

## Common questions

- **What if I'm not on the list?**
  - Ask the precinct worker to double check. If you are confident that you are at the correct polling place but are informed that you are not on the registration list, you may vote using a provisional ballot.
  - Provisional ballots are used to record a vote when there are questions about a given voter's eligibility.
  - When you cast a provisional ballot, you will be asked to sign an affirmation of eligibility before being allowed to cast your vote. You will be sent a notice within 10 days (longer if it falls within a weekend) indicating whether your ballot was counted or not. If it was not, you will be told why.
- **What if I go to the wrong polling place?**
  - Ask a precinct worker to help you find the polling place where you are registered so you can go to the right polling place. You can also call your county clerk or look up your polling place at [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).
- **What if I make a mistake on the ballot?**
  - It happens. You can request a new ballot from the precinct worker.
- **How do I register by mail?**
  - You can also register to vote by mail using the South Dakota voter registration form.
  - Be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill it out completely.
  - Send the completed form to your local election official.
  - To register by mail and vote in the 2020 election, the form must be received by Oct. 19.

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If you believe your rights have been violated or for more information on your rights as a voter, contact us at [aclusd.org](https://aclusd.org) or email [southdakota@aclu.org](mailto:southdakota@aclu.org).

## Quick tips

- Check your voter registration at least 30 days before the election.
- Locate your polling place and note the hours of operation.
- Consider voting early or absentee if possible. If you plan to vote at the polls, go early in the day to avoid a last-minute rush.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Take your time.

## More information

- **South Dakota Secretary of State**  
[sdsos.gov/elections](https://sdsos.gov/elections) or 605-773-3537
- **Your County Auditor's Office**  
[aclusd.org/auditor](https://aclusd.org/auditor)
- **Election Protection**  
866-687-8683
- **U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Voting Section**  
800-253-3931

## Get involved

- **Become a precinct worker:** Precinct workers are key players in running polling places on Election Day. This paid position is recruited by your County Auditor.
- Find out more by visiting [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

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# SOUTH DAKOTA VOTERS

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## GENERAL VOTING INFORMATION

- **To register to vote in South Dakota, you must:**
  - Be a United States citizen. (South Dakota Constitution, Article VII, Section 2)
  - Reside in South Dakota.
  - Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election.
  - Not currently be serving a sentence for a felony conviction which includes imprisonment, served or suspended, in an adult penitentiary system.
  - Not be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- **Voting while attending college:** Students can register using either your school address or your home address, whichever you consider your primary residence.
- **Voting with a criminal record:** You must re-register to vote after serving your sentence.
  - **You can vote if:**
    - You have been sentenced only to pay a fine, fee, or restitution.
    - You have been charged with a crime but not convicted.
    - You have received a suspended imposition of a sentence or have been sentenced to only pay a fine, fee, or restitution.
  - **You cannot vote if:**
    - You were convicted of a felony and are currently serving a sentence of imprisonment, including parole and probation.
    - Find more information at [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).
- **Voting if you're experiencing homelessness:** You don't need a home to vote, but you do have to identify a place of residence (which can be any place where you usually stay). You must also provide a mailing address, such as a shelter or advocacy organization.
- **Voting and ADA requirements:** Call your county auditor right away and ask for accommodation or reassignment to an accessible polling place. All polling places are required to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
  - If you feel you cannot vote on the day of election, fill out an absentee ballot application and mail it to your county election official as soon as possible.
  - If you need help at the voting booth because of a physical disability or because you have difficulty reading or writing in English, tell a poll worker when you get to the polling place. If you need instructions on how to use the voting equipment, ask a poll worker for help. They are required to help you anytime, even if you ask after entering the voting booth.

- **Moving and changing addresses:**
  - If you moved before Oct. 19, 2020 and didn't update your voter registration to reflect your new address before that date, you will be unable to vote in the Nov. 3, 2020 election unless you moved within the same county or voting precinct.

