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# County of Orange Registrar of Voters



**VOTE EASY.**  
**VOTE SECURE.**

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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# Community Election Working Group

May 6, 2026

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# Housekeeping

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- Please mute yourself unless speaking or presenting
- Pause for questions
- May submit questions and comments in chat or raise hand



# Welcome & Introductions

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- Lucinda Williams, Chair
- Bob Page, Registrar of Voters
- Registrar of Voters Staff
- CEW member roll call



# Agenda

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- Approve minutes of January 21, 2026 CEW meeting
- Announce New Members
- Open Forum
- 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election
- Voter Education and Outreach



# Agenda

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- Possible Election Law Changes
- Updates from VAAC and LAAC
- Future Business Items
- Adjournment

Approve January 21, 2026 Minutes



New Members





# New CEW Members

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- Maritza Bermudez
  - Latino Community
  - Term Ends Dec. 31, 2027
  
- Cevadne Lee
  - Asian Community
  - Term Ends Dec. 31, 2026



# CEW Members Recruitment

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- Vote Center CSRs
- Youth (18-25)

Actively engaging and recruiting



Open Forum



# 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election



# 2026 Primary Election – Key Dates

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- Military/Overseas Ballots Issued: April 3 – April 18
- County VIG Mailing Started: April 22
- VBM Ballot Mailing Starts: May 4
- Last Day for Voter Registration: May 18
- In-Person Voting: May 23 – June 2
- Complete Canvass: June 26 – July 2



# Pop-Up Voting

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- **Sunday, May 24:** Leisure World, Seal Beach
- **Tuesday, May 26:** Braile Institute Anaheim Center, Anaheim
- **Thursday, May 28:** Sweet Shade Ability Center, Irvine
- **Saturday, May 30:** CREER Comunidad Y Familia, San Juan Capistrano
- **Monday, June 1:** AltaMed Medical Group, Santa Ana

