

# Vote with Kids Toolkit for Parents



You can make voting a fun, shared experience for your family. Voting with kids is a wonderful opportunity to talk about your values and how voting is important to our democracy.

**Election Date: Tuesday, June 4th**  
**Polls Open: 7AM to 8PM**

## Voting Basics for Parents

The State of California and the County of Los Angeles have made the voting experience as easy as possible for parents. Did you know...

- 1. You can bring your child with you to the voting booth.**  
Parents may bring children 18 and under to the polling place and into the voting booth.
- 2. Unless it's your first time voting, you don't need to show ID.**  
For complete rules regarding Voter ID in California, visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).
- 3. Send your mail-in ballot or surrender it at any polling place in L.A. County by Election Day.**  
Your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the County Registrar's office within three days (California Senate Bill 29). For more information on requesting a vote by mail ballot, go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

## Creating a Plan to Vote with Kids



If you decide to take your child with you to vote, you can make the experience as seamless as possible by thinking through your Election Day plan in advance.



Here are a few tips to include:

- 1. Make sure you are registered to vote before May 20th.** [Register here.](#)  
In California, the deadline to register to vote is 15 days before Election Day, so don't forget to register early! If you missed the deadline, [check here](#) for information on the conditional voting process.
- 2. Find your polling place:**  
[Check here to find out](#) where to vote, what's on your ballot, and more.
- 3. Set a reminder for Election Day on your smart device:** Tuesday, June 4, 2019.
- 4. Check to see what provisions your employer provides on Voting Day.**  
Many offer paid leave for state-wide elections.

## Making Voting Fun and Memorable for Kids



Do you remember the first time you voted? You can make Election Day a fun, learning adventure with your family by including them in every part of the voting process. Take them to the polls and tell them their voice counts!

Here are 5 Fun Things to include in your Election Day Timeline:

**A month or so before:**

- 1. Look for the voting booklet in the mail:** Pick one issue that's important to you and use it as an opportunity to share the importance of voting with your child.
- 2. Mark Election Day on the calendar:** Put a fun reminder sticker on Tuesday, June 4.

**On the day of:**

- 3. Dress to celebrate the occasion:** Wear red, white and blue to the voting booth.
- 4. Show and tell in the booth:** Point out the key parts of casting your vote.
- 5. Share your voting sticker and post a picture:** Give your child the voting sticker and take a selfie - share it with others. Use hashtag: **#MyFamilyVotesLA**

## Tips from Parents

Here are a few suggestions from parents who have gone to the voting booth with kids in tow:

- "Fill out the sample ballot in advance and take it with you."
- "The best tip is to go prepared. Then you are in and out quickly."
- "Go at off hours."
- "Go with your stroller or baby carrier so you can either rock them while you vote or bounce them."
- "Bring snacks and toys!"
- "Go during off-peak hours such as mid-morning or mid-afternoon."