## Registering to vote

- You must be registered to vote 15 days prior to an election. The 2020 deadline is Oct. 19.
- If you miss the Oct. 19 deadline, you will be unable to vote in this year's election. However, you can register for future elections.
- Confirm or update your voter registration by visiting [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).
- **Where to register:**
  - County Auditor's office
  - Driver's license offices
  - Municipal finance office
  - Public assistance agencies providing Medicaid, food stamps, TANF, or WIC
  - Department of Human Services offices that serve the disabled
  - Military recruitment offices
  - Secretary of State's Office

## Absentee voting

- **Voting before Election Day:** Any registered voter can vote before Election Day by casting an absentee ballot. Absentee voting begins Sept. 18, 2020.
- **Finding absentee ballots:** You may request an absentee ballot from your county election official who will send a paper ballot to you. Complete the ballot as soon as possible, and return it no later than 5 p.m. the day before the election.
- **To ensure your vote is counted:**
  - Place your ballot in the return envelope and seal it securely.
  - Complete the statement on the back of the return envelope and SIGN IT.
  - Mail the ballot (voter must pay for postage to mail the ballot unless the voter is covered under the UOCAVA act), deliver it in person, or have someone deliver it for you to the person in charge of the election.

- Do not return your absentee ballot to your polling place.
- The ballot must be received by the person in charge of the election in time to transmit it to your precinct polling place before the polls close on Election Day.
- Additional information on absentee voting is available at [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

## Voting on Election Day

- **Election Day 2020:** Nov. 3, 2020, with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.
- **If you are running late:** You have the right to vote if you're in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.
- **Getting time off:** If your work schedule would make it practically impossible for you to vote in-person while the polls are open, your employer is required to give you time off to vote without penalty or deduction in your wages. You should ask your employer for time off before Election Day. Your employer has the right to specify which hours you get to take.
- **Polling location:** On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place. Find your polling place at [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

## Voter ID laws

- **Identification:** All voters who appear at polling places must show proof of identification.
- **Acceptable forms of ID include:**
  - South Dakota driver's license or photo ID
  - U.S. Armed Forces ID
  - U.S. government photo ID
  - Current student photo ID
  - Tribal photo ID
  - Voting without identification: If you are voting without ID, you can sign a personal identification affidavit and you will be allowed to vote using a regular ballot.

**VOTE LIKE YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT.**

## Preguntas Comunes

- **¿Qué pasa si no estoy en la lista?**
  - Pídale al trabajador del distrito que verifique dos veces. Si está seguro de que se encuentra en el lugar de votación correcto pero se le informa que no está en la lista de registro, puede votar con una boleta provisional.
    - Las tarjetas provisionales se utilizan para registrar un voto cuando hay preguntas sobre la elegibilidad de un votante determinado.
  - Cuando emita una boleta provisional, se le pedirá que firme una afirmación de elegibilidad antes de poder emitir su voto. Se le enviará un aviso dentro de los 10 días (más si cae en fin de semana) indicando si su boleta fue contada o no. Si no fue así, se le dirá por qué.
- **¿Qué pasa si voy al lugar equivocado?**
  - Pídale a un trabajador del distrito que lo ayude a encontrar el lugar de votación donde está registrado para que pueda ir al lugar de votación correcto. También puede llamar al secretario de su condado o buscar su lugar de votación en [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).
- **¿Qué pasa si cometo un error en la boleta?**
  - Sucede. Puede solicitar una nueva boleta al trabajador del distrito.
- **¿Cómo me registro por correo?**
  - También puede registrarse para votar por correo utilizando el formulario de registro de votantes de Dakota del Sur.
  - Asegúrese de leer las instrucciones detenidamente y completarlas por completo.
  - Envíe el formulario completo a su funcionario electoral local.
  - Para registrarse por correo y votar en las elecciones de 2020, el formulario debe recibirse antes del 19 de Octubre.

## Consejos Rápidos

- Verifique su registro de votante al menos 30 días antes de las elecciones.
- Ubique su lugar de votación y anote el horario de atención.
- Considere votar temprano o en ausencia si es posible.
- Si planea votar en las urnas, vaya temprano en el día para evitar las prisas de última hora.
- Lea todas las instrucciones detenidamente.
- Pida ayuda si necesita.
- Tome su tiempo.

