



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election  
Your vote goes a long way! cast your ballot by election day.

Hey, San Francisco! This brochure will help you learn about your voting options and how your party preference will impact the contests on your ballot in the March 5 election.

Need to register to vote or update your information, such as party preference or address? Visit [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) or ask us for a paper registration form.

Need help? Get in touch!

Which contests will be on my March 5 ballot?

The party preference in your voter file will impact some contests on your ballot this election. If you are registered with a preference for a political party, you will receive a ballot with that party’s presidential candidates and County Central Committee members. If you are registered without a party preference, your default ballot will have no party contests. However, you can request a ballot with presidential candidates of the American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian parties. You can also re-register with a preference for a political party to receive a ballot with that party’s contests. (For more information, see FAQs)

All ballots, regardless of voters’ party preference, will list the following contests:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- State Senator
- State Assembly Member
- Judges of the Superior Court
- State and local ballot measures

If you are registered to vote with...	then your ballot will also list...
The Democratic Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Democratic Presidential candidates</li><li>• Democratic County Central Committee members</li></ul>
The Republican Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Republican Presidential candidates</li><li>• Republican County Central Committee members</li></ul>
The American Independent, Green, Libertarian, or Peace and Freedom Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your party’s presidential candidates</li><li>• Your party’s County Central Committee members</li></ul>
No Party Preference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No presidential candidates unless you request a ballot with American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian presidential candidates</li><li>• No County Central Committee members</li></ul>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How can I check the party preference in my voter file?

Log into [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal) or call (415) 554-4375.

### 2. Can I change my party preference to vote for a different presidential candidate?

Yes. To do so, you will need to re-register with a new party. Until February 20, you can register at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) or fill out a registration form. After that date, you can change your party preference in person at a voting site.

### 3. If I have no party preference, can I vote for U.S. President?

Yes. Your default ballot will have no presidential contest. However, you can request a ballot with presidential candidates of the American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian parties. To do so:

- 1) Log into [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal)
- 2) Complete application at [sfelections.org/ballotrequest](https://sfelections.org/ballotrequest)
- 3) Call (415) 554-4375
- 4) Text “START” to (415) 941-5495 followed by your name, date of birth, address, and ballot request
- 5) Access your ballot at [sfelections.org/access](https://sfelections.org/access), or
- 6) Request your ballot at a voting site

To vote for presidential candidates of the Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican parties, you must re-register with that party.

### 4. What is a County Central Committee?

County Central Committees generally conduct party fund-raising and related activities. To vote for a party’s County Central Committee members, you must be registered to vote with a preference for that party.

### 5. Where can I find more information about the upcoming election?

Visit [sfelections.org/primary](https://sfelections.org/primary) or call (415) 554-4375.

## Many ways to vote!

Every San Francisco voter can choose to vote by mail or in-person.

### 1. Vote early by mail

In February 2024, the Department of Elections will send a vote-by-mail packet with a ballot, instructions, an “I Voted!” sticker, and a postage-paid return envelope to every local voter. The Department will also open its accessible vote-by-mail system to all local voters at [sfelections.org/access](https://sfelections.org/access).

Whether you use a regular or accessible vote-by-mail ballot, you will need to complete three steps:

	Paper vote-by-mail ballot	Accessible vote-by-mail ballot
1: Mark your ballot	Read the instructions on each ballot card to make your selections.	Log into <a href="https://sfelections.org/access">sfelections.org/access</a> and follow instructions to make selections.
2: Prepare your envelope	Remove receipts and place cards in your ballot return envelope. Complete and sign the envelope, then seal it.	Print your ballot and place it in your return envelope. Complete and sign the envelope, then seal it.
3: Return your envelope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be counted, ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day, March 5 (check mail pickup times on if you mail your ballot on Election Day).</li><li>• To be counted, ballots returned in person must be hand-delivered to an official ballot drop box* or voting site by 8 pm on Election Day, March 5.</li></ul>	

## 2. Vote early at the City Hall Voting Center

Any eligible city resident can register to vote, get or drop off a ballot, or cast an accessible ballot at the City Hall. In this election, the Voting Center will be open:

- February 5-March 4, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm (except February 19 Presidents' Day holiday)
- February 24-25 and March 2-3, Saturday-Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm
- March 5, Tuesday, Election Day, 7 am to 8 pm

## 3. Vote at your polling place on Election Day

Any eligible city resident can register to vote, get or drop off a ballot, or cast an accessible ballot at a polling place. 501 neighborhood polling places will be open 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day, March 5.

To find your assigned polling place, you can visit [sfelections.org/myvotinglocation](https://sfelections.org/myvotinglocation), call (415) 554-4375, or check your Voter Information Pamphlet (mailed in February).

## Be a Poll Worker!

You can help your community and earn up to \$295! We hire over 2,000 poll workers – many bilingual – for every election. To apply, go to [sfelections.org/pwa](https://sfelections.org/pwa) or call (415) 554-4395.

## Observe election processes.

You can observe election processes in-person or remotely. To view a calendar of observable processes, go to [sfelections.org/observe](https://sfelections.org/observe) or call (415) 554-4375.

## Check your voter File.

Visit [sfelections.org/voterportal](https://sfelections.org/voterportal) or call (415) 554-4375 to check your information, including your current address and party preference, track your ballot, and more.

## Questions? Contact Our Multilingual Staff!

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**To contact the Department of Elections or join its Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) and help improve the accessibility of election services in San Francisco:**

- Email [SFvote@sfgov.org](mailto:SFvote@sfgov.org)
- Visit City Hall, Room 48 (all entryways are accessible)
- Go to [sfelections.org](https://sfelections.org)