

VOTER REGISTRATION

QUESTION: AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

ANSWER: FIND THE ANSWER EASILY ONLINE

- On the home page at **www.shapethefuture.org**, click on the blue banner ("Check My Registration/Election Information") or you can use this direct link to reach the page quickly: www.shapethefuture.org/apps/voterlookup/default.aspx
- Enter three pieces of personal information to identify the voter:
 - House number of residence (no street name is required)
 - ZIP code
 - Birth date (formatted as mmddyyyy). (Example: August 8, 1988 is 08081988)



REMINDER: Be sure to mention the October 24 registration deadline. Some people don't know there is a deadline.

QUESTION: HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

ANSWER: YOU MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

A person entitled to register to vote shall be a United States citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election. (California Elections Code section 2101.)

The eligible person must complete and sign an affidavit of registration (voter registration card) and submit it to the elections official on or before the deadline established by law.

QUESTION: WHERE CAN I GET A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD?

ANSWER: AT MANY PUBLIC OFFICES AND ONLINE

- **At these offices, during regular business hours:**
 - San Mateo County Registration-Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo 94402
 - San Mateo County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Office, 555 County Center, on the First Floor, in Redwood City 94063
 - Every city clerk's office within San Mateo County
 - Every office of the California Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Every city and county library within San Mateo County
 - Every US Post Office

- Check our website for the index of locations and a summary of applicable rules:
<http://www.shapethefuture.org/voterregistration/howtoregister.asp>
- **Online at:**
 - California Secretary of State, for a statewide form: www.sos.ca.gov/nvrc/fedform/
 - Federal Voter Assistance Program website, for overseas and military voters:
www.fvap.gov

QUESTION: WHEN DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER TO VOTE?

ANSWER: WHENEVER IMPORTANT PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED

Registered voters must file an updated voter registration card (re-register) whenever there has been a change from the personal information in the most recent voter registration card:

- name (such as, after marriage, divorce, court-ordered name change)
- residential address (including a different apartment number)
- mailing address
- political party affiliation

QUESTION: WHEN IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THIS ELECTION?

ANSWER: OCTOBER 24

If the registration form is submitted by mail (rather than in person), the postmark (of the US Postal Service or other commercial mail delivery service) must be within the filing deadline. State law sets the deadline at 15 calendar days prior to the election.

SAMPLE BALLOT & OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

QUESTION: WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY PAMPHLET?

ANSWER: BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 18

The county has more than 333,000 registered voters for this election. Every one of them is entitled to receive a pamphlet. The Elections Office begins delivering them to the Post Office on September 29 and may continue to mail them through October 18.

Voters can expect to receive their pamphlets before or during the week of October 10.

Voters may choose to receive the pamphlet electronically (instead of a mailed paper copy) by signing up for the "Go Green" program. Electronic pamphlets are available as early as September 29.