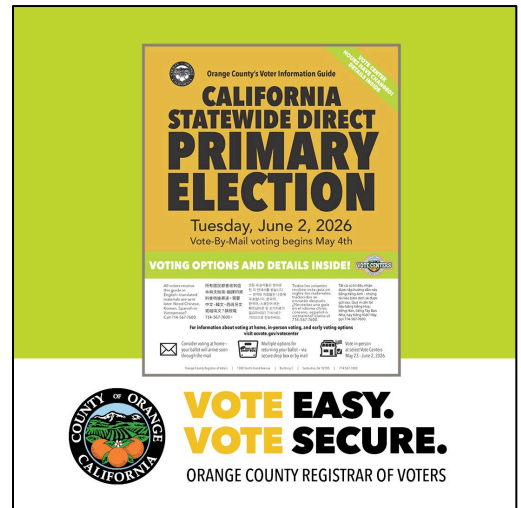
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## TOPIC: VOTER RESOURCES

### Post 16: April 27 – May 18

Voter Information Guide mailing started on April 22 to all registered voters in Orange County. Keep an eye out for yours. This helpful guide covers all the must-know information on the different ways to cast your ballot and much more. You can access an online version at [ocvote.gov/VIG](https://ocvote.gov/VIG).

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#VoterInformationGuide



### Post 17: April 1 – June 2

There's a lot to know about the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. Orange County Registrar of Voters has made it easy to find official answers to your questions. Learn more at [ocvote.gov/faqs](https://ocvote.gov/faqs).

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### Post 18: May 24 – June 2

The last day to vote in the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election is Tuesday, June 2. Learn more about the candidates on the ballot at [ocvote.gov/elections](https://ocvote.gov/elections).

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#VoteEarly



## TOPIC: VOTER RESOURCES (Continued)

### Post 19: April 27 – June 2

Orange County Registrar of Voters' Voter Lookup Tool has everything you need to prepare for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. You can download a sample ballot, request a replacement ballot or track your Vote-By-Mail ballot at [ocvote.gov/vlt](https://ocvote.gov/vlt).

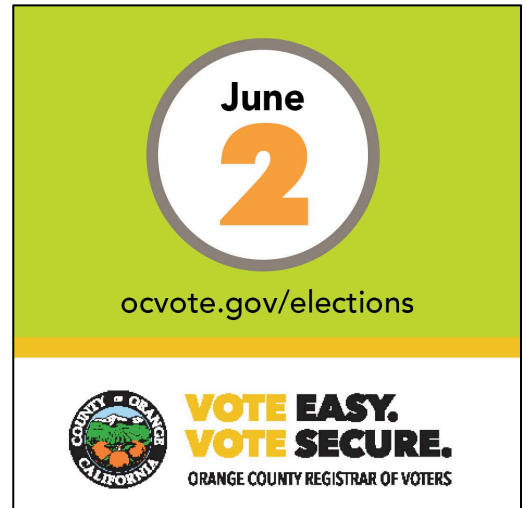
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### Post 20: April 1 – June 2

Don't miss important deadlines! Orange County Registrar of Voters has an Election Calendar to help you keep track of important deadlines for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election at [ocvote.gov/elections](https://ocvote.gov/elections).

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### Post 21: April 1 – June 2

Orange County has voter resources in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. When visiting [ocvote.gov](https://ocvote.gov), click on the appropriate language in the upper right of the screen to view resources in that language.

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## TOPIC: VOTER RESOURCES (Continued)

**Post 22:** April 1 – June 2

Do you have questions about the upcoming 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election? Contact Orange County Registrar of Voters at 714-567-7600 or [ocvoter@ocvote.gov](mailto:ocvoter@ocvote.gov).

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Questions?  
**714-567-7600**  
ocvoter@ocvote.gov



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**Post 23:** April 18 – June 2

Track your Vote-By-Mail ballot every step of the way with the Voter Lookup Tool [ocvote.gov/track](https://ocvote.gov/track).

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**Track your ballot**  
ocvote.gov/track

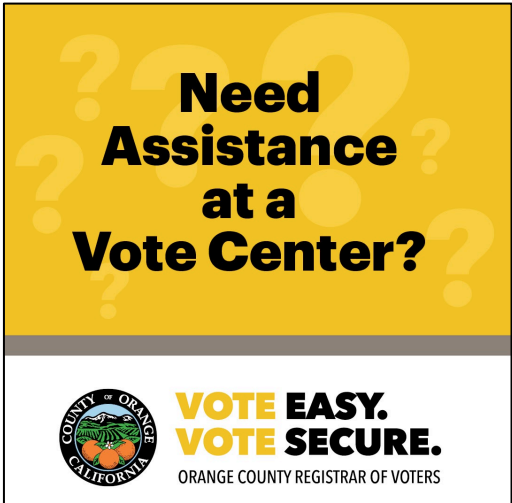


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**Post 24:** May 18 – June 2

Need help marking your ballot? Vote Center staff are trained and ready to provide assistance. Visit any Vote Center to receive virtual ASL assistance, curbside voting, and language support.

