

To work through families and interagency collaborations to ensure that individuals, with mental illness in the justice system, are given respect, dignity and human rights.

Justice Systems Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 ♦ 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Via: Zoom Teleconference:

<https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/6094136195>

Meeting number: 609 413 6195


Join by phone: 1 646 518 9805 US

Access code: 609 413 6195

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order / Introductions - Chair**
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Commissioner Comments**
- IV. APPROVE minutes from the August 25, 2020 meeting**
- V. DISCUSSION of Conservatorships and the Contra Costa Conservatorship Office. Stephanie Regular (Assistant Public Defender) will be present to respond to questions.**
- VI. UPDATE on the Contra Costa Voting Process and issue of ensuring inmates in facilities will be able to vote**
- VII. UPDATE on the Mayors' Conference of September 3, 2020**
 - a) Statistics (percentage with mental illness and those with serious mental illness)**
 - b) Discussion of the San Diego Crisis Response Model (no police response)**
 - c) Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) multiple responses for the same person and ultimately taken to Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)**
 - d) Mental Health Commission to have a more active role in the County Mayors Conference**
- VIII. Adjourn**





VOTING IN THE 2020 PANDEMIC

Scott O. Konopasek
Assistant Registrar of Voters
September 2020

AMERICA'S BEST ELECTION TEAM



2020 ELECTION PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- Record Turnout
- Cybersecurity
- Wildfires
- Power shut-offs (PSPS)
- Coronavirus Pandemic
- Social Unrest
- Politization of USPS
- What else???

 - FLU?
 - Police at Polls?

WHAT'S CHANGED?

- For most voters there are no visible changes
- Most changes are behind the scenes
- Voting By Mail
 - 75% already get ballot by mail by choice
 - Other 25% will now be mailed a ballot (~160,000 voters)
- Voting Early In-person
- Voting in-person on Election Day

TIMELINES

- September 24th
 - Voter Information Guide mailed
- October 5th
 - Ballots mailed to all voters
 - In-person voting begins in Martinez
 - Ballot drop boxes opened
- October 19th
 - Registration Deadline
- October 30th
 - Early voting sites open
 - In-person registration
- November 3rd
 - Election Day Polls
 - Postmark Deadline
 - In-person registration

VOTE BY MAIL

- Upgraded USPS accounts to speed delivery and enable ballot tracking
- Expanded use of First Class Mail
- I Voted Stickers
- Outreach to Non-VBM Voters
- Earlier initial mailing
- BallotTrax

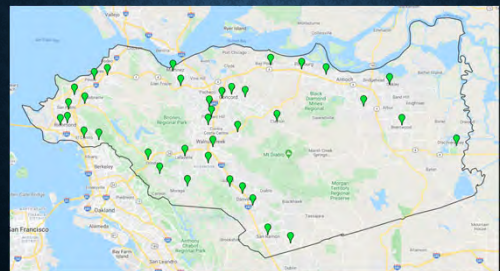


DROP BOXES

- Debuted in 2014
- Retain Inside Drop Boxes Where Possible
- Increased Outdoor 24/7 fleet from 12 to 37 boxes
- High Security design
- Serviced Daily by 2 election staff



DROP BOX LOCATIONS

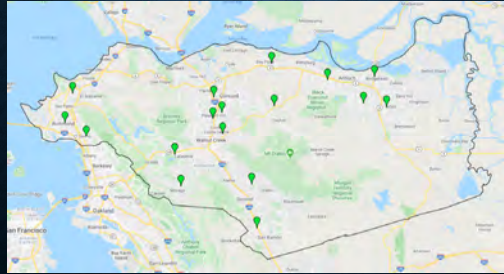


EARLY VOTING

- Debuted in 2016
- Expanded from 3 to 17 locations
- Open 4 days
- Indoor and Outdoor locations
- Full Service



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS



ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

- Every voter assigned to one of approx 150 Polling Places
- PPE and Distancing protocols
- Hand-Marked and Machine-Marked Paper Ballots
- Electronic check-in will eliminate most Provisionals Ballots
- "Trader Joe Effect"



