How to vote in California

A law that took effect in 2023 may change how you vote in the 2024 elections: State referendums will be worded differently on your ballot. Instead of choosing between "Yes" and "No," voters can choose between "Keep the law" and "Overturn the law." A short summary of each measure also will be included

Voter Registration

Online: Use the secretary of state's <u>online portal</u> to register or check your registration status. Include your California driver's license or state identification card number, your date of birth and the last four digits of your Social Security number when registering. The deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 20.

By mail and in person: Registration forms are available at county elections offices, Department of Motor Vehicles field offices, some public libraries, some U.S. post offices and other government offices. You also can call 800-345-8683 or your county elections office to request a mailed form. Completed forms must be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Your party preference may matter in the presidential primary race and some others. In these races, political parties can hold either a closed primary (allowing only voters affiliated with a party to vote) or a "modified-closed" primary (which also allows voters with no party preference to participate). If you want to change your political party preference, you must reregister to vote. Your party preference doesn't matter in U.S. congressional and state legislative races.

Ways to vote

County elections officials will send all registered voters <u>a vote-by-mail ballot</u> starting Monday, Feb 5. **Online:** Download, print and complete a <u>vote-by-mail application</u>. Then mail or hand-deliver it to your county elections office.

By phone and in person: Call or visit your <u>county</u> <u>elections office</u> to request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot.

Your county elections office must receive your completed ballot application — either by mail or in person — by Tuesday, Feb. 27

Voting in person before Election Day: You can <u>vote early and in person</u> at your county elections office starting Monday, Feb. 5. Some counties may offer additional early voting sites.

Important Telephone Numbers

Office Hours Monday-Sunday 8:30am-5:00pm

Office 916-929-3966 Fax 916-929-3627
Tonya/Activities Office 916-929-6003
Van/Transportation Cell 916-468-3091
After Hours Cell 916-432-9236
Dining Room 916-921-5998
Police Non-Emergency 916-808-5471

Adult Protective Services 916-874-9377

Emergency & Fire 911

Comcast Cable 1-800-266-2278

AT&T 1-800-310-2355

Paratransit 916-429-2744

Yellow Cab 916-444-2222

Beauty Salon Jane Ma 916-223-9658

Wednesday-Friday

Clean Touch Dry Cleaning 916-366-6666

Pick-up & drop-off Monday & Thursday

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Voting on Election Day: Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find your polling place at the state elections website.

Voter ID requirements on Election Day

You will not need to provide identification, unless you didn't provide your California driver's license or state ID and/or the last four digits of your Social Security number when you registered online. If that's the case, you may need to show an approved form of ID, such as your California driver's license or U.S. passport.

Voting with a disability

Registered voters with disabilities can request to vote from home using their own technology and a remote accessible vote-by-mail system, which together can help voters read and mark their ballot. More information is available at the state elections website.

The state also offers curbside voting at some polling places or vote centers, and polling places are equipped with accessible voting machines.

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Pucker Up

Valentine's Day always falls on February 14, and many may be happy to see it pass. But in the south of France, people still plant kisses until the Saturday after Valentine's Day.



The residents of Roquemaure call it the Festival of the Kiss, and kiss they do. They smooch from sunup to sundown in honor of their favorite saint, Saint Valentine. Valentine became the patron saint of love when, according to legend, on February 14 around the year 270, he was caught performing illegal marriage ceremonies for Roman soldiers and was martyred by Roman emperor Claudius II Gothicus.

In 1868, the supposed remains of Saint Valentine were purchased in Rome and transferred to Roquemaure. The French village was renowned for its winemaking, but in 1868, its vines were diseased. Villagers and winemakers believed that the arrival of Saint Valentine's remains would cure their ailing vines. Miraculously, within four years, the vineyards had recovered.

And so, during the Festival of the Kiss, Roquemaure returns to the year 1868. Residents wear costumes from that era, with some even dressing up like monks, nuns, or saints. Horses and carriages clop down the streets. Storefronts boast 19th-century decorations. A market sells traditionally fashioned items. Even the street names are rewritten, bearing the names of France's most lovesick poets and artists.

Everyone drinks wine and kisses until they can't feel their lips. The local winery is named Cave Saint Valentine and produces specialty wines for the occasion. The local post office even gets in on the fun, sealing every letter with a kiss. This is why Roquemaure is known as "La Capitale des Amoreaux," the Capital of Lovers.

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Natalie's Marketing Minutes

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; my name is Natalie Phelps and as of January 3, 2024, I am the new Marketing Director for Campus Commons. In my career thus far, I have over twenty years of experience in Property Management and Marketing. I also was an entrepreneur and had my own Pet Care Business for a number of years. In the past I enjoyed volunteering my time as a docent at The Sacramento Zoo and also with local charities. I have a soft spot in my heart for pets – so I look forward to seeing all of the Campus Commons' "fur babies". I am thrilled to be joining this outstanding team of professionals here at Campus Commons. There are many exciting events on the calendar that I hope you will be attending. The team here does such a fabulous job of providing fun and enriching events. Our focus is providing excellent customer service on a daily basis.

I look forward to meeting all of YOU! Please be sure to say "Hello" when you see me here in the community.

