



## ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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**YOU COUNT WHEN YOU VOTE, LEARN, VOLUNTEER, HOST, TEACH, CONNECT, WORK A POLLING PLACE, REGISTER, READ, VISIT OUR WEBSITE, REGISTER TO VOTE, HELP AT THE POLLS, ENCOURAGE YOUR EMPLOYEES, TEACH YOUR CHILDREN, RUN FOR OFFICE, TAKE PART IN THE VOTING PROCESS.**

### **Learn more and take an active role**

The primary mission of our office is to conduct fair and accurate elections for the citizens of Orange County. By adhering to that core mission, we continue to instill confidence in the citizens we serve. We strive to be an innovative organization that successfully seeks efficiencies in order to deliver high-quality service to the community.

Consider this fact when thinking about Orange County elections: We have more registered voters than 21 states and it takes nearly ten thousand dedicated volunteers to produce an election that serves 1.6 million registered voters. In the midst of continuous change, we recognize that our success is directly related to the help we receive from the community.

The past few years have been some of the most transformational and monumental years in the history of Orange County elections. We have spent a lot of time reflecting on our past, focusing on where we are today, and looking forward to the future.

In the following pages you will find many ways to become involved and learn about the election process. People involved with elections are passionate about what they are doing, and it shows. With your help, we are determined to provide quality elections for years to come.

Neal Kelley  
Registrar of Voters

# Election volunteering

For volunteer info visit [ocvote.com/volunteer](https://ocvote.com/volunteer)



**You can play an important role in your own neighborhood.** Inspiring. Engaging. Rewarding. Those are just a few of the words our volunteers have used to describe their participation on Election Day. Democracy is the emblem that symbolizes the spirit of our volunteers. The kindness and generosity of our volunteers enable us to conduct quality elections for the citizens of Orange County.

## Getting involved

Becoming involved couldn't be easier. Whether it's helping out on Election Day, experiencing the excitement of Election Night, or serving as a mobile election field coordinator, there are many ways to make a difference.

## An important responsibility

By participating in elections, you're playing a part in what binds a democratic society together. Trust and faith in the electoral process rely on people like you. You'll discover real satisfaction knowing you're at the heart of the process that makes our country a model for free elections throughout the world.

## How to play your part

There are many options to choose from when volunteering for an election. For example, you could work as a poll worker (helping to process voters at their polling place). You could serve as a Polling Place Inspector (responsible for the polling place operations). There is also a need for Field Coordinators (roaming from polling place to polling place). Each of these individuals works to make sure Election Day runs smoothly in Orange County.

And we've made volunteering easier than ever before – with our award-winning Poll Worker PASS program. This unique tool allows you to track all of your volunteer information online – giving you 24-hour access to your important Election Day information. For all of the benefits, visit [ocvote.com/pass](https://ocvote.com/pass).

## Want even more excitement?

Work on Election Night and experience fast-paced action as election returns are processed. Each of these positions pays a stipend for your time, so you'll earn some extra cash while making a real difference in your community. Volunteer today at [ocvote.com/volunteer](https://ocvote.com/volunteer).



# Hosting a polling place

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## **Celebrate one of the most important freedoms.**

Imagine: A quick, easy and convenient location to vote. Unfortunately it does not always work out so easily. Why? Oftentimes polling locations cannot be found due to a limited amount of space in a precinct or a lack of accessible sites. This is why we rely on the community to provide qualified polling locations.

## **Hosting a polling place**

We look for a variety of locations to meet the tremendous need we have during each election. Some examples include public buildings, private buildings, community centers, or even private homes. You'll be compensated for the use of your facility while helping

the community. It's a satisfying way to make a real difference in the lives of the hundreds of thousands of voters who use the polls each election.

## **How to get started**

Hosting a polling place is a welcoming introduction to the election process. We've made it easy to get involved. Plus, we'll provide all of the items needed to operate on Election Day, from tables and chairs to staffing. For all of the details and to learn what you can do today visit [ocvote.com/polls](https://ocvote.com/polls).

# Corporate Sponsorships

For sponsor info visit [ocvote.com/sponsorship](http://ocvote.com/sponsorship)



**Orange County Registrar of Voters delivers no-cost sponsorship solutions.** Our office has a set of sponsorship solutions focused on enhancing your company's community profile – enabling your organization to reach thousands of residents without traditional sponsorship costs.

