

BECOME A POLL WORKER ON ELECTION DAY!

Where can I get more information about becoming a poll worker?

Visit the Secretary of State's website and find your county's Registrar of Voter information:
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>

When is the next election?

The general election is on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**. Your jurisdiction may have additional elections. Check your county's Registrar of Voter website for more information.

Lawful permanent residents (green card holders) are now eligible to be poll workers during elections. As in the past, registered voters continue to be eligible to serve as poll workers. Poll workers are the individuals who check in voters, show voters the voting equipment, and ensure that ballots are properly inserted into the ballot box. In communities with large numbers of limited English speaking voters, bilingual poll workers are essential in ensuring that voters are adequately assisted on election day.

What if I don't know much about the election process? Poll workers are trained by the county and have a supervisor on site to answer questions. Poll workers receive a stipend for attending a training and for working on election day.

Why would election officials be interested in having me work as a poll worker? Every election requires election officials to recruit thousands of poll workers, including bilingual poll workers. Under federal and state law, counties are required to provide language assistance at poll sites when language minorities reach threshold numbers. All but two counties in California are required to provide some language assistance. In Los Angeles County, over 9,300 bilingual poll workers were recruited for the 2012 general election. San Diego County had nearly 2,000 bilingual poll workers.

What if I'm not completely fluent in English? As long as you are able to communicate in English, you should be eligible to serve as a poll worker. In fact, your bilingual ability will be seen as a plus. Over 2.6 million eligible voters in California are not yet fully proficient in English, including 47% of eligible voters who are naturalized. Without language assistance, these citizens face challenges in asserting their right to vote and casting an informed ballot.

What are the benefits to becoming a poll worker? By becoming a poll worker, you will provide an invaluable service to those voters that you assist. You will also receive a stipend and have a unique opportunity to connect with neighbors and view our democratic process.

What languages are bilingual poll workers needed for? All languages are helpful, but there is particular need for Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.