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

General Election Date: Tuesday, November 3rd
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. Fill out your ballot with kids safely at home.
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.
3. Send your mail-in ballot or remember it at any polling place in L.A. County by Election Day.
   Your ballot must be postmarked by Special Election Day and received by the County Registrar’s office with three days (CA Elec. Law 3.72), For more information on requesting a vote by mail ballot, go to wwwalerts.ca.gov.
4. You can vote by mail, in person at any LA County Vote Center, or can drop off your ballot at any LA County official vote by mail drop-off location.

Election Day

Your ballot must be postmarked by Special Election Day and received by the County on request.

To vote by mail, go to www.lavote.net.

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. This 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, November 3.

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.

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.

Creating a Plan 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 October 19th. Register here.
   In California, the deadline to register to vote is 16 days before ELECTION DAY, so don’t forget to register early if you missed the deadline. www.sos.ca.gov 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.
4. Check to see what provisions your employer provides on Voting Day.
   Many offer paid time for state-wide elections.

Making Voting Fun and Memorable for Kids

• “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.”
• “Be during off-peak hours such as mid-morning or mid-afternoon.”

Election Day Voting Tips