#VoteEasyVoteSecure #OCVote #YourVoiceYourChoice



**Need Assistance at a Vote Center?**



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## TOPIC: VOTER RESOURCES (Continued)

**Post 25:** May 18 – June 2

At Vote Centers, Ballot Marking Devices help voters vote privately and independently. Accessible features include:

- Audio, large print, high contrast display, controls for speed and volume
- Access controller or touch screen to operate
- Compatible with sip-and-puff and other assistive technology.

Help with our ballot marking device is available onsite, if requested.

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**Post 26:** May 4 – June 2

Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail ballots provide voters the option to access a Vote-By-Mail ballot on their computer. The electronic ballot can be downloaded to the voter's computer, marked using the voter's own assistive technology, then printed and returned as a paper Vote-By-Mail ballot.

Learn more at [ocvote.gov/ravbm](https://ocvote.gov/ravbm).

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**Post 27:** May 4 – June 2

All election materials including ballots and the County Voter Information Guides are available in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. We also can provide reference ballots in Farsi, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Nepali, Punjabi and Tagalog.

Voters will be able to receive assistance in all these languages and American Sign Language from bilingual customer service representatives or through video conferencing at all Vote Centers.

Learn more at [ocvote.gov/vlt](https://ocvote.gov/vlt).



The graphic features a green background with icons for a speech bubble, a person in a wheelchair, and a ballot. Below the icons, the text reads "Ballot Marking Devices". At the bottom, the Orange County Registrar of Voters logo is displayed alongside the slogan "VOTE EASY. VOTE SECURE." and the text "ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS".



The graphic features a grey background with an illustration of a person using a laptop. Below the illustration, the text reads "Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail" and "ocvote.gov/ravbm". At the bottom, the Orange County Registrar of Voters logo is displayed alongside the slogan "VOTE EASY. VOTE SECURE." and the text "ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS".



The graphic features a yellow background with an icon of a person's head and shoulders with sound waves emanating from the mouth. Below the icon, the text reads "Language Resources.". At the bottom, the Orange County Registrar of Voters logo is displayed alongside the slogan "VOTE EASY. VOTE SECURE." and the text "ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS".

## TOPIC: ELECTION SECURITY AND THE ELECTION PROCESS

### Post 28: April 1 – June 2

Looking for trusted election information? Orange County Registrar of Voters is the official government agency responsible for conducting fair and accurate elections in Orange County. Learn more at [ocvote.gov/faqs/trusted-election-official-information](https://ocvote.gov/faqs/trusted-election-official-information).

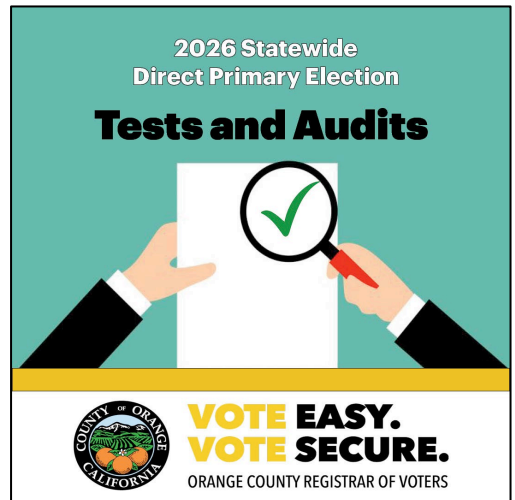
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### Post 29: May 1 – June 2

Election integrity is a top priority for Orange County Registrar of Voters. More than 100 security and accuracy measures used for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election include pre- and post-election testing and audits to ensure the integrity of the election process.