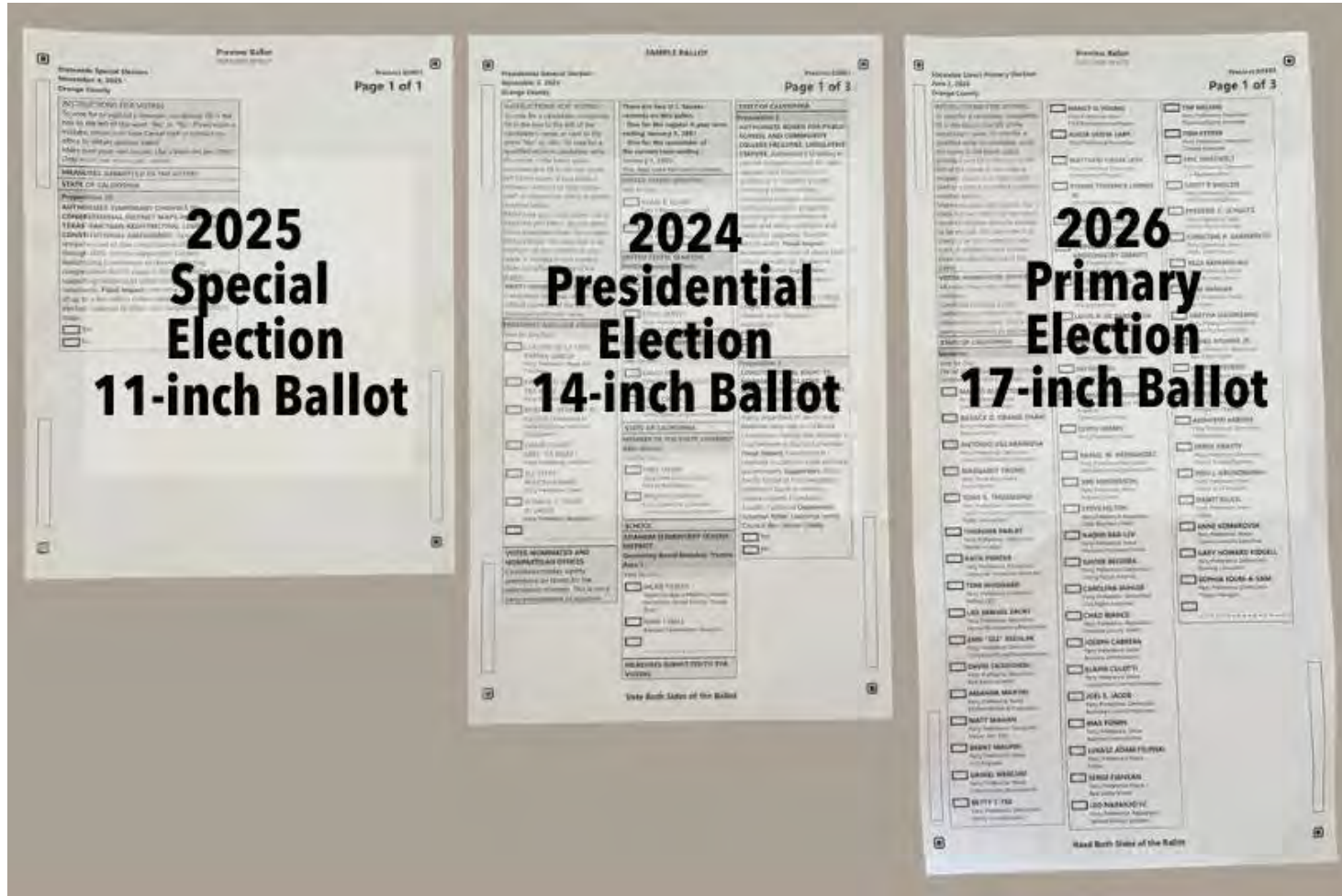


# Signature Cure Deadlines & Certification

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- 2024 General Election: Assembly Bill 3184 (Berman)
  - set a cure deadline of **E+26**
  - prohibited certification before **E+28**
- 2025 Special Election: Senate Bill 280 (Cervantes)
  - set a cure deadline of **E+26**
  - prohibited certification before **E+28**
- Future Statewide Elections: Assembly Bill 827 (Berman)
  - sets a cure deadline of **E+22**
  - prohibits certification before **E+24** for regular statewide elections

# 17-inch Ballots





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- Due to 61 Gubernatorial candidates
- Extensive Planning for Mail and In-Person voting
  - Updated plan for longer inserting timeline
  - Updated training for changes to in-person procedures
  - Preparing for changes to vote-by-mail processing
- No issues so far



# OC Ballot Express

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## **BALLOT EXPRESS**

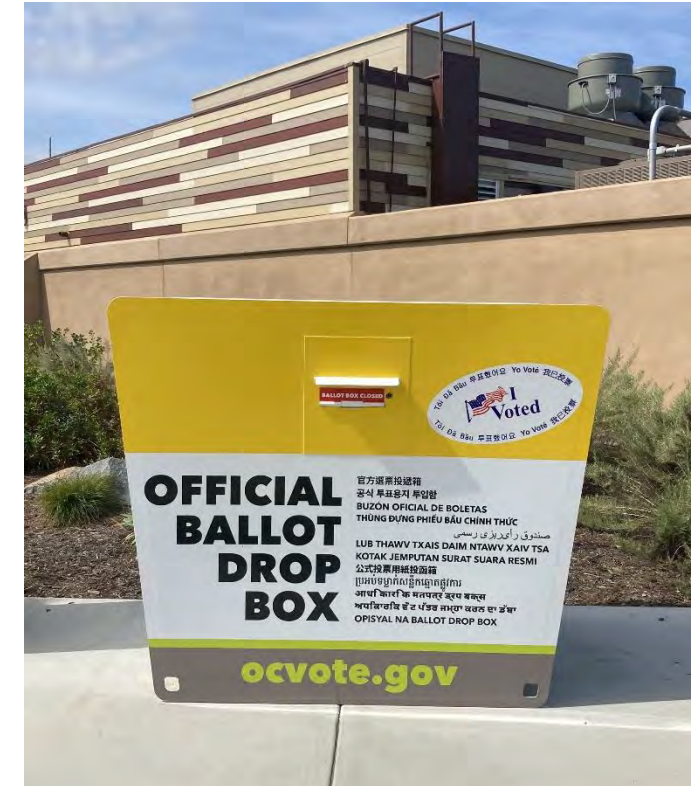
- Use [OC Ballot Express \(ocvote.gov/track\)](https://ocvote.gov/track) to view when your Vote-By-Mail ballot is:
  - Mailed to you
  - Received by the Registrar of Voters
  - Accepted for counting
- Sign up for the Secretary of State's Where's My Ballot service to receive ballot notification updates by phone, text, or email





# New Ballot Drop Boxes

- Laguna Beach City Hall
- Dana Point Branch Library
- Chapman Sports Park – Garden Grove
- Saddleback College – Mission Viejo
- Coastline College – Fountain Valley
- San Juan Capistrano Community Center





# New Vote Center Hours

- May 23 to June 1: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- June 2: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**NEW  
VOTE CENTER  
HOURS!**

Daily from May 23 to June 1  
**10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

On Election Day, June 2  
**7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**VOTE EASY.  
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The poster features a yellow background with a red exclamation mark icon in a white circle. The text is in bold black and yellow. A cartoon orange character with a face, arms, and legs is on the right. The bottom section has a white background with the County of Orange seal and the slogan "VOTE EASY. VOTE SECURE." followed by "ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS".



