



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES

**Q:** Do I need to change my voter registration if I've been temporarily displaced by the wildfires?

**A:** No. If your displacement is temporary, you do not need to change your residential (home) address on your voter registration. However, you can add a temporary mailing address so that you can continue receiving election materials.

- **Keep your current registration:** Your voting districts and eligibility for local contests will stay the same.
- **Add a temporary mailing address:** This ensures you continue receiving your Vote by Mail ballot and election materials at your current location.

**Q:** How do I add a temporary mailing address to my voter registration?

**A:** There are two simple ways to add a mailing address:

- **Option 1:** Re-register online at [LAVOTE.GOV](https://LAVOTE.GOV) or [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). Be sure to check the box that says, "My mailing address is different from my home address."
- **Option 2:** Call our Voter Information Hotline at (800) 815-2666, option 2 to update your mailing address over the phone.

Only update your mailing address. Do not change your home (residential) address unless you've permanently moved.

**Q:** Will I still be able to vote on local issues tied to my original community?

**A:** Yes. As long as your residential address remains unchanged, your voting districts will remain the same. You can vote on all contests related to your original address, even if you've added a different mailing address.

**Q:** What happens if I permanently move and update my voter registration?

**A:** If you move permanently and re-register at a new address, your voting districts will likely change. This change will update your voter record and determine your eligibility to vote in local contests and measures tied to your new residential address.



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**Q:** What if I'm not sure whether my move is temporary or permanent?

**A:** If you're unsure, it's best to keep your current residential address on file and add a temporary mailing address. This ensures you stay connected to your voting districts while still receiving important election materials.

**Q:** What if I already submitted a forwarding address with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS)?

**A:** If you've submitted a change of address to USPS, we may receive that update and send you a notice asking you to confirm your residential and mailing addresses. This is to ensure your voter registration remains accurate and up to date. No action is taken until we hear back from you.

**Q:** Can I still vote if I'm staying with friends, family, or at a temporary shelter?

**A:** Yes. You can list any location where you are currently staying as your mailing address, even if it's temporary. Your residential address will continue to determine which contests you're eligible to vote on.