



County of Tuolumne Voter Information Guide

Presidential General Election November 3, 2020



Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off locations inside

If you are looking for a place to drop off your ballot or vote in person



www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Visit us for voter and election information



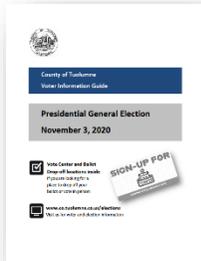
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Receiving two guides

You will receive two voter information guides for this election:



Tuolumne County Guide

Local races and measures are in this guide.

Local Offices (depending on your area):

US Representative in Congress, #4

State Assembly, #5

County Supervisor, #1

County Supervisor, #5

Sonora Union High School, #1

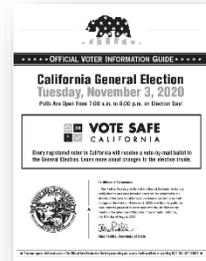
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Columbia Elementary

Soulsbyville Elementary

Tuolumne Utilities District

Measures R, S, T, and U



California State Guide

U.S. national races and state propositions are in this guide from the state.

State Propositions

Proposition 14-25



The California Secretary of State is now offering voters a new way to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. Powered by BallotTrax, Where's My Ballot? lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way.

Sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.

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

WHERESMYBALLOT.SOS.CA.GOV





Ballot Drop-off Locations

All voters can drop-off their vote-by-mail ballot at any ballot drop-off location.

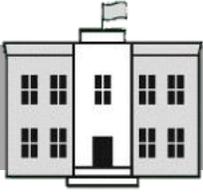
Ballot drop-off location boxes will be open on October 5th, and close at 8pm Election Day, November 3rd.

Ballot Drop-off Locations			
Name	Address	Opening Day	Hours
Tuolumne County Elections Department	2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370	October 5 th	Weekdays, 8 am – 5 pm
Sonora Library	480 Greenley Rd Sonora, CA 95370	October 5 th	24 hours
Junction Shopping Center	13775 Mono Way Sonora, CA 95370	October 5 th	24 hours
Mi-Wuk Library/MAHA	24411 Sierra Park Rd Mi-Wuk Village, CA 95346	October 5 th	24 hours
Columbia Elementary	22540 Parrotts Ferry Rd Columbia, CA 95310	October 5 th	24 hours
Groveland Library	18990 Main St, Groveland, CA 95321	October 5 th	24 hours
Twain Harte Library	18701 Tiffeni Dr. Twain Harte, CA 95383	October 5 th	24 hours
Willow Springs Clubhouse	20522 Willow Springs Dr. Soulsbyville, CA 95372	October 5 th	24 hours
Rocca Park, Jamestown	18218 Main St. Jamestown, CA 95327	October 5 th	24 hours

What is a ballot drop-off location?

Our ballot drop-off locations are secure, locked boxes located at various locations throughout the county. The ballots are picked up regularly and transported directly to our central office.





Vote Center Locations

All voters can vote in person at a Vote Center. All voters can drop-off their vote-by-mail ballot at any vote center or ballot drop-off location.

All vote centers will be open 7 am to 8 pm Election Day, November 3rd.

Voter Centers

Name	Address	Opening Day	Hours
Tuolumne County Elections Department	2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370	Weekdays starting October 5 th	8 am – 5 pm
		Weekend - October 31 st and September 1 st	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Tuolumne Library	18636 Main St. Tuolumne, Ca 95383	October 31 st	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Wilson Realty Building	18125 Main Street Jamestown, Ca 95327	October 31 st	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Groveland Library	18990 Hwy 120 Groveland, Ca 95321	October 31 st	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Twain Harte Bible Church	18995 Twain Harte Drive Twain Harte, CA 95383	October 31 st	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Vote Centers during COVID-19

The Tuolumne County Elections Department will be taking measures to ensure both voters and workers safety at the vote centers this coming election.

- Voting booths and machines will be set up to allow appropriate social distancing.
- Voters will be asked to wear a mask at all times in the vote center.
- Barriers will be placed at key areas when communicating with vote center workers.
- Equipment and surfaces will be cleaned regularly.

The ballot mailed to you is identical to the one received in the vote center. We recommend you vote this ballot from the safety of your home. You may return a vote-by-mail ballot by mail, at any drop-off location, or by hand at any vote center.

Elections in California

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committees, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this notice.

Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party's primary election.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county voter information guide, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

Party Endorsement

In accordance with Section 13302(b) of the California Elections Code, the following qualified political parties have endorsed the following candidates for a voter nominated office:

Office	American Independent	Republican	Democratic
US Representative of Congress, #4	Tom McClintock	Tom McClintock	Brynne Kennedy
State Assembly, #5		Frank Bigelow	

The Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, and Green parties did not submit an endorsement for candidates for this Presidential Primary Election.

Proposition 34 Expenditure Limitations

State Legislative Candidates

Proposition 34 was passed by voters in November 2000. The law requires county election officials to provide the names of those State Legislative candidates who have voluntarily agreed to expenditure limits. Candidates who agree to the expenditure limits may submit and pay for a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications to be printed in this guide.

The following State Legislative candidates, listed in random alphabetical order, have accepted the voluntary expenditure limitations pursuant to Proposition 34:

State Assembly, #5

Frank Bigelow

The following pages contain

Paid Candidates' Statements

This pamphlet may not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the ballot and sample ballot.

Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

Each candidate's statement of qualifications is printed exactly as submitted by the candidate.

How do I contact a candidate?

Local candidate contact information is listed on our website. Only the information specifically authorized by the candidate is posted.



www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Statewide candidate contact information is listed on the Secretary of State's website.



www.sos.ca.gov

US Representative, #4

Brynne Kennedy

Businesswoman

COVID 19 has tested our nation and strained our economy. To get America back on track and our communities back to normal, we need to put partisan politics aside and put our country first.

I built a successful business by helping workers in communities like ours access good paying jobs. I didn't care about Republican or Democratic solutions, but finding the right solution.

I'm not a career politician. I'm a pragmatic businesswoman guided by core American values like hard work and personal responsibility. I learned them being raised in a small town where plants were closing, and families that had worked hard to reach the middle class were struggling to stay there.

My father served in the military and was the first in our family to attend college. My mother runs a small-town store. Both fought tough battles against cancer, fueling my commitment to lower healthcare costs, ensure people with prior conditions don't lose their insurance, reduce prescription drug prices and protect Social Security and Medicare.

To recover and rebuild our nation, I'll reject the blind partisanship that's set us back and work with any party or President on the solutions we need now-- supporting frontline workers and small businesses, cutting taxes, expanding high-speed internet, fixing roads and bridges, protecting communities from wildfires, eliminating wasteful spending and taking on special interest corruption.

I will always put our community and country first—to create American jobs, stand up to America's adversaries, and support and protect our troops.

Join us at www.BrynneforCongress.com.

US Representative, #4

Tom McClintock

United States Representative

Last year we were enjoying the most prosperous economy in our lifetimes because of policies Republicans enacted to reduce the tax and regulatory burdens that were crushing working families. Today, heavy-handed lockdowns have destroyed the livelihoods of millions of Americans while mob law has ravaged our cities and threatened our safety.

