



# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO OFFICE OF THE CLERK-RECORDER

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## November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election Frequently Asked Questions

### All Registered Voters will get a Ballot in the Mail

Every Active Registered Voter will Receive a Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballot in the Mail

Ballots are scheduled to be sent September 29

Voters can sign up to track their ballots once it is in the mail stream:

<https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov/>

Voters are ENCOURAGED to vote their VBM ballot and return it

If you have not received your ballot by October 9th, contact the elections office to request a replacement at 805-781-5228 or [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

### Seal, Sign, & Send

Remember to sign your return envelope.

#### Ways to Return Your VBM Ballot

USPS Mail: No postage necessary. Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day

Bring it to one of our Election Offices (SLO & AT): October 5 to November 3

VBM Ballot Drop Box: Open 28 days before Election Day

Voter Service Centers

#### Remote Accessible VBM

A remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot allows voters with disabilities to vote at home using their own assistive technology to mark their ballot.

For the 2020 Presidential Election, remote accessible vote-by-mail will be available to all voters.

Any voter can print, mark, and return their ballot with the provided envelope template

### In Person Voting is available over 4 days of Voting

There will not be traditional polling places but there will be 23 Voter Service Centers open around the county for 4 days between October 31- November 3

October 31 – November 2: Open 9am-5pm

November 3: Open 7am to 8pm

Voters may go to Any Voter Service Center in the County.

Click here for a list of VBM Ballot Drop Box locations and Voter Service Centers:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Clerk-Recorder/Forms-Documents/Elections-and-Voting/Current-Elections/2020-11-03-Presidential-General/Documents/VSC-and-Drop-Box-Locations.pdf>

At a Voter Service Center, voters can:

- Drop off their voted vote by mail ballot

- Receive a replacement vote by mail ballot

- Use the ballot marking device which allows voters with disabilities to vote independently

- Update their address and vote a "precinct" ballot

- Vote a "precinct" ballot

- Conditionally Register to Vote and vote a provisional ballot if they missed the deadline to register to vote

## **Health & Safety:**

San Luis Obispo County is committed to providing safe voting options during the Pandemic. Voting by Mail or using a drop box is the safest alternative. As a result of Covid-19, Voter Service Centers will be configured and equipped to ensure the safest voting experience possible for those voters who choose to vote in person. Below are some of the actions the county is taking to provide a safe voting experience.

When visiting a voting location, you are encouraged to wear a face covering, bring your own blue or black ballpoint pen, and maintain physical distancing, as indicated in public health guidelines. All voters are guaranteed the right to vote and will be assisted.

ALL VOTER SERVICE CENTERS will be laid out to ensure the safest possible environment. Vote Center protocol will include: Physical distancing; protective face coverings for election workers and voters; barriers between elections workers and voters; voting booths will be spaced 6 feet apart and will include privacy barriers; hand sanitizer; regular cleaning procedures to disinfect all common surfaces voters utilize; Vote by Mail envelope drop off outside the actual vote center.

Drive up/curbside voting will be available at all vote centers for voters with disabilities and voters who cannot wear protective face coverings.

Because of size restraints of some vote centers, we will limit the number of voters allowed inside at a time. There may be delays; please be patient and allow extra time.

Keep It Safe – Your safest option is to Vote by Mail, but if you need to go to a Voter Service Center, come early during the first three days of voting to avoid lines on Election Day.