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Placer County Elections Office shares important details about voting in upcoming primary election

AUBURN, Calif. -- The Placer County Elections Office would like to remind voters that the voting period for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election has officially started!

Per California law, vote-by-mail ballots for all active, eligible voters in Placer County were delivered to the post office by Feb. 5. Official ballot drop boxes opened for voter use Feb. 6 (visit <https://www.placercountyelections.gov/drop-box-locations/> for a list of locations and hours of operation). Additionally, early in-person voting is now available daily, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Elections Office at 3715 Atherton Road in Rocklin. Voters who wish to vote by mail but who have not received their vote-by-mail ballot by Feb. 12 are encouraged to contact the Elections Office.

For new Placer County residents or those who have not yet registered to vote, the last day to register and receive a ballot and a Placer County Voter Information Guide for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election by mail is Feb. 20. Registration forms may be picked up at the Elections Office or any Department of Motor Vehicles office, post office or library in Placer County. Voter registration may also be accessed online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>.

Voters who return completed registration forms by mail, in person to the Elections Office, or through any Placer County drop box by midnight Feb. 20 can still receive their voting materials by mail. However, California voters who have missed this deadline may still access Conditional Voter Registration (CVR). Under this law, eligible voters who missed the 15-day registration deadline can come to the Elections Office or any vote center in Placer County on or before Election Day to conditionally register to vote and cast a ballot. The voter's election eligibility will be thoroughly assessed before the CVR ballot is counted.

The Elections Office would like to remind voters that if they have recently interacted with the DMV, their voter registration information may have been inadvertently changed. It is important they confirm their voter status, political party preference, address, and all other pertinent information to make sure they are still registered correctly. Voters can check their registration information at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>.

The Elections Office is located at 3715 Atherton Road in Rocklin. Standard office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Election Day (March 5) hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Elections Office will also be open the two weekends prior to the March 5,

2024 Presidential Primary Election (Feb. 24 and 25, March 2 and 3) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as President Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12) and Presidents Day (Feb. 19) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Voters are encouraged to visit the Elections Office in person or call 530-886-5650 (toll-free 1-800-824-8683) with any questions regarding the upcoming election. Elections staff will be available to answer questions, assist voter registrations, and issue replacement vote-by-mail ballots over the counter.

The Elections Office has recently adopted the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) election model, which means more in-person voting opportunities for Placer County voters. They can find more information about the adoption of VCA, as well as vote center and drop box locations, election results, and whether they are registered to vote on Placer's elections website at <https://www.placercountyelections.gov/>.

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