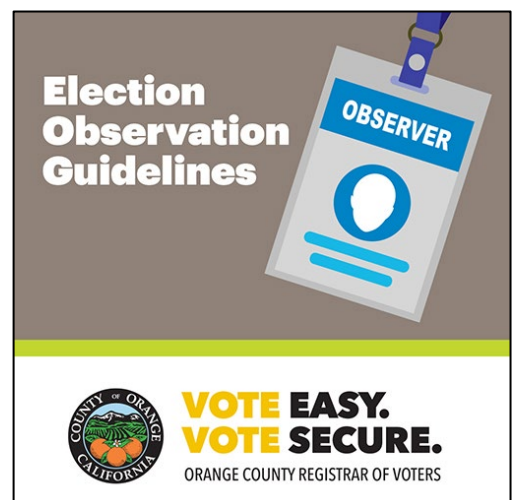
#VoteEasyVoteSecure #BallotSecurity #OCVote



### Post 30: May 1 – June 2

Interested in observing the election process? Election observation guidelines and other election observation resources are available at [ocvote.gov/observe](https://ocvote.gov/observe).

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## TOPIC: ELECTION SECURITY AND THE ELECTION PROCESS (Continued)

**Post 31:** *March 1– June 2*

You can request a speaker from the Orange County Registrar of Voters to present to your organization about election operations, voter registration, voter data and more. Learn more at [ocvote.gov/community](https://ocvote.gov/community).

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## 5. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES/EMAIL MESSAGES

Our newsletter articles/email messages are ready to share with your family, friends or organizations. Simply copy and paste the information into your electronic newsletter or email.

### ARTICLE/EMAIL 1

#### **How to Vote in Orange County in the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election**

*Recommended timing for use: April 15 – June 2*

For the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election, Vote-By-Mail ballots will be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service no later than May 4. Early voting begins and Ballot Drop Boxes will be unlocked on this day as well.

Registered voters in Orange County have several voting options they can use to cast their ballot for the Primary Election:

- Return your ballot by mail
- Drop it off at one of the countywide Ballot Drop Boxes
- Take it to an Orange County Vote Center
- Cast your ballot in person at a Vote Center

[Learn more about your voting options by visiting ocvote.gov/voting.](https://ocvote.gov/voting)

Select Vote Centers will open on May 23, with additional Vote Centers opening on May 30 for the last few days of voting, including Election Day. At a Vote Center, you can vote, update your registration, register to vote, get a replacement ballot, or receive general assistance. [Find a Vote Center near you at ocvote.gov/votecenter.](https://ocvote.gov/votecenter)

[To find a Ballot Drop Box near you, visit ocvote.gov/dropbox.](https://ocvote.gov/dropbox)

The deadline to register to vote for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election is May 18. [Register to vote at ocvote.gov/registration.](https://ocvote.gov/registration)

Remember, when filling out and returning your ballot, “Vote Easy. Vote Secure.”

## ARTICLE/EMAIL 2

### The Voter Registration Deadline is May 18

*Recommended timing for use: April 15 – May 18*

The voter registration deadline for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election is Monday, May 18. [You can register to vote in Orange County online today by visiting ocvote.gov/register.](https://ocvote.gov/register)

[If you want to check your registration status, or if you need to make updates, you can do so online at ocvote.gov/verify.](https://ocvote.gov/verify)

If you are unable to meet the voter registration deadline, you can still conditionally register to vote through June 2. Conditional voter registration extends the existing 15-day registration deadline in California to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote provisionally 14 days prior to an election and on Election Day (June 2, 2026).

You can conditionally register in person at a Vote Center or at Orange County Registrar of Voters located at 1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. C, Santa Ana. [You may also conditionally register to vote online at ocvote.gov/registration](https://ocvote.gov/registration) but must then go to a Vote Center or the Registrar to be issued a provisional ballot.

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## ARTICLE/EMAIL 3

### Vote Centers in Orange County Open on May 23

*Recommended timing for use: May 4 – June 2*

Vote Centers are your one-stop shop for voting and registration needs for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. There are 191 Vote Centers throughout Orange County where you can vote, update your registration, register to vote, get a replacement ballot or receive general assistance. Select Vote Centers open on May 23, and all Vote Centers will be open on May 30 through June 2. [You can locate a Vote Center, view hours of operations, and see live wait times at ocvote.gov/time.](https://ocvote.gov/time)

You still have the option to vote by mail or use a secure Ballot Drop Box to cast your ballot. Vote-By-Mail ballots can be returned to the U.S. Post Office starting May 4 and do not require postage. Your Vote-By-Mail ballot return envelope must be postmarked by June 2. [You can locate a secure Ballot Drop Box near you by visiting ocvote.gov/dropbox.](https://ocvote.gov/dropbox)

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## ARTICLE/EMAIL 4

### New Vote Center Hours

*Recommended timing for use: April 15 – June 2*

New hours for Orange County Registrar of Voters Vote Centers!