## Benefits of becoming a corporate sponsor with Orange County Registrar of Voters

Because there is no cost to our program – important laws prohibit the exchange of funds – it makes sense for your organization to get involved today. In addition to valuable exposure in material we send to voters and volunteers throughout Orange County, every corporate sponsorship with our office entitles companies to marketing rights, category exclusivity and the use of designated County of Orange images and marks.

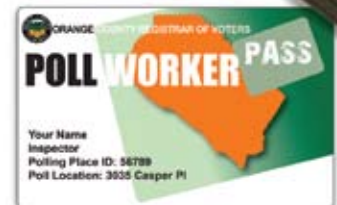
We've built-in appropriate terms to ensure distance between the process of elections and your involvement – allowing the public to focus on your sponsorship in positive ways. The net effect for us? It eases our efforts to recruit more than 10,000 volunteers for every major election. Learn more today by visiting [ocvote.com/sponsorship](http://ocvote.com/sponsorship).



## There are many ways to get involved

Innovative organizations across Orange County use our sponsorship program to showcase their community involvement in new and exciting ways. Whether it's providing employees to work polling places, enhancing technology in election services, or partnering in point-of-purchase election information displays, our corporate sponsorship program enhances community awareness and provides value.

**Our award-winning Poll Worker PASS program uses Sprint technology to keep poll worker information current 24-hours a day**



\* Sprint is a corporate sponsor of the Orange County Registrar of Voters

# Online features

Our award-winning website [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com)



**Staying connected with elections has never been easier with our award-winning website.** Whether you want to register to vote, or are looking for information about your polling place, or need to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot – you'll find it all at [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com).

These are just a few of the highlights from our innovative website. Start your online journey today! Explore Orange County elections by visiting [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com).

Looking for more detail? Perfect. We've built one of the most interactive election websites in the country, designed to keep Orange County elections transparent and accessible – here are just a few examples:

- Our exclusive *Data Central* section features real-time election data – from voter registration information, election results, election maps, election operations and more.
- Our award-winning *Stay Connected* pages inspires voters to become more involved, motivates individuals to become candidates, and stimulates classroom discussions. What's included? Newsletters. Media info. Podcasts. Online magazines – and more. Inside these sections you'll find up-to-the-minute and relevant election information.



Receive detailed election info, register to vote, or apply for a ballot at [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com)



Our Election Studio is full of video content – offering useful streaming video on a wide variety of topics.

# Community engagement

Find us by visiting [ocvote.com/engagement](https://ocvote.com/engagement)



**A quest to connect with voters — when, where and how they want.** Our community engagement initiative is crucial to running successful elections. And, at every step along the way, our devotion to engage voters in new and unique ways ensures people are aware of the voting process and the services we provide.

We meet thousands of individuals throughout the year – many become new registered voters, volunteer for an election or learn about elections in general. We offer mobile solutions designed to attract people to our booths – from entertainment to educational events – our nationally recognized programs are on the cutting edge of voter outreach.

In addition our mission includes providing outreach to voters needing bilingual assistance and voters with disabilities. We are not only complying with federal law but it's the right thing to do – making sure all eligible voters have the opportunity to participate in the process.

So look for us throughout OC! From major concerts, street fairs, college campuses and more! View our community calendar and learn more at [ocvote.com/engagement](https://ocvote.com/engagement).



# Voting options

For voting options visit [ocvote.com/votingoptions](https://ocvote.com/votingoptions)



**Voting options for people on the move and those looking for a neighborhood polling place.** Making voting simple and easy is a priority for us – and with this priority in mind we are dedicated to making sure you can always cast a secure and accurate ballot. A growing number of voters prefer the convenience of casting a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail voting allows voters to request a ballot a month before Election Day. This provides you with time to make your choice – your ballot does not have to be returned until 8 p.m. on Election Day.\* You have the option of returning your ballot through the mail or dropping it off at any polling place in Orange County on Election Day – flexibility is the key.

Wherever voters gather, the Orange County Registrar of Voters is front and center. For those who prefer voting in their neighborhood-polling place, we offer over 1,000 locations throughout Orange County on Election Day.

Your polling place experience will allow you to cast a ballot in a secure and private booth, and you have the choice of casting a paper ballot or an electronic ballot – in either case one of our friendly poll workers will be there to help.

