

Questions About Voting

Where do I go to vote?

Your polling place location is printed on the back cover of your sample ballot pamphlet. Please check the polling place address for each election because locations often change.

You may also call the City Clerk Department at (562) 570-6101, or check the polling place locator on our web site (<http://www.longbeach.gov/cityclerk>).

How can I find who is running for office?

The City Clerk's website has a listing of candidates who file for office. The candidate information is available as soon as the candidate files.

What hours are the polls open on election day?

The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Anybody in line at the close of polls is entitled to vote.

Who determines where polling places will be? How are polling places chosen?

Why was my polling place changed?

Every residence in Long Beach has been assigned a precinct number by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Once the precincts are determined, many are consolidated or grouped together for an election. Polling places are selected based on the following criteria:

- The number of registered voters in each precinct.
- The number of voters a polling place is able to handle.
- Distance the voter must travel to the polling place.
- Availability of the polling place.
- Accessibility of the polling place to voters with disabilities.
- Complaints received about a polling place.
- Comfort of the precinct officers (heat, restrooms, etc.)

The City Clerk Department makes every effort to use the same polling places for each election. As noted above, sometimes it is not possible to keep the same polling place. Therefore, it is important that you **[check the back of your Sample Ballot Pamphlet for your polling place location.](#)**

What is electioneering?

When a person works actively to persuade a voter to vote for or against a candidate or measure. Electioneering cannot take place less than 100 feet from where people are voting and ballots are being cast. Please see California Elections Code § 18370 and 18371 regarding electioneering. The California Elections Code is available at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>.

Am I required to show I.D. at the poll?

If you are at your correct polling place and your name is printed on the roster of voters, you are not required to show I.D. However, if you are not in the correct polling place and wish to vote there, you must vote by provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is a ballot placed in a special envelope and is not counted until it is verified by the election official as to your registration status or to ensure that the voter didn't vote twice. You may be asked for a form of identification when voting provisionally.

Who is eligible to vote?

All voters who are residents of the City and registered through the [Los Angeles County registrar-Recorder/County Clerk](#) or [California Secretary of State](#) are eligible to vote.