



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY CENTER?

All workshops will be on assigned Tuesdays and will be hybrid from 10:00AM-11:30AM unless noted otherwise.

Central Rural Access Now Meeting
Fourth Wednesday of every month
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

PEER SUPPORT

Every Thursday on ZOOM! 10:00am - 11:30am

DRAIL WILL BE CLOSED
JUNE 1, 2026
JUNE 19, 2026



VOTE LOUD AND VOTE PROUD

UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION OR REGISTER TO VOTE

THERE ARE TWO ELECTIONS HAPPENING THIS YEAR
PRIMARY ELECTION ON JUNE 2, 2026 AND GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026
2026 CALIFORNIA PRIMARY

- THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION IS MAY 18, 2026.
- ALL CALIFORNIA ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION.
- COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIALS BEGAN MAILING BALLOTS ON MAY 4, 2026.
- SECURE BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPENED ON MAY 5, 2026.
- BALLOTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT A DROP-OFF LOCATION, COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE, OR RETURNED BY MAIL.
- THE FIRST VOTE CENTERS OPEN FOR EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING IN ALL VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES ON MAY 23, 2026.
- IN PERSON EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026.
- JUNE 2 IS THE LAST DAY TO VOTE IN-PERSON OR RETURN A BALLOT BY 8:00 P.M. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 2. IF MAILING ON ELECTIONS DAY, GET A HAND-STAMPED POSTMARK FROM A POSTAL EMPLOYEE INSIDE A UNITED STATES POST OFFICE.

CAL MATTERS 2026 VOTER GUIDE

IN CALIFORNIA'S JUNE 2 PRIMARY, YOU CAN VOTE FOR ANY CANDIDATE FROM ANY PARTY. THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES MOVE ON TO THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, WHEN VOTERS CHOOSE THE WINNER.

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR IS THE MOST POWERFUL ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE NATION'S MOST POPULOUS STATE, COMMANDING A \$300 BILLION BUDGET. THE GOVERNOR SHAPES POLICY FOR 39 MILLION RESIDENTS, SIGNS OR VETOES LEGISLATION, APPOINTS JUDGES AND MEMBERS OF REGULATORY AGENCIES AND LEADS CRISIS RESPONSE FROM WILDFIRES TO PANDEMICS. CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR WIELDS OUTSIZED NATIONAL INFLUENCE, MAKING THE OFFICE A LAUNCHING PAD FOR PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS. THIS YEAR, A CROWDED DEMOCRATIC FIELD HAS SPLIT LIKELY VOTERS, ALLOWING TWO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES TO CONSISTENTLY POLL NEAR THE TOP. THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES, REGARDLESS OF PARTY, WILL ADVANCE TO THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

CALIFORNIA'S TOP COP CARRIES OUT THE GOVERNOR'S LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVES. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S JOB TOUCHES ALMOST EVERY FACET OF LIFE IN CALIFORNIA, FROM THE ENVIRONMENT TO ITS TECH SECTOR AND CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. DURING BOTH TRUMP ADMINISTRATIONS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE LED HIGH-PROFILE LAWSUITS DEFENDING POLICIES FAVORED BY CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA LARGELY CONTROL BUDGET AND CURRICULUM DECISIONS, LEAVING THE STATE'S SUPERINTENDENT WITH LIMITED AUTHORITY. THE STATE IS NOW CONSIDERING SHIFTING SOME OF THE OFFICE'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE GOVERNOR-APPOINTED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SHRINKING THE ROLE EVEN FURTHER. STILL, THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT WILL HAVE A STATEWIDE PLATFORM TO PROMOTE POLICIES AND A RECORD \$150 BILLION BUDGET FOR NEARLY 6 MILLION PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE OFFICE IS NONPARTISAN.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS NEXT IN LINE TO THE GOVERNOR IN CASE OF AN ABSENCE OR VACANCY, BUT MUCH OF THE JOB IS CEREMONIAL. THEY STAND IN WHEN THE GOVERNOR LEAVES CALIFORNIA, SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE SENATE WITH THE ABILITY TO BREAK A TIE VOTE AND SIT ON CALIFORNIA'S HIGHER EDUCATION BOARDS. THE OFFICE HAS A BUDGET OF NEARLY \$3 MILLION.

CONTROLLER

CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLLER SERVES AS THE STATE'S CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, OVERSEEING SPENDING IN A STATE THAT MAKES UP ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMIES. WHOEVER IS ELECTED WILL BE IN CHARGE OF AUDITING THE STATE'S FINANCES AND PAYING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION WAS CREATED TO STANDARDIZE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS ACROSS THE STATE. TODAY, THE FIVE-MEMBER BOARD ADVISES COUNTY ASSESSORS, SETS THE TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY UTILITIES AND RAILROADS AND HEARS SOME TAXPAYER APPEALS. LAWMAKERS STRIPPED THE AGENCY OF BROADER AUTHORITY IN 2017.

SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OVERSEES THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALL FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING CERTIFYING CANDIDATES AND INITIATIVES FOR STATEWIDE BALLOTS, ISSUING VOTER GUIDES AND ENSURING VOTES ARE PROPERLY COUNTED. THE OFFICE ALSO HANDLES CORPORATE BUSINESS FILINGS, MAINTAINS THE STATE ARCHIVES AND MANAGES A DATABASE OF LOBBYIST REGISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURES.

TREASURER

AS THE STATE'S CHIEF BANKER, THE TREASURER MANAGES AND INVESTS UNSPENT TAXPAYER MONEY AND OVERSEES THE STATE'S BORROWING AND DEBTS. THOUGH MUCH OF THE WORK IS TECHNICAL, THE OFFICIAL CAN MAKE POLICY WAVES BY LAUNCHING NEW FINANCIAL INITIATIVES OR INFLUENCING WHERE THE STATE INVESTS ITS EXTRA CASH.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

CALIFORNIA'S INSURANCE COMMISSIONER REGULATES THE LARGEST PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE MARKET — INCLUDING HOMEOWNERS AND AUTO — IN THE NATION, WHICH HAS BEEN IN DISTRESS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS AS WILDFIRE RISK HAS GROWN AND INSURERS HAVE PULLED BACK FROM WRITING POLICIES. THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE INSURANCE AFFECTS HOMEOWNERS, BUSINESSES, LANDLORDS AND THEIR RENTERS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THE STATE'S ECONOMY. WHOEVER WINS WILL HAVE TO DO THE "SECOND-HARDEST JOB IN THE STATE BEHIND THE GOVERNOR," SAID ONE FORMER COMMISSIONER, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF DEVASTATING LOS ANGELES-AREA WILDFIRES.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RUN FOR ELECTION EVERY TWO YEARS, PUTTING ALL 52 CALIFORNIA SEATS ON THE 2026 PRIMARY BALLOT. DEMOCRATS HOPE TO LEVERAGE VOTER DISCONTENT WITH PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND OUST REPUBLICANS FROM CONTROL OF THE CHAMBER. THE ROAD TO A MAJORITY COULD RUN THROUGH CALIFORNIA, WHERE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WERE REDRAWN UNDER PROP. 50. FIVE SEATS CURRENTLY IN REPUBLICAN HANDS COULD FLIP TO DEMOCRATS. CONTESTS IN CENTRAL VALLEY AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY ARE ON NATIONAL WATCHLISTS OF CLOSEST RACES IN THE COUNTRY. HERE ARE THE CONTESTS CALMATTERS IS WATCHING IN THE PRIMARY.

STATE SENATE

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATORS SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS, WITH HALF UP FOR REELECTION EVERY TWO YEARS. SEVERAL RACES COULD PLAY A ROLE IN REPUBLICANS' EFFORTS TO CHIP AWAY AT THE DEMOCRATIC SUPERMAJORITY THIS YEAR, WHILE OTHERS FEATURE CROWDED DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES. HERE ARE THE CONTESTS CALMATTERS IS WATCHING IN THE PRIMARY.

STATE ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS OF CALIFORNIA'S STATE ASSEMBLY ARE UP FOR ELECTION EVERY TWO YEARS, PLACING ALL 80 DISTRICTS ON THE 2026 PRIMARY BALLOT. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ARE DEFENDING RECENTLY FLIPPED SEATS AND COMPETING FOR OPEN DISTRICTS. HERE ARE THE CONTESTS CALMATTERS IS WATCHING IN THE PRIMARY.



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Our online resource directory provides information on many services and programs available to older adults and persons with disabilities.

It towards the QR code to be taken to the resource directory website.



Online Resource Directory

<https://adrcofthemothelode.myresourcedirectory.com>

ALPINE • AMADOR • CALAVERAS • MARIPOSA • TUOLUMNE

for more information call

Area 12 - 209-532-6272
Agency on Aging - 800-510-2020
DRAIL - 209-521-7260



DO YOU NEED TO FIND LOCAL HELP? TRY OUR 24/7 ONLINE RESOURCE DIRECTORY! FIND MANY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVING IN ALPINE, AMADOR, CALAVERAS, MARIPOSA, AND TUOLUMNE COUNTIES.

FOOD BANKS & PANTRY

For listings of food banks and pantries in the Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties

- Food bank Listings

List is continuously updated.

<https://tinyurl.com/DRAILfoodbanklist>



DRAIL services are tools that assist people with disabilities to live more independent lives. Independence requires support for both the physical and emotional needs of the individual. DRAIL services are designed to empower individuals to achieve personal goals, renew confidence and enable independence.

Your Story Matters!
Share how DRAIL has helped you achieve independence.
The best compliment you can give us is sharing your success story!
Email us at info@drail.org, and let your journey inspire others.

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