## Voting system security

Our voting system is engineered with technologies to offer a simple voting experience, while maintaining the privacy of your vote. Our electronic voting booths are certified for use by both the state and federal government, each designed under strict guidelines and maintained to provide precision accuracy. We also provide accessible voting booths for those voters with disabilities. To learn more visit [ocvote.com/votingoptions](https://ocvote.com/votingoptions).

\* Postmarks do not count. Your ballot must be in our office by 8 p.m.



Vote-by-mail is fast, secure and easy.  
Learn more at [ocvote.com/votebymail](https://ocvote.com/votebymail).

Polling place voting is another  
option available to voters.



# Election Academy

For academy info visit [ocvote.com/academy](http://ocvote.com/academy)



**Have you ever read or heard something about elections that left you seeking more information, or another perspective?** The reality is that the business of elections is more complex and more challenging than ever before. Our Election Academy is an eight-week long academic program designed to teach participants about elections in Orange County – and is designed to leave a lasting impact on those who participate in the program.

Encompassing all election management functions of the department, a series of highly relevant, hands-on sessions galvanize your understanding of election operations. Not only will you gain knowledge of all key election functions, but you will also have a practical understanding of how they interrelate. There is no cost

to attend and these classes are open to the public. The experience will be particularly beneficial to those individuals with an interest in voting, running for office, or the election process in general.

Candidates, campaign staff, volunteers, city clerks, advocates, elected officials, students and other politically-minded individuals are encouraged to apply. You'll walk away with a new-found knowledge of the extraordinary steps we take to protect one of your most important rights – your vote. Plus, you'll get an insider's view on how the process works – not just speculation.

For more information or to apply visit [ocvote.com/academy](http://ocvote.com/academy).

# MyBallot election program for students

For MyBallot info visit [ocvote.com/myballot](http://ocvote.com/myballot)



**Helping students learn important lessons in elections and open new doors.** The Constitution of the United States has been amended several times to expand voting rights for citizens. And yet many students do not understand the impact of these historical changes. Our unique program bridges the gaps and broadens students' perspectives on the power of voting.

## **The power of voting**

Our award-winning program, Orange County's MyBallot, is a comprehensive 3-step series which includes in-class lessons on the history of voting, creating ballots and vote tabulation. Our powerful curriculum builds on students' skills in English, Math and Civics.

## **Building your own ballot**

MyBallot, which was designed exclusively for high school students, reveals the complexities involved in conducting elections. Students will work hands-on at our department creating their own ballots for use in school elections.

Lessons in graphic arts, publishing and precise proofing are just a sampling of what students will learn.

## **Learn how to tally votes**

Soon students and teachers will discover why our MyBallot program is truly one-of-a-kind. During the final stage we'll bring our mobile outreach teams directly to participating schools to assist them in conducting their ASB or homecoming elections. Students will be directly involved in assembly, tally and certification of the votes cast.

## **Becoming a student poll worker**

At the end of the program students will be offered the opportunity to work in the polls on Election Day. There are some basic requirements to participate in the program but the rewards last for a lifetime. For complete details visit [ocvote.com/myballot](http://ocvote.com/myballot).

# Running for office

For candidate info visit [ocvote.com/candidates](https://ocvote.com/candidates)

## A quest to make the election experience simpler and easier-to-understand.

A passion to deliver meaningful innovation. A devotion to serve our stakeholders and communities. It is this dedication that has driven us to simplify the process of running for office. Whether you're an experienced candidate, are new to the process, or are thinking about running – we've developed tools to help you along the way.

## The basics of declaring your candidacy

There are a number of essential requirements that you will need to understand prior to considering a campaign for public office:

- When would the election be held and what are the term lengths?
- What are the qualifications to file for the office?  
Many positions have strict guidelines in order to hold the office.

In addition there are a number of mandatory filings that must take place for most offices, such as:

- Candidate information statement – detailing basic information about yourself.
- Nomination signatures – signatures must be obtained from registered voters and the number varies from office-to-office.



- Campaign finance reporting – detailed financial reports must be filed for many offices that track fundraising by candidates.
- Declaration of Candidacy – this includes information on how you want your name to appear on the ballot and requires that you take an Oath of Office.

We've designed many online tools to help you navigate this process – in fact we are the only election office in California to offer online candidate filing – allowing you to complete many steps of the filing process from the comfort of your home or office. To learn more and to view a list of the offices we handle visit [ocvote.com/candidates](https://ocvote.com/candidates).