## Más Información

- **Secretaría de Estado de Dakota del Sur**  
[sdsos.gov/elections](https://sdsos.gov/elections) o 605-773-3537
- **Protección Electoral**, 866-687-8683
- **División de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Justicia de EE.UU., Sección de Votación** 800-253-3931

## Get involved

- **Conviértase en un trabajador de precinto:**  
Los trabajadores de recintos son actores clave en la gestión de los lugares de votación el día de las elecciones. Esta posición remunerada es contratada por el auditor de su condado.
- Obtenga más información visitando [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

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Si cree que sus derechos han sido violados o para obtener más información sobre sus derechos como votante contáctenos vía [aclusd.org](https://aclusd.org) o envíe un correo electrónico a [southdakota@aclu.org](mailto:southdakota@aclu.org).

# VOTANTES DE DAKOTA DEL SUR

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## INFORMACIÓN GENERAL DE VOTACIÓN

- **Para registrarse para votar en Dakota del Sur, debe:**

- Ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
- Vivir en Dakota del Sur.
- Tener al menos 18 años en las próximas elecciones o antes.
- No estar actualmente cumpliendo una sentencia por un delito grave que incluye encarcelamiento, cumplido o suspendido, en un sistema penitenciario para adultos.
- No ser declarado mentalmente incompetente por un tribunal de justicia.

- **Votar mientras asisten a la universidad:** Los estudiantes pueden registrarse usando la dirección de escuela o la dirección de su casa, cualquiera que usted considere su residencia principal.

- **Votar con antecedentes penales:** Debe volver a registrarse para votar después de cumplir su condena.

- **Puede votar si:**

- Ha recibido una imposición suspendida de una sentencia o ha sido sentenciado a pagar una multa, tarifa, o restitución.
- Ha sido acusado de un delito pero no ha sido condenado.
- Ha recibido una imposición suspendida de una sentencia o ha sido sentenciado a pagar solo una multa, o restitución.

- **No puede votar si:**

- Fue condenado por un delito grave y actualmente está cumpliendo una sentencia de prisión, incluyendo libertad condicional y probatoria.
- Encuentre más información en [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

- **Votar si se encuentra en estado de indigencia:** No necesita una casa para votar, pero debe identificar un lugar de residencia (que puede ser cualquier lugar donde se hospede usualmente. También debe proporcionar una dirección postal, como un refugio u organización de defensa.

- **Requisitos de votación y ADA:** Llame al auditor de su condado de inmediato y solicite adaptaciones o resignación a un lugar de votación accesible. Todos los lugares de votación deben de cumplir con la ley de Estadounidenses con discapacidades.

- Sí cree que no puede votar el día de la elección, complete una solicitud de boleta de voto ausente y envíela por correo al funcionario electoral de su condado lo antes posible.
- Si necesita ayuda en la cabina de votación debido a una discapacidad física o porque tiene dificultades para leer o escribir en inglés,

dígaselo a un trabajador cuando llegue al lugar de votación. Si necesita instrucciones sobre cómo usar el equipo de votación, pida ayuda a un trabajador electoral. Deben ayudarlo en cualquier momento, incluso si lo solicita después de entrar a la cabina de votación.

- **Mudanza y cambio de direcciones:**

- Si se mudó antes del 19 de Octubre y no actualizar su registro de votante para reflejar su nueva dirección antes de esta fecha, no podrá votar en la elección de Noviembre 3, del 2020 al menos que se haya mudado dentro del mismo condado o del mismo recinto de votación.