In this election, we will decide which course our country will take. Will we restore the principles of freedom and rebuild our nation, or replace them with promises to “fundamentally transform” it into just another failed socialist society?

Will we restore the integrity of our borders and enforce our immigration laws, or turn a blind eye to millions of foreign nationals illegally entering our country?

Will we restore the rule of law, or surrender to mob rule?

Will we restore our fundamental rights of free speech, religious practice, self-defense and due process that our Bill of Rights guarantees, or succumb to ever more controlling and restrictive edicts from woke politicians?

Will we restore fiscal responsibility, or bankrupt our nation and rob our children of their earnings and their futures?

Will we allow our children to go back to school and allow our citizens to go back to work?

The principles of freedom produced the era of plenty we enjoyed only months ago. The principles of authoritarianism have produced the dystopian and dysfunctional world that has followed.

We have arrived at a crossroads, and it is time to choose. You know where I stand.

You can help at TomMcClintock.com.

Sonora Union High School TA #1

Randall S. Selesia, Sr.

Business Owner

As a lifelong resident of the community and Sonora High School graduate, I am running for this position to promote the education provided by Sonora High School. We have a excellent teaching and administrative staff. I would promote vocational education and agricultural educational as I feel that is a great need for this in our community. The retention of the Wild Cat Ranch is a must for our students and a great asset for our community and we must do everything possible to retain the education they provide. I have been a businessman in Sonora for over 50 years (Vic's Towing, Inc.) and I feel I can Be and asset in the operation of Sonora Union High School. My main concern in running for this position is the support of our administration, teaching staff and our students. Our students are our future.

Summerville High School

Dave Atkins

Age: 38

Business Owner/Father

To ensure that the heritage of quality education is passed on to the next generation, I believe it is imperative to step up and serve our community. Tuolumne County is a wonderful community for my family and I am grateful to call it home. As a father of a freshman student, I am pursuing the opportunity to serve as the next board member at Summerville High School.

I am a small business owner who has conducted cosmetic auto repair since 2002, a board member at Mother Lode Christian School since 2010, and I have volunteered as an Associate Pastor at Calvary Chapel Sonora since 2002.

As a father, business owner, and leader in our community, I am confident that I will bring unique experience, insight and tenacity to the board. I look forward to serving, to the best of my ability, the students, staff and parents at Summerville High School.

Summerville High School

Dennis R. Spisak

I'm asking for your continued support of me as your Trustee of Summerville Union High School District. Now, more than ever before, you need experience to make the right choices for your student and the District.

I've been on your board for 12 years. Over this period we have planned for a reserve to handle the emergency situation we are now facing. During state cutbacks on funding and deferrals of revenue, we will use that reserve to better serve our district and your student.

With the Covid 19 virus we are required to follow state guidelines and procedures. This is an increase of cost with no extra revenue from the state. So, with my experience on finances and budget, I'll be able to make the best decisions for students, staff and district, always trying to stay on budget and within the guidelines provided to us.

Over the years we have improved programs, completed our bond projects, and hired excellent staff and administration. I would like to finish the projects and make Summerville the best high school in the state.

Elect Dennis R. Spisak, Trustee.

Columbia Elementary School

Mary Rose Axiak-Rutikanga

Now more than ever we need a voice that cares deeply about our parents' concerns. I am passionate about public education and have two children attending Columbia Elementary School. I strongly believe that our children deserve the best and I will continue to push for excellence, ask tough questions and demand thorough and transparent answers. I am proud of our School and our District and believe we have great teachers and staff. I was appointed to the Columbia Union School District in August of 2019 and spent two years on the Columbia Union School Site Council from 2017-2019. I grew up in Copperopolis and am a graduate of Bret Harte High School. I hold a Master's of Public Administration in International Management from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, where I served as a Peace Corps Master's International Student in the country of Rwanda from 2009-2011. I also hold a Bachelor's degree in Government from California State University, Sacramento. I pledge my continued integrity and dedication to you and ask for your support.

Columbia Elementary School

Molly Day
Federal Wildland Firefighter
Age: 48

Education and Experience:

I am a working mother of a Columbia student (Go 49ers!), Veteran and Hotshot Spouse, A proud daughter, niece, Granddaughter & Great Granddaughter of special education schoolteachers that all worked in the public-school system. I have a 23-year career as a Local Wildland Firefighter (your child might know me as the Smokey Bear Lady) and have lived in the Mother Lode for 27 years.

Things I value, old-fashioned fun and hard work, compassion, kindness, education and training, getting your hands dirty, effort, resourcefulness, innovation, common sense, access for all, situational awareness, listening, speaking up, community, equality, duty, respect, integrity, thoughtfulness, creativity, communication, balance, transparency, humility, practicality, reality, diligence, curiosity, leadership, teamwork, stewardship, public service, friendship and family.

My career and up bringing have given me a deep respect for putting service into action. There is a lot of weight on all of us these days, I feel it's my duty to jump in and help to hold it high. We have an exceptional group of educators, staff, board-members, parents and children, I am excited and honored to be considered to take a role in such a fantastic team.

Thank you for your time & for voting!

Columbia Elementary School

Carol Jackson

Age: 62

Retired Assistant Recorder

I am running for Columbia Union School District Board because I believe I can provide strong leadership for Columbia School. I have been a leader in our county's government for 28 years. In my experience, successful leadership supports the needs of the staff while navigating challenges associated with strict budgets and an increasingly modern workplace.

I was raised in Tuolumne County and my children attended Columbia Elementary School. I have 19 years of experience within the Tuolumne County school system and 28 years in management for the Tuolumne County offices of the Recorder and Public Works. As a public servant and parent, I appreciate the concerns of all community members in our district and want to work with you toward success in our school.

It is the responsibility of our school board to ensure the education, safety, and support of students for our future. This cultivates strong, educated adults that care for community, state, and country. I can help guide Columbia Union School District to create a modern and safe learning environment.

It's time to provide our children and teachers with the tools and support needed to create a thriving and wholesome educational experience. Let's make a difference together!

Columbia Elementary School

Jo Rodefer

Public Education is in a heart wrenching crisis. Under the Mandates and/or Guidance from the Governor and State and local Health Officers there are no good options for anyone involved with the process of educating our young citizens. School boards and the people elected to those boards matter more now than ever before. Not only do board members need to have the best interest in mind of students, parents, teachers and staff but they also need to have the experience and backbone to make hard calls. Anyone who knows me will tell you that I have both. It's time to re-think education. I'd like to help do that.

