Questions & Answers

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A: Before Election Day, contact a literacy agency, your public library, or a relative, friend or neighbor to help you read and comprehend the ballots. 

Q: What if you feel that you have been wrongfully turned away from the polls?
A: You have the right to vote if you are a new or first time voter and your registration is not on the roster yet. Speak to the chief election official or election judge, sometimes the title may change but simply go up the line of supervision and responsibility at the voting place. If there is serious drama, and you make a decision to leave the polling place – assuming you have transportation – go directly to the County Clerk's office. The problems lie on line www.lavote.net or while at the County Clerk's office.

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Q: Can I vote in-person early?
A: Early voting takes place at a specific polling place at satellite locations. Early voting is permitted in California with specific requirements or reason necessary. Early voting may take place as soon as 30 days before Election Day. See your early voting options for the list of specific locations including County Clerk offices, the federal government may vote in person, early before election day or reason necessary. In addition early voting dates and locations are printed on the sample ballot sent out by your county. You can look up your early vote dates and locations at this site.

For more information on early voting – please visit

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Election Voting Tips

Where to Vote
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-You can also contact your county's election office for a list of polling places.
-Your polling place may be open before or after your normal polling hours. Please check your polling place before going to vote.

Things to have when you vote...
-You can also contact your county election office for a list of polling places where you will need to bring with you:
-Your sample ballot
-Your voter registration card
-Your ID
-Your proof of residence

If you vote by mail...
-Your voting address is the mailing address printed on the sample ballot.
-If you vote by mail, your voting address must be a permanent address or a P.O. Box.
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If you are an American Citizen who meets the qualifications to vote (see voting registration requirements), you can vote in California at any time and place of your choice. You do not need to vote in your own precinct, as it may be helpful if you have recently moved.

Due to the number of the propositions, decision-making regarding the ballot may take time, more reason to conduct your research and complete the sample ballot before hand to bring with you.

If you take it, take a (2) and proof of residence, you do not need an ID to vote in California, but it may be helpful if you have recently moved.

If you do not have an address of a California residence, you may be able to vote in California if you:
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