## Registrarse para votar

- Debe estar registrado 15 días antes de una elección. La fecha límite de 2020 es el 19 de Octubre.
- Si no cumple con la fecha límite del 19 de Octubre, no podrá votar en las elecciones de este año; sin embargo, puede registrarse para futuras elecciones.
- Confirme o actualice su registro de votante visitando [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).
- **Dónde Registrarse:**
  - Oficina del auditor del condado
  - Oficinas de licencias de conducir
  - Oficinas de finanzas municipales
  - Oficinas de asistencia pública que brindan Medicaid, cupones de alimentos, TANF, o WIC.
  - Oficinas del Departamento de Servicios Humanos que sirven a los discapacitados.
  - Oficina de reclutamiento militar
  - Oficina del Secretario de Estado

## Votación Temprana

- **Votaciones antes del día de las elecciones:** Cualquier votante registrado puede votar antes del día de las elecciones emitiendo una boleta de voto en ausencia. La votación en ausencia comienza el 18 de Septiembre de 2020.
- **Encontrar boletas de voto ausente:** Puede solicitar una boleta de voto ausente al funcionario electoral de su condado, quien le enviará una boleta de papel. Complete la boleta lo antes posible y regrese a más tardar a las 5 PM el día antes de las elecciones.
- **Para asegurarse de que su voto sea contado:**
  - Coloque su boleta en el sobre de devolución y séllela bien.
  - Complete la declaración en el reverso del sobre de devolución y firme.
  - Envíe la boleta, (el votante debe pagar el franqueo para enviar la boleta a menos que esté

cubierta por la legislación UOCAVA), entre-garla en persona o pídale a alguien que se la entregue a la persona a cargo de la elección.

- No devuelva su boleta de voto ausente a su lugar de votación.
- Su boleta debe de ser recibida por la persona encargada de la elección a tiempo de transmitir al recinto electoral antes del cierre de las urnas el día de la elección.
- Información adicional sobre el voto en ausencia está disponible en [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

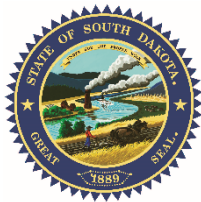
## Votación el día de las elecciones

- **Día de las elecciones 2020:** 3 de Noviembre del 2020. Apertura de urnas a las 7 a.m. y cerrando a las 7 p.m.
- **Si estás tarde:** Tiene derecho a votar si está en la fila o dentro de su lugar de votación cuando cierran las urnas.
- **Conseguir Tiempo Libre:** Si su horario de trabajo le haría prácticamente imposible votar en persona mientras las urnas están abiertas, su empleador debe darle tiempo libre para votar sin penalización ni deducción en su salario. Debe pedirle tiempo libre a su empleador antes del día de las elecciones. Su empleador tiene derecho a especificar qué horas puede tomar.
- **Lugar de votación:** El día de las elecciones debe votar en el lugar de votación asignado. Encuentre su lugar asignado en [sdsos.gov](https://sdsos.gov).

## Leyes de la Identificación de Votantes

- **Identificación:** Todos los votantes que se presenten en las urnas deben de presentar una identificación.
- **Identificaciones Aceptadas incluyen:**
  - Licencia o Identificación de Dakota del Sur
  - Identificación de las Fuerzas Armadas de EE.UU.
  - Identificación de estudiante actual
  - Identificación Tribal
- **Votar sin Identificación:** Si vota sin una identificación puede firmar una declaración jurada y se le permitirá votar usando una boleta regular.

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# South Dakota Voter Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_ County

Use this form to: Register to vote or report a name, address, or party change.

**Please print. Complete the entire form. Return this form to your county auditor.**

**The deadline for voter registration is 15 days before any election. Your form must be received by the county auditor by this deadline if you are to vote in the next election.** Within 15 days you will receive a notice of your registration. If you do not, contact your county auditor. Any private person or entity registering voters is required to provide you with their contact information. For more information, visit [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov).

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be 18 years of age on or before the next election?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you checked 'No' in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

1	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)/Initial	Suffix	
2	Residence Address	Apt. or Lot #	City	State	Zip Code
3	Mailing Address (if different)		City	State	Zip Code
3a	If Residence Address is a PO Box, rural box, or general delivery, you must give the location of your residence:				
4	Date of Birth (Required): Month / Day / Year	5	Telephone Number	6	South Dakota Driver License Number (Required)
7	Choice of Party – See information in the box below:	8	Email Address	If you do not have a current SD Driver License, provide the last 4 digits of Social Security Number	

**Choice of Party Information:** If you are currently registered to vote and you leave the choice of party field blank, you will remain registered with your current party affiliation. If you are not currently registered to vote and you leave the choice of party field blank, you will be entered as an independent/no party affiliation voter, which is not a political party in South Dakota.