# Military and Overseas Voters

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- Suspended service for international mail delivery
- Outreach via email and mail to effected voters
- Suggested dates for returning overseas ballots: At sea-Abroad-Stateside



# Non-Provisional CVR Ballots Pilot

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- Will continue to process registrations through voting period
- Expanding pilot from UCI to five Vote Centers
- Reducing provisionals shortens vote counting

# Voter Education and Outreach



# Communications Tool Kit

- Infographics
- Videos and PSAs
- Presentation Slides
- Social Media Posts and Graphics
- Newsletter and Email Articles
- FAQs and QR codes

Visit [ocvote.gov/community](https://ocvote.gov/community)





# Election Security and Accuracy

Commitment to Election Integrity

## Commitment to Election Integrity

To ensure excellence in the administration of elections to inspire confidence and trust in the democratic process, the Orange County Registrar of Voters completes more than 125 tasks to ensure every election is secure and accurate. Review each of these integrity measures below.

- + PHYSICAL SECURITY CONTROLS
- + TECHNICAL CONTROLS
- + PROCESS CONTROLS
- + PEOPLE AND TRAINING
- VOTER FILES MAINTENANCE

### Voter List Maintenance Provides Security by Maintaining and Accurate Voter Database

- Manual Identity and Residency Match of Registrant Information**  
*OCROV staff manually review registration information for applicants who could not be matched automatically with high confidence by the Statewide Database.*
- Identity and Residency Verification for First-Time Federal Voters**  
*OCROV verifies the identity and residency of first-time federal voters using HAVA-allowable identification presented in person or submitted with a mail ballot or cure statement.*

- Visit [ocvote.gov/security](https://ocvote.gov/security)



# Open House Recap

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Attendees: 65 members of the public

Program Highlights:

- Short presentations on election processes

Outcome:

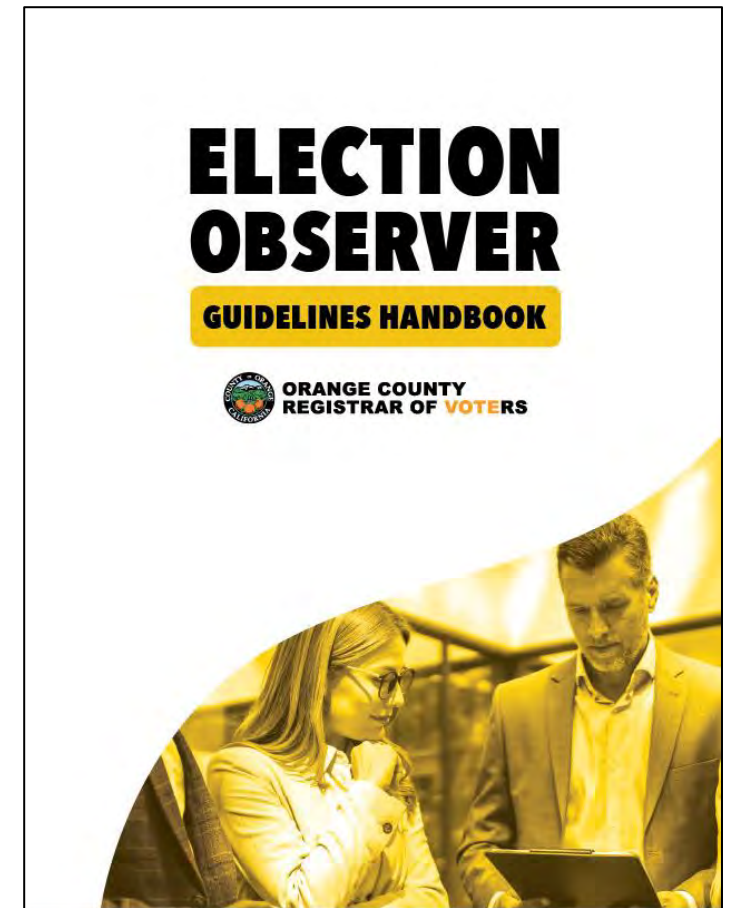
- Increased public awareness of election integrity measures
- Positive community engagement and transparency efforts