Columbia Elementary School

Rebekah Sandlin

Age 41

Education/Instructor

I am committed to public school education and the Columbia Union School District. My children have attended Columbia Elementary School since kindergarten and are now in the 5th and 7th grades. I am sensitive to the concerns of parents with children who benefit from Individualized Education Plans and require accommodations to ensure academic success. I am also passionate about providing opportunities for extracurricular activities in music, theatre, arts, and sports. I have attended PTA meetings and always volunteer my time at the treasured Halloween festival on campus. I have experience working as an educator and administrator from several colleges and universities and empathize with the teachers, staff, administration, and students with the new strengths and challenges we face with distance learning. I have twelve years of experience working as a social worker in Tuolumne County and believe this make me uniquely qualified to understand the needs of our community and offer creative solutions toward ensuring equity in education and opportunities available to our children. I will have at least one child attending Columbia Elementary for the next 4 years and am excited about the opportunity to serve my community and the best interests of our students.

Columbia Elementary School

Tom Stewart

Power Generation Technician for Hetch Hetchy Water & Power

Resident of: Columbia for 34 years

My wife Lori & I have had the pleasure of raising our three children in Columbia. They all attended Columbia Elementary School, kindergarten through 8th grade. For 26 years I have been involved with PTA, Athletics Boosters Club, coached multiple divisions for Woods Creek Little League, attended school board meetings & volunteered for a number of community events. It would be an honor to continue to support the Columbia Elementary School District by being elected to the school board.

Columbia Elementary School

Andi Thomas

I have over 14 years of experience, working for three different county school offices, providing me with the empathy to advocate for both students and teachers. I began my career working to ensure that our Special Education students thrived in an inclusive learning environment. Currently, as an Education Credential Specialist, I work closely with teachers and administrators throughout the county to approve and obtain all teaching credentials/licenses to deliver instruction to students, ensuring the highest quality educators are in our county's classrooms.

As a parent of two Columbia Elementary students, it is an honor to know the fabulous staff, administration, and families of our community. I look forward to partnering with these stakeholders to infuse a practice and habit for the board to hear and act on public comment to help plan for the future of Columbia Elementary.

I am running for the school board because I believe in our public education system. I want to work with teachers to focus on student well being and academic growth based on current teaching practices. Together we can make our school the best place for the children in our community. When students succeed, we all succeed.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Soulsbyville Elementary School

Timothy C. Morton

Age: 42

I have been a citizen of Tuolumne County my whole life. I am a Husband, Father, and local business man. I have been involved in the public school systems in Tuolumne County as a child experiencing our local education venues and now with my own kids attending school. I have a vested interest in seeing our school boards represent the parents and faculty well within our districts and to bring solutions to some of the great challenges we meet every year in education, especially this year of 2020. I have experience in Administration and Business management. I also have been an advocate and helped develop solutions for special needs individuals in educational venues. My heart is to see our kids treated fairly, justly and to reach academic and social success within our schools. I hope I can count on your support as I run for the Soulsbyville Elementary School board. My focus and hope is to add my own knowledge and experience in regards to education and policy to the already great folks working to bring solutions to the Soulsbyville School district.

County Supervisor, #1

David Goldemberg
Retired CAL FIRE Chief Officer

As a 35-year employee of CAL FIRE, I managed major programs with multi-million-dollar budgets. Fire is our #1 danger. Our fire equipment is aging. Thousands of homeowners have lost their fire insurance.

With my background, I will provide the strong leadership needed for fire preparedness. We need to improve emergency exit fire roads, increase fuel reduction and provide better evacuation shelters.

We need living-wage jobs and affordable housing, but the Board of Supervisors has spent millions on a corrupt Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) that failed to bring in jobs.

Prior to the COVID-19 emergency, we faced a \$4.2 million budget deficit that forced service cutbacks and staff layoffs. As a fiscal conservative, I will bring responsible and transparent financial management to our County and deliver results as we confront a projected \$4-5 million deficit in 2020-2021.

It's time for a change. Tuolumne County has been mismanaged for years. My experience and knowledge have given me the leadership and planning skills to move us in a new direction that will protect our citizens and businesses.

Please visit: GoldembergForSupervisor.com

County Supervisor, #5

Jaron Brandon

Here's what we face:

Young people are fleeing. Seniors are being priced out. Building and business are difficult. In March, two-thirds of voters said we need a new Board representative.

8 years of boondoggles, bad budgeting, secrecy, Dollar Generals and millions in waste is enough. I'm proudly *not* the status quo candidate.

My vision for Tuolumne County boldly prioritizes bringing back vitality to our home: Affordable places to live, living-wage careers, and restoring public trust while addressing long-standing issues with fire service, broadband internet, and public input.

See, I face these same issues. I am not wealthy. I rent. I'm tired of seeing no plan as though we're just stuck waiting. Well, it's time.

I'm a born-and-raised local from Jamestown and Columbia with experience overseeing \$1.5 million budgets, serving electeds of both parties, managing a family business, and steeped in our culture, and I greatly value passion, humility, independence, open-mindedness, transparency, and community involvement.

We deserve leaders that listen, empower others, and get things done.

The future is ours to choose.

Together, we are powerful.

Together, we can make it happen.

Vote Jaron for County Supervisor. From Here. For Here.

Learn more at www.jaronfor5.com

County Supervisor, #5

Karl D. Rodefer

Tuolumne County Supervisor District #5

You deserve a Supervisor with experience, mature judgment, and dynamic leadership.

Tuolumne County remains an extraordinary place despite seven years of extraordinary challenges: Rim Fire, drought, tree mortality, and multiple instances of severe storm damage. These severely impacted our day to day operations but also provided us with opportunities to bring in additional revenue that only came from active engagement of your Supervisors, me included. I do not know what the future will hold, but I do know how to bring home the bacon when bad things happen.

We continue to face challenges such as road and broadband infrastructure, affordable housing, homelessness, increased crime, home insurance cancellations, increasing costs of providing our essential services, and now, of course, COVID-19. The solutions to these are not easy and we cannot achieve them alone.

Counties are the service provider of last resort. When the Feds and State do not do it, the County must. This job is important, and you need a Supervisor with experience, mature judgment, and dynamic leadership to do it right. That is what I bring to the table. I have what it takes to maximize our County's influence for the greatest good for our County and our people.

Tuolumne Utilities District

Barbara Balen

I'm Barbara Balen. I'm running for re-election to the TUD Board of Directors. I've lived, worked, raised a family, volunteered and shopped in Tuolumne County for over 50 years. My goal is to ensure reliable, affordable, water and sewer for the citizens of our county. I'm committed to working with our County, City and sovereign Tribes to strengthen local control of our water -- the water originating within Tuolumne County -- before it flows downstream for utilization by outlying communities. I'm committed to ensuring that fire fighters have ease of access to TUD's gravity-fed, raw water, system during a catastrophic wildfire rather than depending on and drawing down our treated water supply. And I'm committed to keeping irrigation water flowing and affordable for farming and ranching. As past President of Mountain Counties Water Resources Association, and as a current member, I advocate for State and Federal investment in watershed health to protect the headwaters of the Sierra region which includes Tuolumne County. If re-elected as your TUD Director, I will continue to give you my best efforts to increase local control of our water and keep it affordable for the people who live here. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Tuolumne Utilities District

David Boatright

Why should you consider voting for David Boatright to represent you at TUD? I believe I am the most qualified candidate with knowledge of TUD's history as recently retiring from 32 plus years of service at Tuolumne Regional Water District/Tuolumne Utilities District. I have a can-do attitude with prior military service, serving in the United States Navy. I retired from the Wastewater Superintendent position and have in-depth knowledge of TUD's operations, current and future projects and fiscal responsibilities. I have seen the District through many various disasters, and I approach those issues with viable, cost effective solutions. Most recently, I helped TUD navigate PG&E Public Power Shutoffs while ensuring reliable service. I believe my expert knowledge of the District's complex systems bring a unique and transparent operational perspective as an appointed Board member. I believe I am uniquely qualified to represent TUD customers and will work hard to keep service high and rates fair. I look forward to the opportunity of working with the public in pursuing the acquisition of PG&E water rights and facilities I respectfully request your support and vote.

