



ALAMEDA COUNTY
Registrar of Voters

TOOLKIT

August 18, 2026
Congressional District 14, Special General Election

Mission Statement:

- Seek better ways to provide services to encourage all eligible residents to exercise the right to vote
- Conduct elections in a fair, accurate, and efficient manner that inspires public confidence in the County elections process
- Maintain a continuous professional level of service to the public
- Develop new techniques to improve outreach services, which acknowledge the diversity of Alameda County

State Mandated Services:

These services provided by the Registrar of Voters' Office are mandated by the California Elections Code, the California Government Code, and the California Constitution.

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| 1. Voter Registration | 4. Candidate Services |
| 2. Vote by Mail | 5. Election Services |
| 3. Voter Outreach | |





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Election Overview

- The Congressional District 14, Special General Election is being held to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of the term this year.
- All registered voters in the 14th Congressional District, before the redistricting due to the passing of Proposition 50, will receive a Vote by Mail Ballot.
- Voters will start receiving their Vote by Mail Ballot 29 days before Election Day on July 20th. They can cast their ballots at any Vote Center, Official Ballot Drop Box, or by mail. Ballots must be postmarked before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.



Important Dates

July 9, 2026 **First day of mailing Voter Information Guide**

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July 20, 2026 **First day of mailing Vote by Mail Ballots**
Official Ballot Drop Boxes open and early in-person voting available at the Registrar of Voters' Office.

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August 3, 2026 **Last day to register to vote**
Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) will be available at all Vote Locations. Voters can register and vote on the same day.

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August 11, 2026 **Last day to request a Replacement
Vote by Mail Ballot**

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August 8 – August 18, 2026 **11-day Vote Centers open**

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August 15 – August 18, 2026 **4-day Vote Centers Open**

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August 18, 2026 **Election Day**

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Important Dates

August 21, 2026 **Preliminary/Unofficial - Post Election Update #1**

August 26, 2026 **Preliminary/Unofficial - Post Election Update #2**

Future results updates after this day will vary, based on the Cured Ballot returns.

August 28, 2026 **Final Unofficial Results – Post Election Update #3**

September 8, 2026 **Random Selection of Batch for 1% Manual Tally**

September 11, 2026 **1% Manual Tally**

September 15, 2026 **Deadline to Cure Noncomparable Signatures or
Unsigned Envelopes**

September 17, 2026 **Final Certified Election Results**

Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 19	20 VBM Ballots Mailed & Drop Boxes Open	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 1
2	3 Last Day to Register to Vote	4	5	6	7	8 11 Day Vote Centers Open
9	10	11 Last Day to Request a VBM	12	13	14	15 4 Day Vote Centers Open
16	17	18 Election Day	19	20	21	22

Early Voting

11-Day Vote Centers

4-Day Vote Centers



Ballot form template with a header section containing a dashed line, a central box with a hand-drawing icon, and a table of candidates with checkboxes.

Candidate Information	
[Candidate Name]	☐
[Candidate Name]	☐
[Candidate Name]	☐
[Candidate Name]	☐
[Candidate Name]	☐