# Observation Opportunities – Get Involved

- Observation Schedule Public Notice
- Updated Handbook
  - Translated into four federally-mandated languages
  - Evergreen
- Brochure
- Life of Vote-By-Mail Ballot
- Livestream available
- Ambassador Program





# Observation Participation

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- Attend: Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy Test
- Participate: Roll the dice for the One Percent Random Draw
- Share: Encourage your organization to observe
- Visit [ocvote.gov/observe](https://ocvote.gov/observe)

# Possible Election Law Changes



# POTUS Executive Orders

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- Would require Congress to act to amend federal laws
- Primarily outline POTUS' policies regarding elections
- Multiple lawsuits have been filed to block federal agencies from implementing provisions
- OCROV must comply with existing federal and state election laws



# SAVE America Act

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- Stalled in U.S. Senate would require
  - Voters to provide documentary proof of citizenship in person
  - Ongoing voter file maintenance program to include citizenship verification
  - Removal of noncitizens from the voter roll upon verified documentation
  - Voter ID for in-person and mail voting
  - Increased ROV staffing and space



# California Voter ID Initiative

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- Qualified for the 2026 General Election ballot would require
  - Voters to show government-issued ID to vote in person
  - Voters to provide last four digits of voter-designated government ID when casting a Vote-By-Mail ballot
  - Counties to allow voters to look up their designated ID electronically
  - SOS and counties to use best efforts to verify citizenship using government data
  - Modification and recertification of election management systems and electronic poll books



# Watson v. RNC

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- Pending SCOTUS ruling whether Vote-By-Mail ballots must be received by close of polls for General Elections. If SCOTUS rules all ballots must be received by close of polls
  - California Legislature would have to decide how to implement such a ruling
  - Like 2020, State should fund and lead voter education
  - ROV must design and order new materials by late-July



# Senate Bill 73

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- Urgency Bill approved by Assembly Elections Committee today if enacted would
  - Require AG to publish guidance regarding how counties should respond to law enforcement requests to access to voting and ballot processing areas
  - Prohibit law enforcement from interfering or anyone from authorizing law enforcement to interfere with an election
  - Allow SOS and AG to object to counties using law enforcement to provide security and logistical support

# CEW VAAC and CEW LAAC Updates



# VAAC Meeting Update

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- Recommendations for communication and education to voters with disabilities
- Sharing resources with local partners
- Messaging no barriers to voting
- [ocvote.gov/accessibility](https://ocvote.gov/accessibility)



# VAAC Meeting Update

- VBM Return Instructions Update
- Based on VAAC feedback
- QR code takes you to [ocvote.gov/accessibility](https://ocvote.gov/accessibility)
- Weblink includes instructions in an accessible format

**1. Mark your ballot**

- Follow the directions on the ballot.
- Completely fill in the box next to your choice.

**2. Seal your envelope**

- Check that you have the return envelope with your name on it.
- Put your ballot into the envelope and seal the envelope.

**3. Sign the envelope**

- Make sure your name is printed below the signature box before you sign.
- Date and sign your name on the back of the envelope in ink.
- Print your name and residential address.

**4. Options for returning your ballot**

Mail Your Ballot	Secure Drop Box	Vote Center
Mail your ballot on or before Election Day (no postage required). For mail box locations visit <a href="https://ocvote.gov/mail">ocvote.gov/mail</a>	Use one of our secure drop boxes located throughout Orange County. For locations visit <a href="https://ocvote.gov/dropbox">ocvote.gov/dropbox</a>	Drop off your ballot in-person at any Orange County Vote Center. For locations and hours visit <a href="https://ocvote.gov/votecenter">ocvote.gov/votecenter</a>

**Important additional info!**

- If you make a mistake, call 714-567-7600 before Election Day.
- Your envelope must be signed, dated, and postmarked on or before Election Day.
- Voters may request translated election materials and accessible election materials.

Scan this QR Code for additional accessibility information

For more information: please call 888-OCVOTES (888-628-6837)

This "I Voted" peel-off



# LAAC Meeting Update

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- Public engagement and transparency efforts
- Voter Education Resources
  - Voter Information Guide
  - Communications Tool Kit
- Outreach Partnerships
  - Upcoming events



# Future Business Items





# Next Meeting Date

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- VAAC and LAAC – October 8
- City Clerks and District Reps
- Local Candidates Webinar
- Next regular CEW meeting





**THANK  
YOU!**

