

Important Dates for the Presidential Primary Election

Dear Community Champion,

This year, the 2024 Presidential Primary Election will take place on March 5. That's right – the Primary Election is early! For the 2020 Presidential General Election, the date was moved from June to Super Tuesday and will remain in early March during presidential election years.

Here's a list of important dates to help keep track of what's to come in this election:

January 30: County Voter Information Guides mailed

February 5:

- Ballots mailed to U.S. Postal Service
- Early voting begins at the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office
- Drop-off locations open across the county

February 20: Voter registration deadline

February 27: Additional early vote sites open

March 5: Election Day; polling places open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Remember, it's "Your Ballot. Vote Early. All Ways Secure."

Thank you,

The San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters

Election Security

The San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters wants all current and future voters to know what is being done to safeguard elections.

Extensive Voting System Testing

For the integrity and security of elections, the State of California has developed one of the most strenuous voting system testing and certification programs in the country. All voting systems undergo extensive testing prior to certification, which includes closely examining all software and hardware designed to validate system performance.

For more information on voting system laws and testing standards, click this link: [California Voting Systems Laws and Standards](#)

Local Rules & Regulations

At the local level, California counties are required to abide by stringent rules and regulations regarding the implementation and use of the state-certified voting system.

The rules and regulations include the requirement that no part of a voting system shall be connected to the internet at any time, or electronically receive or transmit election data through any exterior communications network. The voting systems used in San Bernardino County do not connect to the internet or any other network.

Transparency

The Registrar of Voters processes are transparent and open for observation. Observers are welcome anytime while ballots are in process, including:

- Testing of the voting system equipment used to count ballots prior to their use in the election
- Examination of signatures on the mail ballot return envelopes
- Removal of the ballots from the envelopes
- Counting of the ballots on high-speed, accurate ballot scanners

Some of the Security Initiatives Behind the Ballot Counting Process

Once you cast your ballot at a polling place or your ballot is removed from your mail ballot return envelope, it cannot be identified as your specific ballot, and your vote remains confidential.

The Registrar of Voters only tracks that you voted in the election and the method you used to cast your ballot. Neither the Registrar of Voters nor anyone else will know the votes you marked on your ballot for a candidate or measure.

Secure, accessible, and locked ballot boxes are made available for mail ballot drop-offs through 8 p.m. on Election Day. Outdoor mail ballot drop-boxes are constructed with secure, 18-gauge steel, bolted to the concrete, and are locked to deter theft.

Mail ballot drop-off locations are placed in areas that have higher public visibility, and ballots are picked-up by 2-person ballot security teams on a regular basis for processing.