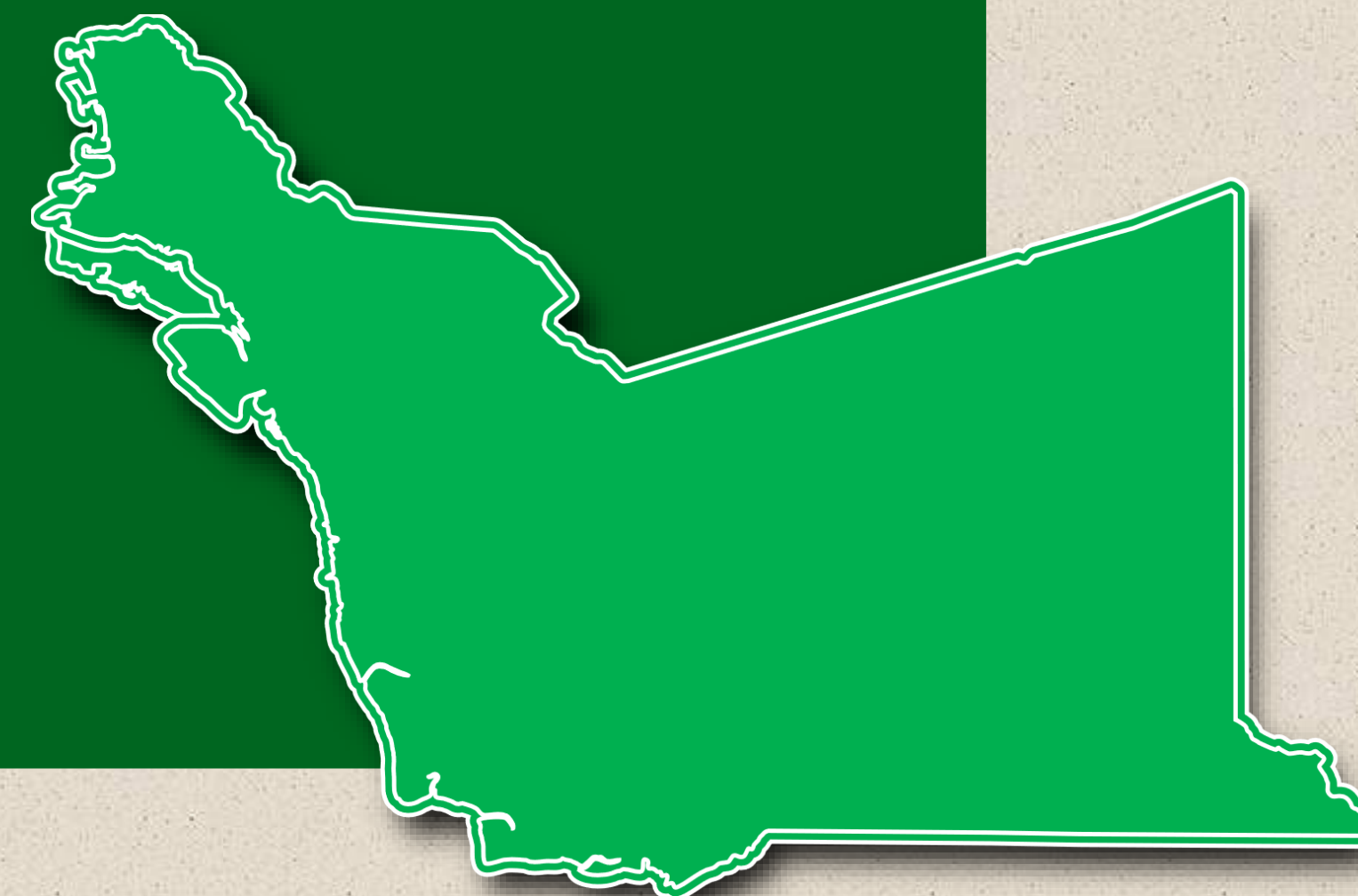
Ballot Offices

August 18, 2026

Special General Election

United States Representative District 14

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Our Voting System

Dominion Democracy Suite

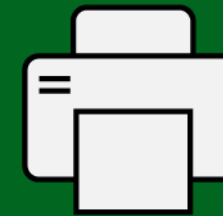
Poll Pads

An electronic roster book allowing voters to visit any location



Voter Information Guide & Ballot On-Demand Printing

All ballot types and languages can be printed by request



Accessible Ballot Marking Devices

Voters can mark the ballot using the touchscreen
and cast the printed ballot



Vote Center Locations

14 Vote Center Locations Throughout Alameda County

Will be available to ALL VOTERS who:

Want to drop off their Vote by Mail Ballot, vote in-person, need assistance, and who need to replace damaged or lost Vote by Mail Ballots.