**Previous Voter Registration Information Required Below. Use this section to cancel your previous voter registration:**

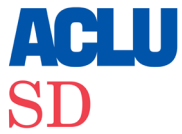
9	Previous Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	Suffix	
10	Previous Address		City	State	Zip Code
11	Previous Driver License Number and State	Previous County	Date of Birth (Required)		

Would you like to be a precinct election worker on election day?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12	<p>I declare, under penalty of perjury (2 years imprisonment and \$4,000 fine), that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*I am a citizen of the United States of America;</li><li>*I actually live at and have no present intention of leaving the above address;</li><li>*I will be 18 on or before the next election;</li><li>*I have not been judged mentally incompetent;</li><li>*I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction; and</li><li>*I authorize cancellation of my previous registration, if applicable.</li></ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature Required</p> <p>Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Month / Day / Year</p>
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# FILLING OUT YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Registered voters have been mailed an application to receive absentee ballots for South Dakota's 2020 Elections. If you have not yet received an application or if you have yours in hand and need a little guidance, please follow these instructions.

**An absentee ballot application request form can be found at [aclusd.org/absentee-request](https://aclusd.org/absentee-request).**

## **What to do if you need a mail-in absentee ballot application:**

- Confirm your voter registration status with the South Dakota Secretary of State or go to [aclusd.org/voter-status](https://aclusd.org/voter-status) and follow the instructions.
  - If you prefer emailing directly with someone to confirm, you can check by emailing [elections@state.sd.us](mailto:elections@state.sd.us).
  - If you'd like to call someone to talk through this process, dial 605-773-3537 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CT.
- Once your voter registration status is confirmed, proceed with filling out your application.
- Print out the absentee ballot application. You can find a copy at [aclusd.org/absentee-request](https://aclusd.org/absentee-request).
  - If you don't have access to a printer, you may email [elections@state.sd.us](mailto:elections@state.sd.us) or call 605-773-3537 to request a form be mailed to you.
- Fill out your application entirely and honestly.
  - If you are unable to get your form notarized or print off a copy of your approved I.D., you may email a photocopy of your I.D. to your county auditor.
    - Find your auditor at [aclusd.org/auditor](https://aclusd.org/auditor).

## **While filling out your application:**

- Where you see "Select the elections you are requesting an absentee ballot for" check "All" in order to receive ballots for every upcoming election you are able to vote in.

- Once you're done filling out your absentee ballot request form, have someone look it over if you're able.
- Be sure that every required field is filled in before signing the form at the bottom and sealing it in your envelope to be mailed in. If you don't want to lick your envelope, consider taping it shut or dampening a cloth and running it along the tab where the seal is.
- If you have an immunodeficiency disorder which hinders you from leaving your home, you may fill out the bottom section of your absentee ballot application titled "Authorized messenger request due to sickness or disability only" to establish your authorized messenger.
- After you send off your form, check your status at [aclusd.org/request-status](https://aclusd.org/request-status).

## **Once you have your ballot in hand:**

- Fill it out!
  - Grab your pen and get to voting absentee like your rights depend on it.
  - Take your time, if you make a mistake you can request a new ballot.
- Mail it back once you are done within 24 hours.
- Each ballot needs postage to be mailed back. The South Dakota Secretary of State has estimated that it will require approximately three stamps.

## **After you mail your ballot back:**

- Check your status at [aclusd.org/ballot-status](https://aclusd.org/ballot-status).
- Follow up if you don't see an update after a week.

**PLEASE CONTACT US AT [SOUTHDAKOTA@ACLU.ORG](mailto:SOUTHDAKOTA@ACLU.ORG) IF YOU ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS PROCESS.**



# South Dakota Absentee Ballot Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_ County

Please print and return to your county auditor. A new application must be completed each calendar year.

