

Change of Party Affiliation

To: People who changed their name or who want to change their party affiliation.
Jim Masters, August 3, 2021
Subject: Update your voter registration by August 30 to automatically receive a ballot in the mail.

There is a special election September 14. If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted you must re-register to vote. If you have a signature on file with the CA Department of Motor Vehicles, you can update your registration online at <https://www.usa.gov/change-voter-registration>

If you are unsure of your registration status, you can check your voter status here: [My Voter Status - California Secretary of State](#)

Sign up for ballot tracking and select to receive emails or texts about your ballot as it proceeds through the mail to the ROV: <https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov/>

If you do not have a signature at the DMV or if you want to change your party affiliation, in Sonoma County you must complete a new Voter Registration Card (VRC) and take it or mail (postage paid) it to the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters (ROV). Get a new card mailed to you by calling 916.657.2166, or: [Email Elections Division :: California Secretary of State](#) Yes, use this hotlink with the double semicolon.

The last day on which the ROV will guarantee processing Voter Registration Cards in time for the special election is August 30. If not registered by August 30, on election day you can vote in person – provisionally -- subject to review by the ROV of your eligibility to vote. <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg>

State legislation passed in February, 2021 requires counties to mail ballots to every **active** registered voter for all elections conducted in 2021. **Inactive** voters are registered and are eligible to vote, but they do not receive election related mail from the ROV, including voter information guides and ballots in the mail. Voters may be inactivated due to the ROV receiving mail returned from the voter's address that is undeliverable, or the ROV is notified by a governmental agency that the voter has moved. Inactive voters can restore their voter status to active by voting in an election, or by verifying and updating their voter registration status at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration>

So, if you are an **active** registered voter by August 30 -- you will receive a ballot in the mail.