Tuolumne Utilities District

Ron Kopf

As an elected member of your TUD Board, for the last six years, I have focused on providing a safe, cost efficient and sustainable water supply with proper treatment and reuse of our wastewater which are critical to our quality of life in Tuolumne County. In 2015 we set TUD goals to address insufficient funds necessary to address aging infrastructure repairs and improvements and adopted a five-year plan. Since that time, we have secured almost sixteen million dollars in grants and have invested \$20.6 million in critical water and wastewater infrastructure while maintaining some of the lowest water and sewer rates in the region. With your support, we will continue to build on those efforts making our water system more drought resistant by diversifying water supplies and improving, interconnecting and consolidating outdated facilities. I have a diverse land planning and business background and have learned a great deal about the water and waste water needs and challenges we all face. There is still a lot of work to accomplish for the long-term benefit of our County and I am the right candidate to continue on the TUD Board. I would appreciate your vote.

Please visit me online at www.ronkopf.com

Tuolumne Utilities District

Lisa Murphy

Columbia College Instructor

“For The Love of Water” and community, I want to serve on the TUD Board of Directors. As a fourth generation Californian, I know the critical role water plays in a community and the need for a system that delivers clean water at an affordable rate.

I have spent my life working in public service as an educator, a science specialist, a Yosemite National Park Interpretive Ranger, a Public Information Officer for Fire, and currently as a Columbia College Instructor in Forestry and Natural Resources. In these jobs I have gained expertise in California water delivery systems, both statewide and local. I understand and respect the complexity of water issues.

I support responsible growth and development. I value our local resources that rely on the water in our ecosystem. I recognize the concerns for fire operations in our County.

My goal is to work with the other TUD Directors to make fair and transparent decisions regarding our water and sewer systems. You can trust that I will be dedicated to the public good; I have no hidden agenda. I simply want to be a voice on the TUD Board of Directors representing us: the ratepayers, taxpayers and the residents of Tuolumne County.



Local ballot measures: Measure R

R

Appointive City Clerk

Ballot question

“Shall the office of city clerk be appointive?”

What your vote means

YES	NO
A “Yes” vote on Measure R will convert the office of the City Clerk to an appointed office.	A “No” vote on Measure R will leave the City Clerk as an elective office.

For and Against Measure R

FOR	AGAINST
s/ Ann Segerstrom and Colette Such City of Sonora Councilmembers	No argument was filed against Measure R



Local ballot measures: Measure R

Impartial Analysis

Douglas L. White, City Attorney, City of Sonora

Measure R asks Sonora voters whether the office of City Clerk for the City of Sonora (“City”) should be an appointed position rather than an elected office every 4 years. If City voters approve Measure R, the Sonora City Council (“Council”) will appoint the City Clerk on an ongoing basis following the certification of the November 3, 2020 election results. The Council placed Measure R on the ballot to establish minimal qualification requirements for the City Clerk and save City funds by eliminating the need to place the City Clerk position on a ballot every 4 years.

State law requires general law cities, such as the City, to have a City Clerk. A City Clerk may be appointed or elected. The Council can only appoint the City Clerk if voters approve a measure allowing for Council appointment. A majority of California cities have an appointed City Clerk.

The City Clerk administers local processes and municipal services such as elections and access to City records, ensuring that all local legislative action is properly executed, recorded, and archived. The City Clerk prepares the meeting agendas and minutes for Council meetings as well as for other City committees and commissions, verifies legal notices have been posted or published, accepts service of claims, lawsuits and official documents on behalf of the City, manages compliance with California conflict of interest filings, regulations, and performs other duties required by law.

As an elected office, the only requirements for the City Clerk are to be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter of the City and a resident of the City. Once elected, the City Clerk can be only removed at a general election or by a recall. The City cannot terminate the City Clerk at any time for unsatisfactory performance.

If Measure R is approved, the Council can establish minimum training and experience requirements to ensure that the City Clerk can perform the duties of the office. The Council can remove the requirement that the City Clerk be a resident of the City to attract the best qualified candidates. The Council can also conduct regular performance reviews of the City Clerk and can terminate the City Clerk at any time for unsatisfactory performance.

Measure R will save the City funds by eliminating the need to hold an election for the City Clerk every 4 years. As an elected office, the City must conduct an election for the office every 4 years and incur the costs of the election, even if there is a lack of candidates. In the previous general municipal election, no one ran for City Clerk.

A "YES" vote on Measure R will convert the office of the City Clerk to an appointed office.

A "NO" vote on Measure R will leave the City Clerk as an elective office.



Local ballot measures: Measure R

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Argument for Measure R

The selection of the City Clerk should be based on qualifications and experience and NOT the result of a political campaign.

Demands on the City Clerk have evolved over past decades. The complexities of the position have increased and the technical skills and knowledge required are significant. The Clerk's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- administration of the City's records, including Agenda management and accurate documentation of City Council meeting Minutes,
- election oversight,
- compliance with conflict of interest and campaign disclosure regulations,
- understands and is comprised of Federal and State laws.

But under California law, the only requirements of a candidate to serve as an *elected* City Clerk are:

- candidate is at least 18 years old,
- candidate is registered to vote,
- candidate is a resident living within the boundaries of the City of Sonora City.

Sonora deserves to have a skilled professional perform these vital responsibilities. The City was fortunate to have a skilled and dedicated City Clerk for many years, who performed with integrity and professionalism, but with an elected City Clerk, we cannot assure that past good fortune will be repeated.

Logic demands that the City Clerk be selected from extensive screening to recruit and hire the person with the strongest technical, administrative and professional skills. An *appointed* City Clerk can be held accountable to perform to the same standards as City Administrative staff.

Seventy-two percent (72%) of California cities now *appoint* rather than *elect* their City Clerks. We join many committed to local government and encourage you to support this critical change. Your **YES vote on Measure R** ensures the essential duties of the City Clerk are performed by a qualified professional.

The Sonora City Council endorses **VOTE YES ON MEASURE R**.

s/ Ann Segerstrom and Colette Such,
City of Sonora Councilmembers

Argument Against Measure R

No argument was filed against Measure R



Local ballot measures: Measure S

S

Appointive City Treasurer

Ballot question

“Shall the office of city treasurer be appointive?”

What your vote means

YES	NO
A “Yes” vote on Measure S will convert the office of the City Treasurer to an appointed office.	A “No” vote on Measure S will leave the City Treasurer as an elected office.

