



Election Integrity Project California  
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### SHOULD I VOTE BY MAIL?

There is definitely a time for casting an absentee ballot: ill or immobile voters, travelers, military, etc.

**BUT** the only way to ensure INTEGRITY in the election process is to **limit voting by mail** to those who have **no other choice**.

VOTING IN PERSON	VOTING BY MAIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● perceived as less convenient</li> <li>● deterrent against multiple or fraudulent votes</li> <li>● guarantees privacy</li> <li>● guarantees vote submitted without alteration</li> <li>● assures prompt counting</li> <li>● assures ALL voters have access to ALL information before voting</li> <li>● fosters the communal aspect of citizens voting together</li> <li>● eliminates threat of ballot harvesting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “convenient”</li> <li>● open to successful multiple registrations and fraudulent votes</li> <li>● no guarantee of privacy</li> <li>● no guarantee your vote arrives untouched, unaltered, or at all</li> <li>● delayed counting; rejection potential</li> <li>● encourages EARLY voting, i.e., voting before all information is in</li> <li>● harvesting danger</li> <li>● <u><b>submitting VBM ballot in person does NOT change most of the disadvantages</b></u></li> </ul>
<p>BY THE WAY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● turn-out increases in ALL demographics when ID required</li> </ul>	<p>MANDATORY VOTE BY MAIL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● does not increase turn-out</li> <li>● does not save money</li> <li>● disenfranchises those without mailing address and those who cannot go to ROV office or vote center if ballot does not reach them</li> <li>● negatively impacts handicapped voters</li> <li>● encourages EARLY voting for ALL voters, i.e., voting before all information is in</li> </ul>

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Do NOT vote using VBM ballot **unless absolutely necessary (get off the list)**
- **Strongly oppose** any attempt to move California to ALL VBM elections (Voter’s Choice Act)



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## VOTER'S CHOICE ACT IN A NUTSHELL

### How it works:

- **Neighborhood polling places abolished**
- **All registered voters in county receive a vote-by-mail ballot**
- **Convenient drop boxes must be located throughout county**
- **10-4 days before Election Day: 1 Vote Center for every 50,000 registered voters**
- **3 days before Election Day through Election Day: 1 Vote Center for every 10,000 registered voters**

### Purposes of Vote Centers

- **Register and cast a Conditional Registrant ballot (provisional)**
  - register as new voter
  - re-register with change of name, address or party affiliation
- **Drop off mail ballot**
- **VOTE IN PERSON**
  - not necessary to surrender vote-by-mail ballot
  - all Vote Centers can provide any ballot style in the county

### To protect your vote, EIPCa recommends:

- **Watch the calendar—know when to expect your ballot and REPORT IT MISSING if it does not arrive on time**
- **Safely store your ballot (do not use it)**
- **Any time from 11 days before Election Day up to Election Day, go to the Vote Center of your choice and VOTE IN PERSON**
- **After voting, destroy your vote-by-mail ballot**
- **If you cannot vote in person, give your voted ballot to someone you trust implicitly to turn in ONLY AT A VOTE CENTER OR REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**
- **NEVER:**
  - mail your voted ballot
  - give your ballot to a ballot harvester or anyone other than a completely trusted individual