

# VOTE-BY-MAIL FACT SHEET



## Sign, Date, and Mail in Your Ballot Early

Across the State of California, the Vote 2020 Truth Squad (Truth Squad) is here to provide California voters with accurate and useful information about voting in 2020 – and especially about vote-by-mail. Our mission is to ensure that ALL California voters are included, counted and heard.

## TRUTHS ABOUT VOTE-BY-MAIL

### Vote-By-Mail is Available to All Registered Voters in California

This year, the Governor and State Legislature directed that every voter in the State of California will receive a postage-paid vote-by-mail ballot to vote in the November election. Voters in most counties will have the option to: 1) mail in their ballot; 2) drop their ballot in a secure drop box; 3) drop off their ballot at a vote center or polling place; 4) vote in person at a vote center or polling place. For specific information on your county, visit

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>

### Vote-by-Mail is Safe, Secure and Reliable

Experts all agree that the vote-by-mail process results in secure and accurate elections. That's why vote-by-mail is already the most common way to vote in California. Mail-in ballots have unique barcodes trackable through BallotTrax and go through individual safeguard inspections so voters can be confident their ballots will be counted.

### Vote-by-Mail Expands Access to Voting

Every year, millions of voters miss out on the opportunity to vote on Election Day because life can be busy and, at times, unpredictable. During times of uncertainty, vote-by-mail and voting EARLY means that ALL of California has the opportunity to be heard and counted. By choosing to vote by mail, voters can take their time to think through issues that matter the most for their communities including housing, healthcare, education, racial justice, climate change, and more. Vote-by-mail ballots will be counted, as long as ballots are signed, dated, mailed in and postmarked on or before November 3, 2020.

### Vote-by-mail Protects You and Your Loved Ones from Being Exposed to the Coronavirus

As long as there is coronavirus, the best way for all of us to protect ourselves and our loved ones is to avoid the large crowds and long lines which may occur at polling places this year. Vote-by-mail allows us to exercising our constitutional right to vote while protecting our own health and the health of our families. Vote-by-mail is how we can do our part in this critical election – and do it safely.

For more information on the Vote 2020 Truth Squad, visit [cadem.vote/votebymail](https://cadem.vote/votebymail) or email [truthsquad@cadem.org](mailto:truthsquad@cadem.org).