For and Against Measure S

FOR	AGAINST
s/ Ann Segerstrom and Colette Such City of Sonora Councilmembers	No argument was filed against Measure S



Local ballot measures: Measure S

Impartial Analysis

Douglas L. White, City Attorney, City of Sonora

Measure S asks Sonora voters whether the office of City Treasurer for the City of Sonora (“City”) should be an appointed position rather than elected every 4 years. Currently, the City Treasurer is an elected office. If City voters approve Measure S, the Sonora City Council (“Council”) will appoint the City Treasurer on an ongoing basis following the certification of the November 3, 2020 election results. The Council placed Measure S on the ballot primarily to establish minimal qualification requirements for the City Treasurer and save City funds by eliminating the need to hold an election for the City Treasurer every 4 years.

State law requires the City to have a City Treasurer, who may be appointed or elected. The Council can only appoint the City Treasurer if voters approve a measure allowing for Council appointment. A majority of California cities appoint their City Treasurer to ensure that the persons discharging the duties of the office have the professional skills and experience necessary to competently and responsibly execute the duties of the office.

State law vests the responsibilities of receiving, depositing, disbursing and accounting for City funds in the office of the City Treasurer. The City Treasurer must comply with all laws governing the securing and depositing of City funds and adhere to generally accepted accounting principles. As managing City funds have become more complex and specialized, management of City funds have increasingly been handled by professional staff with the required expertise.

As an elected office, the only requirements for the City Treasurer are to be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter of the City and a resident of the City. If the City Treasurer’s performance is unsatisfactory, the Council cannot immediately remove the City Treasurer. Instead, the City Treasurer can only be removed at a general municipal election or a recall.

If Measure S is approved, the Council can establish minimum training and experience requirements to ensure that the City Treasurer can perform the duties of the office. The Council can remove the requirement that the City Treasurer be a resident of the City so that the most qualified candidate can serve as City Treasurer. The Council can also require regular performance reviews of the City Treasurer and can terminate the City Treasurer at any time for unsatisfactory performance.

Measure S will save the City funds by eliminating the need to hold an election for the City Treasurer every 4 years. As an elected office, the City must conduct an election for the office every 4 years and incur the costs of the election, even if there is a lack of candidates. In the previous general municipal election, no one ran for City Treasurer.

A "YES" vote on Measure S will convert the office of the City Treasurer to an appointed office.

A "NO" vote on Measure S will leave the City Treasurer as an elected office.



Local ballot measures: Measure S

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Argument for Measure S

VOTE YES ON MEASURE S TO MAKE THE SONORA CITY TREASURER AN APPOINTED POSITION.

Transitioning to an appointed City Treasurer will save taxpayer money and ensure experienced and qualified individuals are eligible to hold the position.

MEASURE S IS A COST-SAVING MEASURE. The City pays to hold an election for City Treasurer every four years. Due to lack of public interest, candidates for the office have been few to none. These unnecessary elections cost the city thousands of dollars.

CURRENTLY, ANY CITIZEN WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE CITY CAN RUN FOR TREASURER WITHOUT HAVING TECHNICAL SKILLS, PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OR QUALIFICATIONS TO ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE. The City Treasurer plays a limited but important role in overseeing the City's financial operations, and is an essential tool in protecting public investment funds. Municipal finance is a complex field and a City Treasurer should have knowledge, training, and experience with government accounting, financial markets and investment policies to best serve the public.

GIVEN THE HISTORICAL LACK OF INTEREST IN THE POSITION, SONORA RISKS AN UNQUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL BEING AWARDED THE POSITION SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY RUN UNOPPOSED. If the position becomes appointed, the Council and City administration can develop a job description with education, training and experience standards necessary to appoint a qualified City Treasurer.

The City of Sonora has internal controls and checks and balances that provide public oversight and transparency. Independent auditors annually audit the City books, which are then presented to the Council and residents at a public meeting and on the website. The City's financial accountability can be confirmed and maintained by an appointed City Treasurer.

THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL ENDORSES **VOTE YES ON MEASURE S.**

s/ Ann Segerstrom and Colette Such,
City of Sonora Councilmembers

Argument Against Measure S

No argument was filed against Measure S



Local ballot measures: Measure T

T

City Transient Occupancy Tax

Ballot question

“Shall the measure increasing the existing transient occupancy tax (“Hotel Tax”), paid only by hotel/short-term rental guests, by 2%, from 10% to 12%, and expanding the tax to also include those staying in campgrounds and recreational-vehicle parks within the City of Sonora, providing approximately an additional \$80,000 annually toward addressing the impacts of tourism on City services, including law enforcement, emergency response, roads, and other general services, until ended by City Council or City voters, be adopted?”

What your vote means

YES	NO
A "YES" vote on Measure T will increase the hotel tax rate to 12% and expand the hotel tax to apply to guests staying in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks within the City.	A "NO" vote on Measure T will reject the increase and expansion of the hotel tax.

For and Against Measure T

FOR	AGAINST
s/ Ann Segerstrom and Colette Such City of Sonora Councilmembers	No argument was filed against Measure T



Local ballot measures: Measure T

Impartial Analysis

Douglas L. White, City Attorney, City of Sonora

Measure T seeks voter approval to increase the City of Sonora's (the "City") transient occupancy tax rate (commonly referred to as the "hotel tax") by 2% and expands the tax to apply to guests staying in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks within the City.

Currently, the City's hotel tax rate is 10%, and does not apply to those staying in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks within the City. If approved, Measure T will increase the City's hotel tax rate to 12%, and guests staying in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks will be subject to the hotel tax. Measure T will be ongoing until ended by the City Council or City voters. Measure T will not become law unless approved by a simple majority of voters. The hotel tax cannot be increased in the future without voter approval.

State law authorizes the City to charge a hotel tax. The hotel tax currently applies to guests of hotels, motels, and similar short-term lodgings, when guests stay for a period of 30 days or less. Operators of short-term lodgings or their agents collect the hotel tax when guests pay for their rooms and then pay it quarterly to the City.

The City Council placed Measure T on the ballot primarily to address the impacts tourism has on City services, including law enforcement, emergency response, roads and other general services. If approved, the City expects Measure T to generate approximately an additional \$80,000 annually. Measure T proposes an ongoing general tax, which may be used by the City for any lawful general governmental purpose.

Measure T was placed on the ballot by action of the City Council, in accordance with California Constitution Article XIII C, Government Code section 53720 et seq. and Elections Code section 9222.

A "YES" vote on Measure T will increase the hotel tax rate to 12% and expand the hotel tax to apply to guests staying in campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks within the City.

A "NO" vote on Measure T will reject the increase and expansion of the hotel tax.



Local ballot measures: Measure T

Fiscal Impact Statement

Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

This ballot measure, if adopted by City voters, would increase the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rate to a total of 12 percent and extend the tax to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks. The City's TOT is currently levied at a rate of 10 percent, which generated approximately \$502,000 in Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Based on the current TOT revenue estimate at the 10 percent rate, the proposed increase could generate additional revenue in excess of \$80,000 into the City's General Fund. Since this proposition would become effective in the second half of Fiscal Year 20-21, it would generate approximately \$40,000 thousand in additional revenue in Fiscal Year 20-21.