A friendly reminder, you are always welcome to invite your friends to our special presentations each month.

If you know someone who is thinking about moving to a community like ours, we would love to offer them a complimentary lunch with a tour.



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Your credit will be applied the third month after they move in.



February Birthdays

If you were born between February 1–18, you are an Aquarius, the Water Bearer. Aquarians are loval and smart humanitarians who want to make a difference in the world. They are energetic, have inquisitive minds, and come up with creative solutions. Those born from February 19–29 are Pisces, the Fish. Like fish, Pisces like to go with the flow in an easygoing manner, but on the inside, they are intuitive, intensely spiritual, and deeply emotional.

Violet Dillion- February 5th Sharon Mynsted-February 13th Dorothy Pasley- February 19th Dee Dee Higley- February 21st Olivia Lage- February 21st Fred Dalkey- February 22nd Ed Briles- February 24th Claire Ambler-Wright- February 27th

Anniversaries:

Dorothy Pasley- 5 years Al & Jeanette McCoy- 2 years

February Move-Ins:

Kathryn S. #303

February Open House

Do you have friends that are interested in senior living? Please invite them to our Chocolate and Wine Open House that is happening on Friday, February 9th from 1pm to 3pm in the Lobby/Cabaret Lounge. Tours will be offered to all guests. Join us for an incredible live tango dance show from 2pm – 3pm in the Cabaret Lounge.



Tonya's Activity Corner

For the month of February, I will start off with a fun fact for you... Do you know how many presidents were born in February? If you thought it was four, you are correct! George Washington (the 22nd). Abraham Lincoln (the 12th), William Henry Harrison (the 9th), and Ronald Reagan (the 6th).

Here are some of the fun activity highlights for February at Campus Commons! Let's get hyped up over the Super Bowl LV111 Party on the 11th, starting at 3:30pm in the Cabaret Lounge. We are going to celebrate with food, beer, sodas, and friends. So, come on down and watch the football game with your friends and neighbors. There are chances to "WIN" a decent amount of MONEY \$\$\$@. To win you have options to pick 5 squares from 3 different boards in the amount of \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$5.00 dollars for each square. I have another fun fact... You can tell your family members they can purchase from the \$5.00 dollar board only, and up to 5 squares. The kicker is "You Have to Show Me the Money"! Starting January 31st in the office you can come in to purchase your Super Bowl LV111 squares. Good luck for all four quarters of the Super Bowl Championship game between the 49'ers vs Chiefs!

On the 3rd, resident Linda R. would love to have you join her in the Library/Theater for a 2:30pm movie. The movie is called. "Are You There God? It's Me. Margaret." It is a Judy Blume movie that you will enjoy watching on a Saturday afternoon. On the 7th, at 2:30pm is a presentation on the 2024 Election and Proposition 1 with Guest Speaker Marge Patzer, Director Service Voters, from the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County (LWVSC). Resident Nell F. contacted Marge to go over Proposition 1 (pro's & con's) and follow up with any questions pertaining to the election. This presentation will be very knowledgeable and helpful to you voters. On the 14th, join us in the Lobby at 1:00pm to choose some yummy, sweet treats at the candy bar and afterwards head over to the front office for your beautiful Valentine's photo. Starting at 2:30pm is our Valentine's Day Party with Happy Trails Duo. Tom and Sharon Woodall will have you dancing the hour away. Come down, have a blast, and enjoy making lovely memories on Valentine's Day.

On the 20th, Activities Talk/Feedback with Tonya is at 1:00pm in the Cabaret Lounge. I want to thank the residents that have been coming to give your input and brainstorm with me.

I want you to know that your advice and thoughts are being implemented in our activities program. I love to hear your ideas and I encourage you to continue to come each month. Please bring a friend or neighbor. Everyone makes a difference by their opinions, comments, and suggestions.

Vendors coming to Campus in February... on the 1st, Pretty & Practical with Kathy McAndrews and on the 12th, Comfy Items with Alfred Caesar. Come down and support these vendors by purchasing a Valentine's gift. It is convenient and easy to shop from the comfort of your home.

Take a few minutes out of your day to view your February calendar and circle your favorite activities that you enjoy. I would like to see more residents participating in a new activity or attending our monthly outings. Join us for a fun-filled day out

Have a fun February and a Hoppy Leap Year!

Bookworms

The Bookworms skipped their January meeting, but we failed to get correct information to the staff. So, we ended up listed twice in the January calendar, which added to the confusion. The next meeting will be February 7, when the group will discuss The Teachers, by Alexandra Robbins. At that meeting the group will clarify their meeting dates and discuss the order in which they will review the next series of books. They are:

Isabel Allende, The Wind Knows My Name Winifred Gallagher, New Women in the Old West

Sulari Gentill, The Woman in the Library Steven Inskeep, **Differ We Must** James McBride, The Heaven and Earth **Grocery Store**

Lisa See, Lady Tan's Circle of Women

Anyone is invited to attend the meetings, and/or join the group as a regular. The joys and frustrations of teaching in the public schools are laid out for the reader of The **Teachers**, and anyone involved at any level with education will find the February discussion very interesting.