\* Our office does not handle the filing process for local city offices – contact your local city clerk for details.

\*\* Important laws and regulations govern the rules of the candidate filing process. If you are unsure of what steps you should take it is important to consult with an election attorney or ask one of our specialists for assistance.

# General election info

For additional assistance visit [ocvote.com/help](https://ocvote.com/help)



## Registering to vote

If you have not registered to vote you're missing out on one of our most important rights as citizens. Registering to vote is fast and easy. Once you're registered it is important that you notify our office if you move or change your address. To register to vote, or simply expand your knowledge on voter registration visit [ocvote.com/register](https://ocvote.com/register).

## Finding a polling place

We are on the cutting edge of providing quality services to the citizens we serve. You can find your polling place listed in many locations including the sample ballot you receive in the mail or by visiting [ocvote.com/findpolls](https://ocvote.com/findpolls).

## Vote-by-Mail ballots

One of the fastest growing segments of our voters includes those receiving their ballots via the mail. We take extraordinary steps to ensure the security of ballots – including certified and secure printing, signature verification and protected tabulation of your vote. Best of all you can track the progress of your voted ballot online to ensure its arrival and status. Find the full details by visiting [ocvote.com/votemail](https://ocvote.com/votemail).

## Military and Overseas Voters

A salute from all of us at the Orange County Registrar of Voters to the brave men and women of our armed forces. Our unique online portal for military and overseas voters provides access to your ballot, voter registration information, clear instructions for returning your ballot and more. We are committed to keeping you connected with your community – regardless of where you are around the world. Learn more by visiting [ocvote.com/overseas](https://ocvote.com/overseas).

## Security of voter rolls

The vast majority of individuals that move notify their banks, car lenders, family and friends – even magazine subscriptions before they change their voter registration. During the past few years we have focused on making improvements to the process of maintaining our voter registration list. Unique to Orange County is our use of additional data from secure, highly reliable sources – allowing us to notify voters and update their records – long before they think about notifying us. See the details of our efforts at [ocvote.com/voterlist](https://ocvote.com/voterlist).

## Community Election Working Group

The Orange County Community Election Working Group (CEW) provides input to the Registrar of Voters on minority voting, access of the disabled population to the election process and election operations in general. The advisory group also provides a forum for the Registrar of Voters to update the community as a whole on election issues and promote community involvement. Learn more at [ocvote.com/cew](https://ocvote.com/cew).

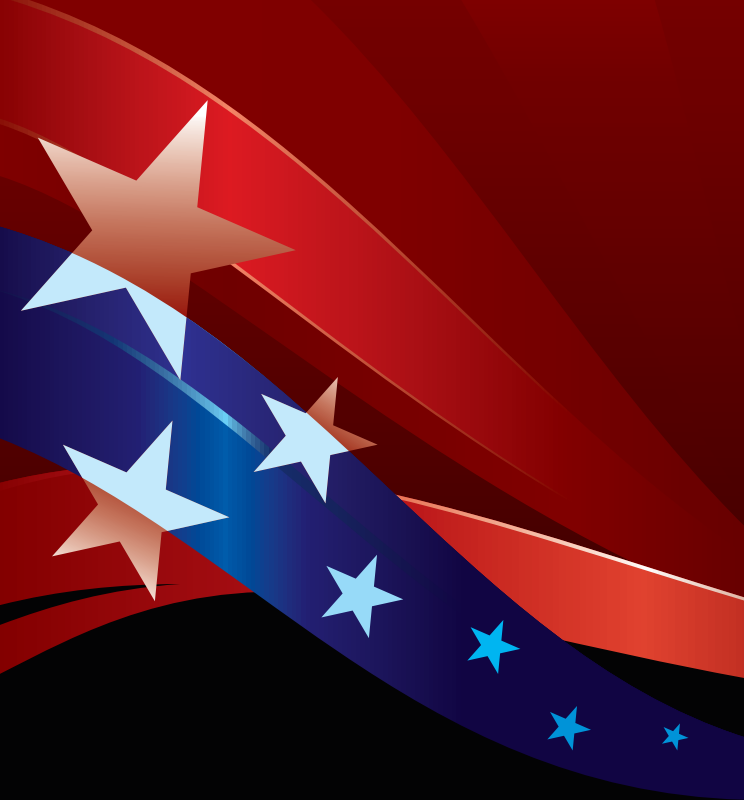
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