Local ballot measures: Measure T

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Argument for Measure T

YES ON T – INCREASE THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX BY TWO PERCENT (2.0%), RAISING AN ESTIMATED \$80,000 TO HELP SONORA FUND ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES

KEEP CITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATING WITHOUT RAISING TAXES ON CITY RESIDENTS BY VOTING YES ON MEASURE T. The City is experiencing overwhelming budget challenges with COVID 19. Measure T is a low impact revenue source that can mitigate cost cutting measures.

MEASURE T ASKS HOTEL AND VACATION RENTAL (VRBO AND AIRBNB) GUESTS TO PAY \$2 MORE PER \$100 SPENT. THESE GUESTS DRIVE ON CITY STREETS, VISIT CITY PARKS, AND MAKE USE OF CITY SERVICES. This increase will ensure that the City can continue to provide the expected level of service to both residents and visitors.

The City's current transient occupancy tax ("TOT") is 10%. TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PROPOSING TO RAISE THE COUNTY TOT TO 12% IN PARITY WITH CALAVERAS AND MARIPOSA COUNTIES TUOLUMNE COUNTY'S MEASURE TO INCREASE TOT REVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IS ALSO ON THIS BALLOT. MEASURE T WILL ALIGN THE CITY'S TOT PERCENTAGE WITH THE COUNTY'S.

The City's TOT revenue has been disrupted by pandemic travel and gathering restrictions. As family travel begins to increase, MEASURE T WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$80,000/YEAR FOR VITAL CITY SERVICES—police and fire protection, infrastructure maintenance, and public works—services that benefit residents and visitors alike.

MEASURE T IS A TIMELY WAY TO TACKLE OUR CITY'S BUDGET SHORTFALLS. MEASURE T DOES NOT RAISE TAXES ON CITY RESIDENTS. MEASURE T ONLY ENSURES THAT VISITORS PAY FOR THEIR SHARE OF CITY SERVICES.

Measure T can help to maintain public safety and avoid cutting services for City residents. MAINTAIN A QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY IN CHALLENGING TIMES. **VOTE YES ON MEASURE T.**

s/ Ann Segerstrom and Colette Such,
City of Sonora Councilmembers

Argument Against Measure T

No argument was filed against Measure T



Local ballot measures: Measure U

U

County Transient Occupancy Tax

Ballot question

“For the continued funding of general services impacted by tourism, such as fire safety, road maintenance, law enforcement, animal control, libraries and parks, shall the measure increasing the existing Transient Occupancy Tax (“Tourism Tax”) from 10% to 12%, applying only to guests of hotels and other short-term lodging in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County, and expanding its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks, generating an estimated \$1,850,000 annually, be adopted? (Duration: until repealed)”

What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote increases the Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10% to 12% and expands its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks operative on July 1, 2021.	A "No" vote does not increase the Transient Occupancy Tax rate or expand its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks and the County would continue to collect the tax at its current rate.

For and Against Measure U

FOR	AGAINST
s/ The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors s/ Daniel Hawks Tuolumne County Chief Probation Officer s/ CAL FIRE Local 2881, Tuolumne Calaveras Chapter s/ The Friends of the Tuolumne County Library	s/ Matt Bloom Kennedy Meadows Resort s/ Sally Helm Dodge Ridge s/ Frank Helm Dodge Ridge s/ Laurie Cashman Pinecrest Lake Resort s/ Brett Fulkerson Citizen



Local ballot measures: Measure U

Impartial Analysis

Christopher Schmidt, Deputy County Counsel

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors proposes “Measure U” which, if approved, would increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT or “Tourism Tax”) in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County (“County”) from ten percent (10%) to twelve percent (12%) and expand its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks. TOT is a tax charged to guests of hotels, motels, and similar short-term lodgings who stay for a period of 30 days or less. Hotel operators collect the tax when guests pay for their accommodations and then pay it monthly to the County.

TOT is a general tax, meaning the additional revenue generated by the increased TOT would be deposited in the County's general fund and may be used for any unrestricted general governmental purpose. Measure U, if passed, would generate approximately \$1,850,000 of additional revenue annually.

A "Yes" vote increases the Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10% to 12% and expands its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks operative on July 1, 2021.

A "No" vote does not increase the Transient Occupancy Tax rate or expand its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks and the County would continue to collect the tax at its current rate.

The measure requires a simple majority vote for approval.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance No. 3380. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the county elections official's office at (209) 533-5570 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.



Local ballot measures: Measure U

Fiscal Impact Statement

Deborah Bautista, County Auditor-Controller

This ballot measure, if adopted by County voters, would increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County (“County”) from ten percent (10%) to twelve percent (12%) and expand its application to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks in the unincorporated areas of the County, currently collecting no TOT tax. The effective date of the increase shall be July 1, 2021.

County Hotel/Motel revenues are based upon 2018-19 annual receipts of \$4,730,464 with a 4% growth and includes estimated new collections from the campgrounds and RV parks.

Financial increase to Tuolumne County General Fund:

Fiscal year 2021-22:

2% increase current Hotel/Motel TOT	\$ 980,000
Campgrounds and RV Parks TOT (0 to 12%)	\$ 870,000
Total TOT increase	\$1,850,000

This analysis is submitted by the Office of the Auditor-Controller of the County of Tuolumne pursuant to the requirements of Section 9160(c) of the Elections Code of the State of California.



Local ballot measures: Measure U

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Argument for Measure U

A **YES** vote on Measure U means tourists pay their fair share when they use County services. When visitors enjoy the scenic vistas and natural wonders Tuolumne County has to offer, they use local roads, emergency services, parks and other amenities that cost money to maintain. Transient Occupancy Tax (known as TOT or “Tourist Tax”) is a way to make sure everyone who uses our public services helps pay for them.

Most other counties in the state have a Tourist Tax and tourists are accustomed to paying it. The current Tourist Tax in the unincorporated area of Tuolumne County is 10%, which is lower than our neighboring counties. Voting **YES** on Measure U will increase the Tourist Tax to 12%—the same as Mariposa and Calaveras Counties. A **YES** vote on Measure U also allows this Tourist Tax to be collected from those who stay in campgrounds and RV parks for 30 days or less.

All of the revenue raised by Measure U will stay in Tuolumne County for general services like improved roads, fire protection, law enforcement, libraries and parks. Without a Tourist Tax, these costs would be borne mostly by local taxpayers. Tourist Taxes are a common and important source of unrestricted revenue for vacation hot spots like Tuolumne County. And unlike other taxes, none of the Tourist Tax revenues will go to the State.

A **YES** vote on Measure U will help Tuolumne County’s tourism and hospitality industry. Revenues from Measure U will help fund efforts to promote tourism and improve infrastructure, which will make Tuolumne County a more attractive destination.

