

## ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE



Election Day: November 7, 2017  
Polls are open 7:00am - 8:00pm

## WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Here in the U.S., it's your right to cast a ballot. Whether you are interested in school improvements, better roads, or lower taxes; whether your priority is immigration reform or loosening restrictions on small businesses; whether you're concerned about government accountability, environmental protection, or U.S. foreign policy- the ballot box is where you get to choose your city priorities, your state laws, and our federal policies.

## DEADLINES

Voter registration deadline: October 23, 2017  
Mailed absentee application deadline: October 31, 2017  
Absentee ballot postmark deadline: November 7, 2017

## HOW TO VOTE

To find out if you are eligible to vote in California, for information on how to register to vote, to find your polling place, and to access online forms, please visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections> or call 1-800-345-8683.

## DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

California State law does not require you to provide proof of identification to cast a ballot unless you are voting for the first time, mailed in your application or did not provide your driver's license number at the time of registration. In any case it is advisable to bring a valid photo ID. Acceptable forms of identification are:

- Driver's license or state-issued ID card
- Passport
- Employee ID card
- Credit or debit card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Health club ID
- Insurance plan ID
- Document issued by government entity

## EARLY VOTING

A new law in California has expanded voting rights for registered voters. California's Voter Choice Act gives voters a choice in casting their ballots by mail, expanding in-person early voting or allowing voters to cast a ballot at any voting center within their county. For more information on how to cast your ballot, check here: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/>.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

If you are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day, you can apply to cast your ballot by mail. Apply to vote absentee or to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter by contacting your local County Elections Office, or by accessing the application online at <http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote-by-mail/pdf/vote-by-mail-application.pdf>.

Applications to vote by mail must be received no later than October 31, 2017. Completed absentee ballots must be received no later than on November 10, 2017. Read more about voting by mail at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/#apply>.

## RESOURCES

For more information on voting in your state please visit [www.aaiusa.org/california](http://www.aaiusa.org/california)