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Key Concerns for Election Day(s)

- Voters know their voting options
- Counties are complying with civil rights laws that ensure access for all voters
- Poll workers are properly trained & respecting rights of voters
- Safety at the polls





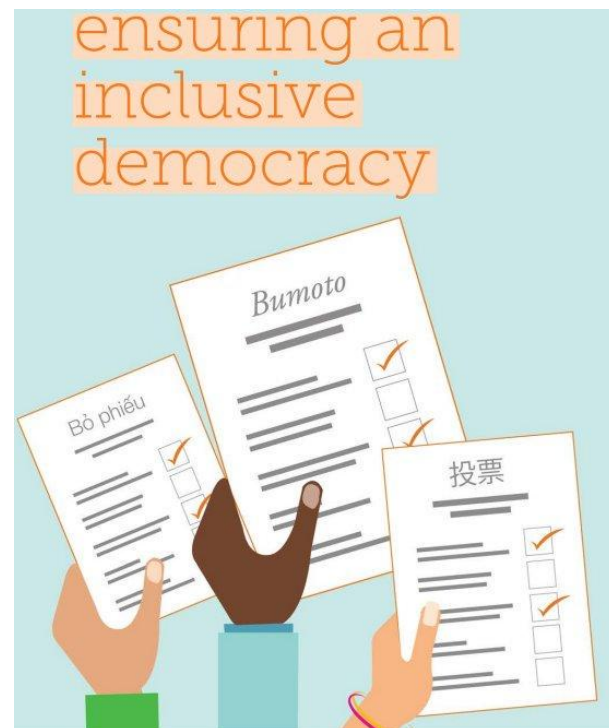
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Voter Rights at the Polls



Language Access

- Varies by county and precinct
- Votable ballots for some languages; reference ballots for other languages
- Bilingual poll workers
- Right to have assistance in voting booth (up to 2 ppl)



Disability Access

- Accessible voting machines
- Accessible path of travel into and in polling location
- Curbside voting
- RAVBM
- Right to have assistance in voting booth (up to 2 ppl)



Additional Voter Rights

- Not asked for ID (unless first time voting & did not provide certain info when registering)
- Privacy at the polls
 - In voting booth *and* more generally at and near voting location
- Right to provisional ballot if not on voter list
- Right to new ballot if voter made a mistake and has not yet submitted ballot



Voter Education Priorities

- Make sure people understand variety of voting options
- Make *all* voters know that polling places likely moved
- Encourage early voting



Multiple Options

All CA voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

YOU CAN RETURN IT:



By mail



At a ballot drop box



In-person

Most common reasons for VBM ballot rejection:

- Signature mismatch
- Untimeliness



Safety at the Polls

Poll monitoring (legitimate):

- Check for compliance with voting rights laws
- Help voters if they have questions
- Check in when you get there
- Follow public health requirements
- Respect privacy

No interfering or electioneering



Prohibited Activities

NO Observer Challenges of Voters

- Only a member of the precinct board (a poll worker) may challenge a voter's qualifications to vote.

NO Signs or Statements about Voter Qualifications at or near Voting Locations (w/in 100 feet)

- People may not place a sign relating to voter qualifications
- People may not speak to voters about their qualifications



Prohibited Activities

NO Electioneering at or near Voting Locations (w/in 100 feet)

- People may not solicit a vote or speak to a voter about marking their ballot or “electioneer”
- “Electioneer” = visible or audible display of info advocating for or against a candidate or ballot measure
 - Candidate’s name, likeness, or logo
 - Ballot measure title, number, subject, or logo
 - Applies to buttons, hats, pens, stickers, etc.

Slogans are NOT electioneering



Prohibited Activities

NO Intimidating Voters

People may not:

- **make use of or threaten** to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election

Examples:

- Blocking access to voting locations
- Presenting false info about voter eligibility and/or voting process
- Harassing or threatening behavior, brandishing weapons



Prohibited Activities

NO Uniformed Officers or Security in Immediate Vicinity of Voting Locations

- Prohibition on: uniformed peace officer, private guards, or security personnel (or any person wearing such a uniform)
- May not be in the immediate vicinity of a polling place w/o written authorization of the elections official
- Exceptions:
 - Unarmed security guard who is there to vote
 - Officer who is there to vote
 - Officer conducting official business in the course of their employment
 - Private guard who is typically hired to be on the property, regardless of election day



Prohibited Activities

NO Firearms in Immediate Vicinity of Voting Locations

- People in possession of a firearm may not be in the immediate vicinity of a polling place w/o written authorization of the elections official

NO Vandalising Voting Locations

- People may not remove or destroy any of the supplies in the voting booths, or remove, or deface the voter instructions or voter index, or remove, tear down, or deface the signs identifying a voting location



Prohibited Activities

NO Falsely Acting as Elections Official

- People cannot act as an election officer or perform the duties an election officer, unless appointed and qualified. Applies to handling, counting, or canvassing of any ballots.

NO Interfering with the Voting Process

- People may not interfere with the officers holding an election, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, as to prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held and lawfully conducted.



Voter Hotlines

- To report problems or receive additional help with voting questions:
 - 866-OUR-VOTE (English)
 - 888-API-VOTE (Asian languages)
 - 888-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish)
 - 844-YALLA-US (Arabic)