Locations will be posted at AlamedaCountyCA.gov/rov_app/vcalist

My Voter Profile

Visit AlamedaCountyCA.gov/rov_mvp_app/mvp.do

to verify your registration address and language preference.

If your registration needs to be updated, visit registertovote.ca.gov to re-register to vote.

Election Workers can make up to \$535

Priority is given to those who are available to serve all 4 days at the Vote Centers.

AcVote.AlamedaCountyCA.gov/community/become-an-election-worker

In-person Voting hours

Sat, August 8th through Mon, August 17th

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Election Day, Tuesday, August 18th

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Services available :

- Accessible Ballot Marking Devices
- Accessible Voting Booths
- Assistance with Voting
- Curbside Voting
- Voters with Vision and Hearing Impairments

Vote Centers :

7 Vote Centers will open on Saturday, August 8th, for early voting.

An additional 7 Vote Centers will open on Saturday, August 15th.

High School Student Election Worker Program

- Age 16 by August 18th, 2026
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- US Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident (Green card Holder)

CALL (510) 272-6971 FOR MORE INFO

Returning Your Vote by Mail Ballot



Return early & direct

24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Boxes

- 28 Drop Boxes located in the county
- 1 Drop Box per 15,000 voters
- Open 29 days before election day

[ALAMEDACOUNTYCA.GOV/ROVAPPS/
MAPS/BALLOTDROPBOX_MAP.HTM](https://alamedacountyca.gov/rovapps/maps/balлотdropbox_map.htm)

State Assembly Bill 37, signed into law on September 27, 2021, ensures:

every eligible voter will be mailed a ballot

Ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

A ballot mailed on or before Election Day must be received in ROV no later than **7 days** after Election Day. **The postmarked deadline is August 18th.**

Where to return your VBM Ballot

- At any vote center
- Put it in the mail
- Place in any Official Ballot Drop Box
- Drop it off at a Ballot Drop Stop

Return early & direct



Ballot Trax

Tracking your Vote by Mail ballot — when it is mailed, received, and counted — has never been easier.

Sign-up at acvote.ballottrax.net to receive automatic email or SMS (text) notifications about your ballot.

How to Cure your Ballot

If your signature does match the one on file you will receive a letter in the mail asking you to cure your ballot. **If you are signed up for Ballot Trax, you will be messaged if your ballot needs to be cured.** For more information, call (510) 272-6973.

Vote Safely & Conveniently



Return early & direct

Ballot Drop Stop Tour

On the go? No Problem!

Every election, our team sets up “Drop Stops” for you to drive by and cast your ballot from the comfort of your vehicle. Want us to visit your community? Request a location today. See our website for Drop Stop locations and dates.

ACVOTE.AlamedaCountyCA.gov/DropStop



We partner to assist voters with

- Receiving the ballot
- Marking the ballot
- Returning the ballot

We attend to voters that are

- Hospitalized
- Individuals with disabilities
- Confined to their homes due to medical emergency

Need assistance?

