I work for a nonprofit and I vote
Elections and Nonprofits:
The Rules,
Our Roles and Responsibilities

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The Rules:

DO:
✓ Encourage registration and voting
✓ Take a position on the ballot ISSUES
✓ Educate your team and constituents.
The Rules:

DON’T:
✓ Endorse/oppose candidates or political parties.
✓ Mix your personal views and your public position.
✓ Host a candidate forum unless all candidates are present.
Our Roles:

Vote your Mission:

• How does your ballot align with your values?
• Do the homework!
• Ballotpedia.org/California
• State and County Voter Guides – City issues too!
• Who has endorsed?
• Who is funding campaign?
• What do my colleagues think?
Our Roles:

Engage your Team:
• Host a brownbag seminar: “What’s on your ballot?”
• Host a ballot reading party. Debate the propositions.
• Communicate your organization’s positions on ballot propositions.
• Endorse ballot issue campaigns, contribute funds.
Our Responsibilities:

Promote voter registration:
It’s easy! Online! Google it! Need your DL, SS#, DOB

More access than ever:

• Motor Voter
• Pre-register 16 and 17 year olds
• Same day voter registration (provisional ballot)
• Pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
Our Responsibilities:

Promote voter registration:

Guidelines for Special Circumstances:

- former offenders
- homeless
- domestic violence
- people with disabilities
- military and overseas.
Elections & Voter Information

Voter Registration

Register to Vote Now

In California, the deadline to register to vote for any election is 30 days before Election Day, so please register early!

Voter Registration Deadlines for Upcoming Elections

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You can apply to register to vote right now by filling in the online application. The application is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. If you have any questions, visit Frequently Asked Questions or contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (800) 345-VOTE (9683) or by email.

If you are enrolled in California's confidential address program, Safe At Home, please do not apply to register to vote using this site. Contact the Safe At Home program toll-free at (877) 332-9227 or by the Safe At Home email.

Qualifications to Register to Vote

To register to vote in California, you must be:

A United States citizen and a resident of California (for information on voters in the military or overseas, please see Military and Overseas Voters).
Advocacy does not end with the election.
Resources – handout will be emailed with links:

1) Legal FAQs for Nonprofits
2) Learn the issues:
   Ballotpedia for California
   Voter Guide for State and County
3) Voter Registration:
   Monterey County Elections Office
   Secretary of State
   League of Women Voters
   Special Circumstances
4) Vote your Mission:
   Cal Nonprofits
   Nonprofit Vote