

Election Day Toolkit for Parents



Voting can be a fun, shared experience for families. It is also a wonderful opportunity to talk to your children about your values and teach them about democracy. Studies show that including children in the voting process increases the likelihood they will vote as adults.

Voting Day: Tuesday, November 6th
Polls Open and Close: 7AM to 8PM

Voting Basics for Parents in L.A.

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

- You can bring your child with you to the voting polls.**
Parents may bring children 18 and under to the polling place and into the voting booth.
- Unless it's your first time voting, you don't need to show ID.**
For complete rules regarding Voter ID in California, visit the [CA Secretary of State site](#).
- You can send in a mail-in ballot, up to Election Day. Or surrender it at any polling place in L.A. County.**
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 [here](#).

Creating A Plan in Advance



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



Here are a few tips to include:

- Make sure you are registered to vote before October 22.** [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.
- Find your polling place:**
[Check here to find out](#) where to vote, what's on your ballot, and more.
- Set a reminder for Election Day on your smart device:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
- Check to see what provisions your employer provides on Voting Day.**
Many offer paid leave for state-wide elections.
- Take L.A. Metro for free on November 6th! Know your metro and alternative transportation options in Los Angeles:**
[LA METRO](#)
[LYFT](#)
[UBER](#)

Making A Fun and Memorable Family Experience



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 experience. 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:

- 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.
- Mark your Election Day on the calendar:** Put a fun reminder sticker on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

On the day of:

- Dress to celebrate the occasion:** Wear red, white and blue to the voting booth.
- Show and tell in the booth:** Point out the key parts of casting your vote.
- 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 and Tricks from Experienced Parents

Here are a few smart ideas from parents who have gone to the voting booth with babies 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."