AC Vote On The Go will come to you

Sign up for the On The Go Program: (510) 272-6973 or onthego@acgov.org



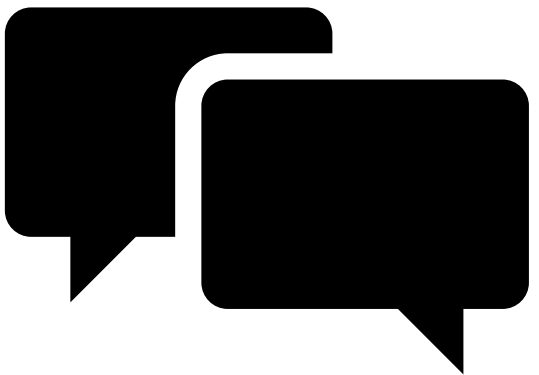
Voter Registration



973,598*
Registered
Voters

*as of July 13th, 2026

18 *supported* Languages



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|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. English | 7. Khmer | 13. Punjabi |
| 2. Bengali* | 8. Korean | 14. Spanish |
| 3. Burmese | 9. Laotian | 15. Tagalog |
| 4. Chinese | 10. Lu Mien | 16. Telugu |
| 5. Hindi | 11. Malay* | 17. Urdu* |
| 6. Japanese* | 12. Mongolian | 18. Vietnamese |
- Bold** languages are fully supported (i.e., VIGS, VBMS, etc.)
*New language

10,052* Military and Overseas Voters

Registration data broken down by party, language and jurisdiction is available and updated nightly at AlamedaCountyCA.gov/rov_app/edata

*as of July 13th, 2026

50%
of voters chose to
Vote by Mail

Based on Nov 4th, 2025



Observation

To continue transparency in the county, we offer in-person and livestreaming of the election process. We encourage observers to subscribe to updates on when election processes take place. Each morning, an email or text message will notify subscribers if an election process will be conducted that day. If no processes are scheduled, no notifications will be sent.

To subscribe to receive morning notifications about observing ballot processing during this election cycle, click the “[**Subscribe here**](#)” button and provide your email address or phone number (for text messages). View livestreams on our website [here](#).

This schedule will remain in effect until all eligible votes have been counted.

START DATES

Testing of the Election Equipment: Begins Monday, July 13th

Vote by Mail Envelope Scanning and Sorting: Begins Thursday, August 6th

Signature Checking: Begins Thursday, August 6th

Ballot Opening/Extraction: Begins Thursday, August 6th

Ballot Scanning: Begins Tuesday, August 11th

Adjudication and Remakes: Begins Tuesday, August 11th

Call us at
(510) 272-6973
for more
information.



FAQ's

Q: When is Election Day?

A: The Congressional District 14, Special General Election is on August 18th, 2026.

Q: When can I vote?

A: Eligible voters can vote between July 20th, 2026 and August 18th, 2026. Ballots must be cast by 8:00 p.m. to be counted. If you Vote by Mail, it must be postmarked by 8:00 p.m. and received by our office within 7 days of Election Day.

Q: How do I mark my ballot?

A: Use a black or blue pen to mark your ballot. Completely fill in the oval, vote only for the authorized number of candidates, and complete both sides of any double-sided ballots. When voting is complete, seal it in the return envelope. Sign and write your return address, your vote will not be counted if there is no signature on the return envelope.

Q: When will I get my ballot?

A: Vote by Mail ballots start being sent 29 days before Election Day. They are continuously mailed during the 29-day period.

[More FAQ's](#)

[Congressional District 14 Special General Election](#)



Q: Who is eligible to vote in this Election?

A: All registered voters in the 14th Congressional District, before the redistricting due to the passing of Proposition 50, are eligible to vote in this election.

Q: When can I register to vote?

A: To vote in this election, you must register to vote before August 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Otherwise you will need to vote conditionally/provisionally at a Vote Center, or at our office.

Q: Where can I vote?

A: You can drop off your Vote by Mail Ballot at any Official Ballot Drop Box, at a mailbox/post office, or in-person at a Vote Center.

To view locations, visit our website for more information.

[Official Election Site of Alameda County](#)

Social Media



Show off your I Voted sticker and tag us on Facebook or Instagram!

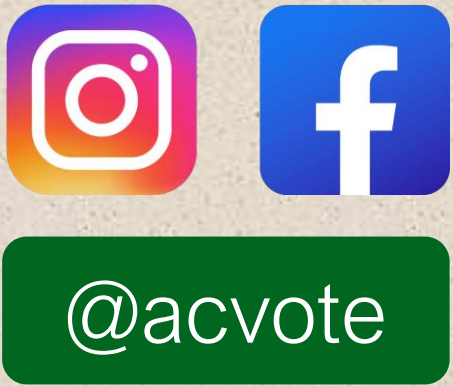
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Follow us!