Vote Center early voting hours are changing for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. From May 23 to June 1, Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Election Day, June 2, they will continue to be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

[Visit ocvote.gov/time for a complete list of Vote Center locations and to view the live wait times.](https://ocvote.gov/time)

What can you do at a Vote Center?

- Vote in person
- Drop off your completed Vote-By-Mail ballot
- Update your registration
- Get a replacement ballot
- Receive assistance in multiple languages

Remember, you can vote your way and “Vote Easy. Vote Secure.”

## ARTICLE/EMAIL 5

### Important Dates for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election

*Recommended timing for use: April 15 – May 18*

Orange County Registrar of Voters created an Election Calendar to help you keep track of important deadlines for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. [You can access the calendar at ocvote.gov/calendar.](https://ocvote.gov/calendar)

- Thursday, April 23: Voter Information Guides begin to be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service
- Monday, May 4: Mail Ballots begin to be delivered to U.S. Postal Service
- Monday, May 4: Early Voting Begins – Registrar of Voters Office and all Ballot Drop Boxes open for ballot drop-offs
- Monday, May 18: Last Day to register to vote
- Saturday, May 23: *SELECT* Vote Centers open across the county / Vote in-person
- Saturday, May 30: All Vote Centers Open / Vote in-person
- Tuesday, June 2: Voting ends at 8 p.m.

[Visit ocvote.gov/faqs for answers to frequently asked questions.](https://ocvote.gov/faqs) If you can't find what you're looking for, please contact Orange County Registrar of Voters at 714-567-7600 or [ocvoter@ocvote.gov](mailto:ocvoter@ocvote.gov).

## ARTICLE/EMAIL 6

### Election Security in Orange County

*Recommended timing for use: April 15 – June 2*

Election security is a top priority for Orange County Registrar of Voters. More than 100 security measures used for the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election include:

- Testing the accuracy of all ballot scanners before and after the election.
- Hand counting ballots from at least 1% of all precincts – randomly selected – to ensure the voting system tally is accurate.
- Confirming with the Secretary of State, before and after the election, that the certified voting system software has not been modified.

Additionally, all votes are cast on paper ballots, and the vote tally system is not connected to the internet. Orange County Registrar of Voters has partnerships with State and local law enforcement and the District Attorney's office.

Registered voters have four safe and secure options to return their ballots in Orange County. You can vote by mail or return your ballot to a Ballot Drop Box or a Vote Center. You can vote in-person at any of the Vote Centers, too. All four ways ensure that your ballot will be received by the Registrar of Voters.

You can track your ballot through every step of the process with OC Ballot Express. [You also have the option to sign up for text and email updates at ocvote.gov/track.](https://ocvote.gov/track)

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## ARTICLE/EMAIL 7

### Resources for Voters with Disabilities and Overseas Voters

*Recommended timing for use: April 15 – June 2*

Orange County Registrar of Voters has resources available for voters with disabilities and overseas voters. For the 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election, the Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail ballot provides voters the option to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot to be delivered to them electronically. The electronic ballot can be downloaded to the voter's computer, marked using the voter's own assistive technology, and then printed and returned as a paper ballot. [Learn more about the Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail ballot at ocvote.gov/ravbm.](https://ocvote.gov/ravbm)

All Vote Centers in Orange County will also feature:

- Accessible ballot marking devices
- American Sign Language interpreter via video conferencing
- Curbside voting with a paper ballot
- Magnaviewers and Signature Guides
- Assistance from trained Vote Center staff upon request
- Voters may bring up to two individuals of their choosing to assist in casting their ballot

For any additional assistance, call Orange County Registrar of Voters at 714-567-7600 or the toll-free number at 1-888-628-6837 or call the Disability Rights California Voting Hotline at 1-888-569-7955.

[Learn more at ocvote.com/accessibility.](https://ocvote.com/accessibility)

# 6. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) webpage addresses important questions about mail-in ballots and other vote methods, voter and election worker safety, ballot security, and more. [Visit our FAQ's page to learn more.](#)

# 7. QR CODES

The following QR codes can be shared on your printed or digital materials. The QR codes link cell phone users to a specific page on the Registrar of Voters website.



Orange County  
Registrar of Voters  
Homepage



Electronic Voter Information  
Guide



Where to Register to  
Vote



Accessible Voter Information  
Guide



Voting and Drop-Off  
Locations



Remote Accessible Vote by  
Mail



Track Your Mail Ballot



Military and Overseas Voters



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