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# Can I vote in person without a ballot in California's June 2 primary election?



People vote on Monday, June 1, 2026, at Irvine Civic Center, one day before the primary election. (Photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG)



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Whether they've been misplaced or never arrived at all, [California voters](#) do not need to bring the ballot mailed to them in order to vote in person in [the June 2 primary election](#).

Counties that operate under the Voter's Choice Act — these are counties that open vote centers and allow voters to cast a ballot at any of these places around their county, no matter where they live — use electronic poll books. That gives election workers the ability, in near real time, to look up a voter and determine whether they've already cast a ballot.

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How it works in Orange County, for example: A voter will tell an election worker their name and address. That is then checked to ensure they haven't already voted and they are registered to vote in Orange County. If all that checks out, the voter is given a regular ballot — with the races based on where they live — to cast.



Voters do not need to surrender the ballots mailed to them in order to vote, said Orange County Registrar of Voters Bob Page.

Los Angeles and Riverside counties also operate under the Voter's Choice Act

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San Bernardino County voters also don't need to bring their mail ballot with them to vote in person at their polling place, Melissa Eickman, a spokesperson for the county registrar, confirmed. If voters don't have or don't want to use the ballot mailed to them, they can request a pre-printed ballot to hand mark and deposit into the ballot box.

Local polling places that cannot confirm right away a voter's status may issue a provisional ballot, which would be counted after the county elections official has confirmed that the person is registered to vote in that county and has not already voted, [according to the California secretary of state](#).

Only the registered voter can ask for a replacement ballot. Requesting a replacement ballot for someone other than yourself is a criminal offense, [the California secretary of state says](#).

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