We post information on our outreach events, election deadlines, office closure dates, and more on our social media platforms. Make sure to follow us to stay updated!

Digital Assets



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VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE INCOMING!
The August 18, 2026, Congressional District 14, Special General Election is next month! Be sure to follow us for more updates ~🔔



***Did you know?**
Voter Information Guides start being sent out 40 days before Election Day. Mark your calendars!



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!
Visit <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> by 5:00 p.m. today to update your registration for the upcoming Congressional District 14, Special General Election on August 18, 2026.



***Did you know?**
Alameda County has over 973,485* registered voters! Don't forget to update your registration as needed.

*as of July 8, 2026

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Early Voting Has Begun!
Vote by Mail ballots are now in transit. Drop off your completed ballot in its signed envelope at any Official Ballot Drop Box in Alameda County.



***Did you know?**
There are 28 Official Ballot Drop Boxes now open! This is the quickest method for your ballot to be counted.



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11-Day Vote Centers Are Now Open!
Come vote in-person from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at a Vote Center near you. Check your Voter Information Guide for the closest location and vote before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!



***Did you know?**
You can mark your ballot with any black or blue pen, including sharpies. **DO NOT** use red pen, pencil, or highlighter.

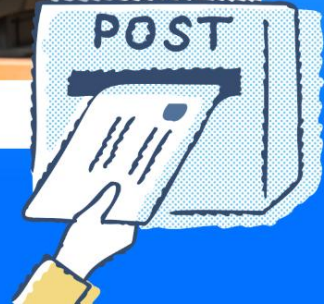


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Last day to request Vote by Mail Ballot!
If you haven't received your ballot, call our office at (510) 272-6973 for assistance. The Congressional District 14, Special General Election is on August 18, 2026!

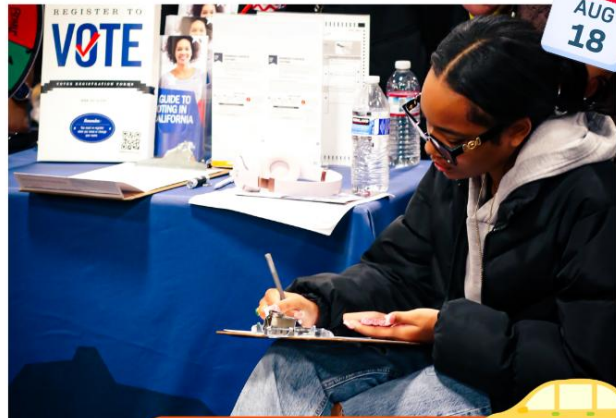


***Did you know?**
If you Vote by Mail, it **MUST** be postmarked by 8:00 p.m. on election day to be counted. Don't vote late!



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4-Day Vote Centers Are Now Open!
Come vote in-person from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at a Vote Center near you. Check your Voter Information Guide for the closest location and vote before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!



***Did you know?**
When Vote Centers close in the evening, our Rover teams pick up the voted ballots and bring them directly back to our office.



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TODAY IS ELECTION DAY!
The Congressional District 14, Special General Election is today. Ballots can be cast in-person, at an Official Ballot Drop Box, or by mail. Make sure it's postmarked by 8:00 p.m. to be counted!



***Did you know?**
You can request a replacement ballot at any Vote Center, or at our office on 1225 Fallon St, G1, Oakland CA 94612.



Download Here!

