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**FACTS FOR NEW
CITIZENS ABOUT
REGISTRATION
& VOTING
1976**

Once you have been sworn in as a *new citizen of the United States*, you may appear before a Deputy Registrar and *register to vote*.

In addition to being a *citizen*, a prospective voter must be at least *18 years of age* and a *resident of the state, county and precinct for 30 days*.

*BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976, THIS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT WILL BE REDUCED TO 29 DAYS.

THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR WILL ALSO ASK:

1. Your *name, address, occupation, height, birth date and place of birth*.
2. With what *political party* do you wish to *affiliate*?

At the present time there are 4 qualified political parties in California. They are: *American-Independent, Democratic, Peace and Freedom and Republican*. New parties become qualified by having a sufficient number of voters register in that party. In registering you may affiliate with any qualified or unqualified party.

Except for special elections to fill partisan vacancies the *California Primary* is a *NOMINATING* election. Each qualified party nominates its own candidates. You must be affiliated with a qualified party to vote for nominees of that party. There is no crossover voting in regular primary elections. Democrats vote for Democratic candidates, Republicans vote for Republican candidates, and so forth.

If you decline to state affiliation or have affiliated with other than one of the qualified parties, you will receive a nonpartisan ballot at a *primary election*. A nonpartisan ballot entitles you to vote only for nonpartisan offices (such as judge, sheriff, board of supervisors, etc.) and for all measures on the ballot. You do not vote for partisan candidates for president, governor, congress, senate or assembly.

In a *GENERAL ELECTION* you may vote for any party's candidate.

3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

The social security number is used to help identify voters who have similar names and to prevent errors in filing or cancellation of voters. This information *may be omitted* at the voters option.

4. RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER

This *may be omitted* at the voter's option.

5. You will be asked to *sign* the *affidavit* and to take an oath that the information given is true. The signature is the means of identifying you on election day at your precinct polling place.

WHERE TO REGISTER

You may register by appearing before a deputy registrar located in:

- ... Most county buildings
- ... City Halls 77 cities
- ... Los Angeles County Fire Stations 121 stations
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- ... Department of Motor Vehicles 23 offices
- ... Los Angeles County Public Libraries 95 branches
- ... Registrar-Recorder's Main Office
- ... Registrar-Recorder's Branch Offices
- ... Various public places throughout the county.

Spanish speaking and other bilingual deputies are available.

To obtain the name and address of a Registrar near you, or for general voter information, write, visit, or telephone:

Registrar-Recorder Main Office
808 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012 (213) 974-6711

San Fernando Valley Branch Office
8155 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 326
Panorama City, California 91402 (213) 787-1850, ext. 291

East Los Angeles Branch Office
133 North Sunol Drive, Suite 218
Los Angeles, California 90063 (213) 267-2821

Willowbrook Area Branch Office
12915 Jarvis Avenue, Suite 122
Los Angeles, California 90061 (213) 532-3020

BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER BY MAIL. IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO APPEAR BEFORE A DEPUTY REGISTRAR. "POSTCARD" REGISTRATION FORMS, WITH POSTAGE PRE-PAID, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS, OR WILL BE MAILED TO YOU ON REQUEST. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION CARD, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER WILL SEND YOU A VOTER NOTIFICATION CARD AS PROOF OF YOUR REGISTRATION.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

SAMPLE BALLOTS ARE MAILED TO EACH REGISTERED VOTER BEFORE EACH ELECTION. IT WILL INCLUDE THE ADDRESS OF YOUR PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. SAMPLE BALLOTS ARE NOT FORWARDED.

ALL ELECTION RELATED MATERIALS AND INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION FORMS, SAMPLE BALLOTS, BALLOTS, AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS WILL BE PRINTED IN SPANISH AS WELL AS ENGLISH, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT AMENDMENTS ENACTED IN 1975.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

If you expect to be unable to vote in person on election day, you may apply for an absent voter ballot. Applications are available from the Registrar and are printed on the reverse side of the insert sent with your sample ballot. Or you may apply in person, or by writing a letter to:

Registrar-Recorder
808 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Give the reason for your request, your home address, and the address to which the absent voter ballot is to be sent. Be sure you sign your letter the same way you signed when you registered.

Requests for absent voter ballots must be made for each election. An individual signature is necessary for each person who requests an absent voter ballot.

Your request must be received by the Registrar's Office no later than 7 days before the election. The voted ballot must be *received* by the Registrar by the time the polls close on election day.

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