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San Francisco's
Nov. 3, 2026 Election

How to Vote
if You're
Experiencing
Homelessness

Questions?
Contact the Department of
Elections
415-558-6100
sfvote@sfgov.org

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Register and vote

Online:

- registertovote.ca.gov

In person:

- City Hall voting center, Room 48. Register and vote the same day.

By mail:

- Pick up a paper form at any SF Public Library branch or most government offices.

Key Dates

Now:

- In-person voting at City Hall

Mon., Oct. 19:

- Last day to register for a mail-in ballot.

Tue., Nov. 3:

- Election Day. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by this date. Drop-off at ballot box or polling place by 8 p.m.

No Permanent Address Needed

Online:

- Select “I do not have a street address.”

Paper form:

- Section 4.

List where you spend most of your time, like the nearest intersection to where you sleep or a shelter’s address.

ID Requirement

No ID to vote if you used one of these to register:

- CA driver’s license/ID number
- Last four digits of your Social Security number

Otherwise:

- Bring a photo ID when you vote. It can be a student or employee card.

Vote by Mail

Register by deadline

- Provisional ballot if late

List a secure address, like a P.O. box or friend.

- Online: Select “My mailing address is different from my home address.”
- Paper form: Section 5.

Return at USPS box, ballot drop box, or polling place.

Other Ways to Get a Ballot

Emergency delivery:

- Starts one week before election day. Give city staff any specific spot.

Authorized pickup:

- Signed form needed.
- Name a relative, age 16+.
- If you’re too ill or disabled to travel, anyone 16+.
- No one to ask? Authorize Dept. of Elections staff.