Please join the undersigned partners in voting **YES** on Measure U and help protect our important county services.

s/ The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors
s/ Daniel Hawks
Tuolumne County Chief Probation Officer
s/ CAL FIRE Local 2881, Tuolumne Calaveras
Chapter
s/ The Friends of the Tuolumne County Library



Local ballot measures: Measure U

Argument Against Measure U

This tax measure was defeated earlier this year in the primary election. The voters and taxpayers of Tuolumne County made it clear they do not need a new tax. Economic conditions have worsened as we are now in the midst of this COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. This is not the time to pass a tax measure. Americans are struggling to make mortgage payments and rents. With high unemployment, business bankruptcies, employees being furloughed and terminated why would we even consider a new tax?

Higher taxes will mean more job losses and more unemployment.

Vote No on Measure U.

s/ Matt Bloom
Kennedy Meadows Resort
s/ Sally Helm
Dodge Ridge
s/ Frank Helm
Dodge Ridge

s/ Laurie Cashman
Pinecrest Lake Resort
s/ Brett Fulkerson
Citizen



Local ballot measures: Measure U

Rebuttal to argument for Measure U

Tuolumne County does not need any new tax or additional taxes. The current tax rate is sufficient. Taking the TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) from the current 10% to the proposed 12% equates to a 20% increase for hotels, motels, B&B's. A 12% tax on campgrounds and RV Parks equates to a 100% increase. The tourism, lodging and recreation businesses are the primary revenue drivers of Tuolumne County. Our visitors already pay their fair share by paying for lodging, campgrounds and RV Parks. They patronize restaurants, gas stations, retail stores and other Tuolumne County businesses.

The county's estimate of what would be collected would not begin to fix roads, provide increased fire protection or additional Sheriff's patrols.

Supervisor Aniah Kirk was the only supervisor who saw the folly of passing a tax measure where the tax money collected would go to the general fund rather than a well-structured tax that would go to a specific use such as fire.

The argument that TOT is only paid by out of county visitors ignores the fact that many Tuolumne County residents frequent our camp grounds and RV parks.

Vote No on Measure U.

s/ Matt Bloom
Kennedy Meadows Resort
s/ Sally Helm
Dodge Ridge
s/ Frank Helm
Dodge Ridge

s/ Laurie Cashman
Pinecrest Lake Resort
s/ Brett Fulkerson
Citizen

Rebuttal to argument against Measure U

No rebuttal to the argument against Measure U was filed.

3 ways to vote

Vote by mail

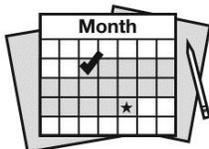


Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **Tuesday, October 27**.

Return it by mail, drop it off at a ballot drop-off location, or deliver it to any vote center. See the “Vote Center and Ballot-Drop Off Locations” page for addresses and times open.

If hand delivered, vote-by-mail ballots must be received at a vote center or ballot drop-off location by Election Day, 8pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, and received within 17 days.

Vote at our office



You may vote a vote-by-mail ballot early, and in person, at our office.

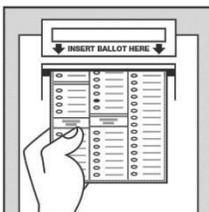
Monday – Friday, starting Monday, October 5, 8am – 5pm.

Saturday and Sundays, starting October 31, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Election Day, November 3, from 7am to 8pm

 Tuolumne County Elections Department
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Vote at a vote center



To find a vote center:

 See the “Vote Center and Ballot-Drop Off Locations” page

 www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

 (209) 533-5570

How to vote a ballot

Use a blue or black pen to mark the bubble to the left of your choice. Do not use pencil. Important! Fill in the bubble completely. Do not make other marks on your ballot.



Candidate: Fill in the bubble to the left of the candidate's name.



Write-in candidate: Fill in the bubble to the left of the line and write the person's name. Important! If a candidate's name is already on the ballot, do not write it in.



Measure: Fill in the bubble to the left of Yes or No.

Use a blue or black pen. Do not use pencil.

If you make a mistake, simply "X" out the incorrect mark, and mark your vote.

Leave this bubble empty unless you want to vote for a qualified write-in candidate.

No extra marks please! No numbers, initials, or drawings..

Please try not to spill food or drink on the ballot.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left of the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than the authorized number of candidates. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the oval next to the "YES" or "NO" and write the candidate's name in the space provided. To vote or any measure, fill in the oval next to the "YES" or "NO". Use a black ink pen. If you wrongly stamp, blot, or smudge this ballot, your ballot may be rejected.

Only voters who are registered to vote in this jurisdiction and who are at least 18 years old on the day of the election are eligible to vote. If you are a qualified write-in candidate, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election. If you are a qualified write-in candidate, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election. If you are a qualified write-in candidate, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

PARTY MEMBERSHIP
 Do not vote for more than one candidate from the same party. If you are a qualified write-in candidate, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election. If you are a qualified write-in candidate, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election. If you are a qualified write-in candidate, you must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

PROVIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
 Vote for One
 ERIC D. BROWN
 GAILLE W. BROWN
 AMBER TITLER
 SANDRA M. MOTTLETT
 SAMANTHA GAMBRE

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
 Vote for One
 STEVE RODGER
 JEFFREY W. WILSON
 BRUCE STOKER
 BOB GARNER
 BOB GARNER
 LINT BANTON

MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY
 STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DISTRICT 4
 Vote for One
 TRAM PRINCE
 CLARK REHT
 BRUCE RAYNE
 BRUCE RAYNE

JUDICIAL
 JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT #2
 Vote for One
 BRUCE RAYNE
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COUNTY SUPERVISOR
 SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1
 Vote for One
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VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT



How to vote by mail

How to get a vote-by-mail ballot

As a registered voter, you were automatically mailed a ballot.

If you would like to apply to have a vote-by-mail ballot re-issued, the last day to have one mailed is **Tuesday, October 27th**.

 (209) 533-5570

 In person: 2 S Green St, Sonora, Ca

How to vote a vote-by-mail ballot



Vote your ballot



Place your ballot in the envelope



Sign the back of the envelope

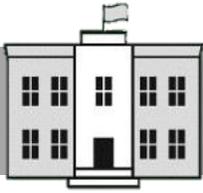
How to return a vote-by-mail ballot

Return your vote-by-mail ballot:

 By mail: 2 S Green St, Sonora, Ca 95370

 By hand at our office, any vote center, or any drop-off location.

If hand delivered, vote-by-mail ballots must be received at our office or any vote center or drop-off location by Election Day **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**, 8pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, and received by November 20, 2020.



How to vote in person at a vote center

How to find a vote center

All vote centers will be open from **Saturday, October 31st to Monday, November 2nd from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**, and on Election Day **Tuesday, November 3rd**, from **7am to 8pm**

To find a vote center:

-  A list of vote centers and hours can be found in this guide
-  www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections
-  (209) 533-5570

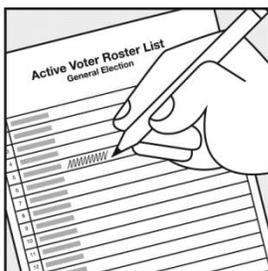
At the vote center

All voters can vote at a vote center.