Our Resources



Vote On The Go

Contact (510) 272 – 6973 or onthego@acgov.org

Voting Locations

Drop Stops

<https://acvote.alamedacountyca.gov/dropstop>

Official Ballot Drop Boxes

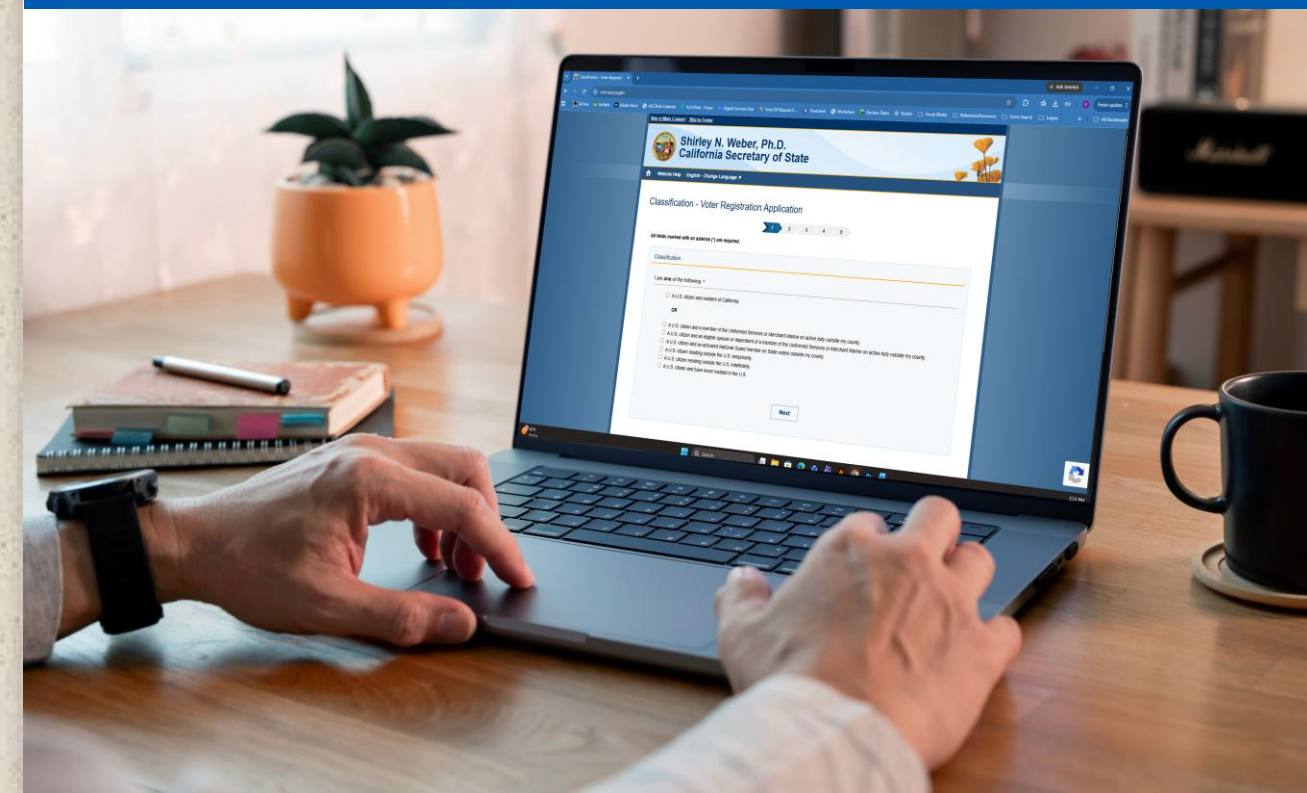
AlamedaCountyCA.gov/rovapps/maps/ballot_dropbox_map

Vote Centers

AlamedaCountyCA.gov/rov_app/vcalist

Election Information

<https://acvote.alamedacountyca.gov/GO>



Registration

Verify Current Address

https://alamedacountyca.gov/rovmvp_app/login

Re-Register to Vote

registertovote.ca.gov



Election Workers

AcVote.AlamedaCountyCA.gov/community/become-an-election-worker

Registration Data

[eData - Registrar of Voters - Alameda County](https://eData-RegistrarofVoters-AlamedaCounty)