You may apply for an absentee ballot before 5:00 p.m. the day before the election for any or all general, primary, municipal, school, or any other elections conducted in this calendar year with one request. Additional information on absentee voting is available at [sdsos.gov](http://sdsos.gov).

1	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)/Initial	Suffix
2	Voter Registration Address		Apt. or Lot #	City, State
				Zip Code
3	Absentee ballot mailing address (if different from Section #2)		City, State	Zip Code

**SELECT THE ELECTION(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR:** If your address changes after this is submitted, you must submit a new form

4	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Any Other If you are registered as an independent/no party affiliation and are requesting a Primary Election ballot, you may have a choice of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Political <b>(You can only mark one selection.)</b>
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5	Daytime telephone number	If request is for a municipal or school election: I have lived in that jurisdiction at least 30 days in the last year. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO I am a full-time student who resided in that jurisdiction prior to leaving. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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**MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ONLY:**

6	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - I am an eligible spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States <b>If you checked no for all questions, proceed to section #7.</b> If you would like your ballot sent electronically (for Primary and General Elections ONLY) instead of first class mail, provide your e-mail address: <b>E-mail address (MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ONLY):</b> <b>*An overseas military, overseas citizen, or stateside military, a spouse or dependent of the same, voter is not required to submit a photocopy of the voter's ID.</b> <b>*Any military and overseas voter may submit a signed application for absentee ballot by fax or e-mail.</b>
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7	An acceptable ID is: A South Dakota driver's license or non-driver ID card, a passport or other picture ID issued by the United States government, a tribal photo ID, or a current student photo ID issued by a South Dakota high school or postsecondary education institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of photo identification is attached <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby verify that I am the person named above and these statements made by me on this application are true and correct. Sworn to me before this _____ day of _____, 20____. (Seal) Notary Signature _____ My commission expires _____		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Voter's Signature (required)</p> <p>Voter's Date of Signing (required): ____/____/____ Month / Day / Year</p>
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**AUTHORIZED MESSENGER REQUEST DUE TO SICKNESS OR DISABILITY ONLY: The deadline to request is 3:00 p.m. on Election Day**

As a registered voter, I authorize...			
Last Name		First Name	Daytime telephone
Address		Apt. or Lot #	City, State
			Zip Code
8	...to serve as my authorized messenger to pick up my absentee ballot. I further certify under penalty of law that I am confined because of sickness or disability and for this reason alone am unable to vote at my polling place on Election Day. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Voter's Signature</p>		As the authorized messenger, I acknowledge receipt of the ballot for the above named voter on...Date: _____Time: _____ Are you serving as an authorized messenger for any other voter? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Authorized Messenger's Signature</p>

# BEFORE VOTING TAKE THESE STEPS INTO CONSIDERATION

*By educating your ballot, you can secure your ability to make an informed vote and address issues facing your community.*



## RESEARCH YOUR CANDIDATES

Before you choose your candidates, it is important to do your research! It's crucial to know their voting history, campaign values, and even previous campaign commitments to hold them accountable if elected.

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## WRITE YOUR CANDIDATES

Letters and emails sent directly to your candidates can be extremely effective. Keep in mind that your message should be short and to the point, personal, and action oriented. **Find more tips at [aclusd.org](https://aclusd.org).**



## CALL YOUR CANDIDATES

Sometimes it's necessary to call your candidates on the phone to iron out an issue you may have, or to address questions you need answers to. When calling, keep in mind that like with writing, your conversations should be tactful, personal, and action oriented. **Find more tips at [aclusd.org](https://aclusd.org).**



## MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Meeting your candidates in person or over video call can be an effective way to build a relationship so they can understand what matters to their constituents. When setting up your meeting, it is important to set a firm date and time, be prepared to discuss difficult topics, and do your research ahead of time. It's most helpful to determine prior to the meeting what you hope to get out of the interaction. Whether that be an official position on an issue you care about, or an answer to a statement they made publicly. Whatever it is, remember to map it out and plan out your follow up.

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