Anyone is welcome to use the accessible voting device located at every vote center. This will help mark your ballot independently and privately.

There are Spanish-language ballots will be available at every vote center.

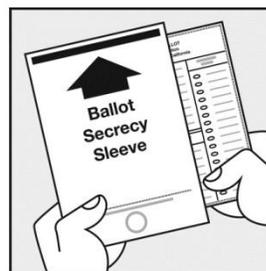
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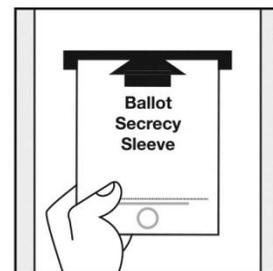
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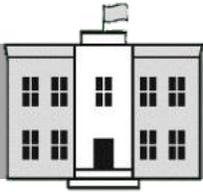
2. Mark your ballot



3. Place ballot in a secrecy sleeve



4. Take ballot to the ballot box



Cómo votar en su lugar de votación

Cómo encontrar su lugar de votación

Todos los centros de votación estarán abiertos desde **el sábado 31 de octubre** hasta **el lunes 2 de noviembre de 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m.** y el día de las elecciones **el martes 3 de noviembre de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.**

Para encontrar un centro de votación:

-  Una lista de centros de votación también se puede encontrar en esta guía
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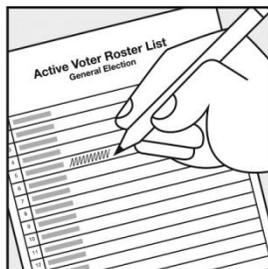
En mi lugar de votación

Todos los votantes pueden votar en un Centro de votación.

Cualquiera puede usar la maquina de votación accesible ubicado en cada lugar de votación. Esto ayudará a marcar su boleta de forma de votar independiente y privada.

Hay boletas en el idioma español disponibles en cada sitio de votación

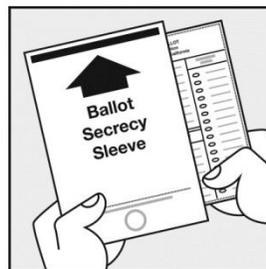
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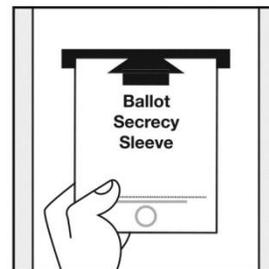
1. Firme la lista oficial



2. Vote su boleta



3. Meter la boleta en un sobre confidencial



4. Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral



What if I am unable to mark my ballot?

If you are unable to mark your ballot you may bring up to two people to the vote center to assist you in voting.

You will sign an oath declaring that you require their assistance.

The people you choose to help you can't be your employer, an agent of your employer or if you belong to a union, it can't be an officer or agent of your union.

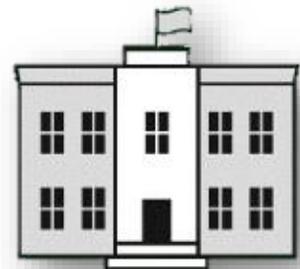


¿Qué ocurre si no puedo marcar mi boleta?

Si no puede marcar su boleta puede llevar hasta dos personas al centro de votación para ayudarlo a votar.

Firmará un juramento declarando que necesita su ayuda.

Las personas que elija para ayudarlo no pueden ser su empleador, un agente de su empleador o si usted pertenece a un sindicato, no puede ser un funcionario ni agente de su sindicato.





Accessibility

We work very hard to make voting accessible for all voters. This may include temporarily modifying a vote center to be accessible for individuals with specific needs, providing materials to support voting, and issuing a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot upon request.

Is the vote center accessible?

If a vote center is not accessible, but you would like to vote at an accessible location, contact our office at (209) 533-5570 for options.

What type of support is available?

Every vote center has:

- A wheelchair accessible voting booth
- Magnifiers
- Pens with easy-hold grips
- An accessible voting device to help mark your ballot independently and privately
- “Curbside voting”: If you are unable to easily enter a vote center, a worker can bring your voting material to you

How do I find a vote center?

-  A list of voter centers is in this booklet
-  www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections
-  (209) 533-5570

Disability Rights of California Hotline

-  1-888-569-7955
-  1-800-719-5798
- California Relay: 711



Avoid problems with your vote-by-mail ballot

Have your vote counted. At times, we are unable to accept a vote-by-mail ballot for easily avoidable legal reasons.

Sign the envelope



There must be a signature on the vote-by-mail ballot envelope for it to be counted. All signatures are compared to the voter's signature on file before accepting.

Sign the correct envelope



If you have more than one voter in the home, you might sign the wrong envelope. Check the name before signing.

Have the person sign before returning your ballot



Any person returning your ballot must complete the declaration on the back of the envelope. They must also say how they are related to you.

Return your ballot by the deadline



If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, **Tuesday, November 3rd**, and received by November 20, 2020. Mail early.



If hand delivered, it must be received at our office, or any vote center or drop-off location by Election Day, **Tuesday, November 3rd**, 8pm.



Conditional voting

What is a conditional ballot?

A “conditional ballot” is used when a person is a new voter in Tuolumne County, or their name cannot be located on the roster.

The ballot will be counted after the Election Department has verified the information.

Common reasons you may be asked to vote a conditional ballot

- You are not registered already
- You’re name cannot be located on the roster

4 Simple steps to vote a conditional or provisional ballot

1. Sign and complete the right portion of the conditional envelope.
2. The worker will issue the ballot to you.
3. After voting, insert the ballot inside the envelope and seal.
4. Return the envelope to the worker.

Provisional Ballot Envelope
Tuolumne County Elections Department

OFFICE USE ONLY

Provisional Status: Current Verified/Corrected Not counted

Provisional Reason: _____

Voter ID: _____

Registered Party Preference (Provisional Primary Only): _____

Processed by: _____

PRECINCT OFFICER ONLY

Printer Number: _____ and Worker Name: _____

Voter not listed on roster

Voter listed on roster at different address

Voter "ID Required", but does not show ID

Voter designated "Vote-by-mail", but does not have ballot to surrender

Representative Member case
Voter declares different party preference than on roster

Party ballot issued: _____

Comments: _____

VOTER MUST COMPLETE
Your ballot may not be counted if this section is not signed and completed

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Tuolumne County, and at least 18 years of age on the day of this election. I am not registered or am pending the completion of being on the general election roster appears on this envelope. I am not currently bound annually to any person or party by a contract. I understand that it is a crime to knowingly provide incorrect information on this form. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and correct. I understand that voting made in the same election constitutes a crime. I have not voted previously in this election or any other pending ones. (C.E.C. 10202.02)

Voter Signs in Box Below

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address (Not a PO Box or Mailbox): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Working Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Provisional Residence Address: _____

State of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

CA Driver License or CA ID: _____ (See Page 4 of Ballot)

My Political Party Preference is: _____

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not in prison or on parole for a felony
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot,** if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 -  On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**