Our Volunteer poll workers are American Heroes

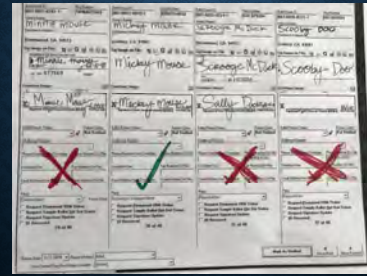
VBM RELIABILITY AND SECURITY



SCANNING THE ENVELOPES



VERIFYING THE SIGNATURES



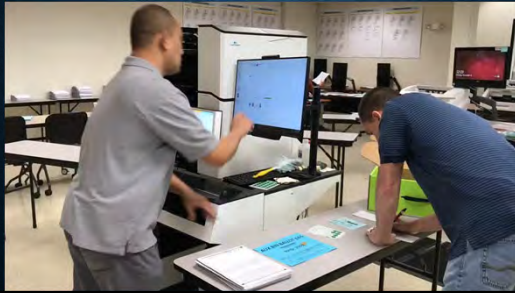
OPENING THE ENVELOPES



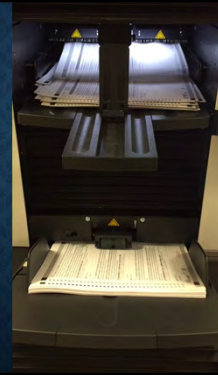
REMOVING THE BALLOTS



TALLYING THE BALLOTS



A Close Up



RECONCILING AND BALANCING



IN REVIEW

- For most voters there are no visible changes
- Most changes are behind the scenes
- We are prepared for postal delays
- More in-person opportunities than March
- We are protecting our workers and Voters
- Be Safe, Vote at Home

STAY IN TOUCH

- Facebook: Contra Costa County Elections
- Twitter: @cocoelections
- YouTube: Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department
- Nextdoor: Contra Costa Elections - Community Outreach

QUESTIONS?

VOTING RIGHTS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS



AM I ELIGIBLE?

Can I vote while I am in county jail?

You **CAN** vote while in county jail if you are:

- 18 years of age or older, **and**
- a citizen of the United States, **and**
- awaiting trial or on trial for any crime, **or**
- in jail for a misdemeanor conviction, **or**

- in jail on a probation violation) or
- in jail on felony probation) or
- serving a county jail sentence under Realignment (AB 109).

The only time you CANNOT vote while in county jail is when you are:

- in jail awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison for a felony conviction) or
- in jail for a parole violation) or
- serving a state prison sentence under a contract with a county jail, or
- currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

*If you are not sure of your custody status or what type of sentence you are serving) please check with your parole or probation officer or complete and submit an Inmate Message slip requesting the information.

In California, you always keep your right to vote unless you are currently serving a state or federal prison sentence or currently on parole .

HOW DO I REGISTER FROM JAIL?

Voting Procedure and Materials

Per the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Title 15 Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities Article 6) Inmate Programs and Services §1071- Voting:

The facility administrator of a Type I (holding sentenced inmates) II, III or IV facility shall develop written policies and procedures whereby the county registrar of voters allows qualified voters to vote in local, state, and federal elections, pursuant to election codes.

You must register to vote at least 15 days before Election Day.

Please follow the steps listed below if you would like to vote:

Complete an Inmate Request form requesting information and materials by checking the "Voting Information" box.

The voting coordinator will contact you.

- Fill out your Voter Registration Card and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application. Include your booking number on each. Return both to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.
- When you receive your ballot, mark your choices and return to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.
- You can find out if your vote-by-mail ballot arrived at the county elections office, if your ballot was counted, and, if not, the reason why it was not counted by calling **800-815-2666**.

The ACLU SoCal Jails Project will also have volunteers go inside the LA County jails to register individuals who are incarcerated to vote.



HOW DO I REGISTER IF I'M NO LONGER IN CUSTODY?

You must re-register to vote when you are released from custody. There are a few ways to re-register to vote after your release:

- You can register online at registertovote.ca.gov (<http://registertovote.ca.gov/>)
- You can pick up a paper registration form at the DMV, post office, public library, or your county elections office. Complete the form, sign it, and drop it in the mail.
- You can call **800-3 4 5- VOTE** (8683) and ask for a registration form to be mailed to you.

*If you requested a vote-by-mail ballot from jail but are released from custody before you receive your ballot, you can still vote. Just go to the polling place for your home address or any polling place in the county where you are registered and vote a provisional ballot.

Federal law requires that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk provide translated election materials and bilingual support in **English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian/Khmer, and Tagalog/Filipino**. LA County also provides support in Hindi, Japanese, Thai, Farsi, Armenian, and Russian. If you wish to receive your voting materials in a language in addition to English, please detail so on your **Inmate Request form and Voter Registration Card**.

If you are not a resident of Los Angeles County, you can still send a request for materials to the [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk](https://www.lavote.net/) (<https://www.lavote.net/>). The

LA County Registrar-Recorder will ensure that the request is sent to the appropriate county elections office.

DOWNLOAD THIS INFORMATION IN A PRINTABLE, DOUBLE-SIDED, FOLDABLE PAMPHLET

([HTTPS://WWW.ACLUSOCAL.ORG/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/UNLOCK-THE-VOTE-PAMPHLET-V2.PDF](https://www.aclusocal.org/sites/default/files/unlock-the-vote-pamphlet-v2.pdf))

ISSUES

If you experience any problems requesting or obtaining voting materials, registering to vote or casting a ballot you should:

Contact the California Secretary of State Investigative Services.

California Secretary of State Investigative Services
1500 11th Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
English: 916-657-2166 or 800-345-VOTE (8683)
Spanish: 800-232-VOTA (8682)

Contact the ACLU SoCal Jails Project.

ACLU SoCal
ATTN: Jails Project 1313 W. 8th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017
213-977-9543