



Nonprofit  
**Alliance**  
of Monterey County

I work for a  
**nonprofit**

and I  
**vote**



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# 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](http://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

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## Voter Registration

[Register to Vote Now](#)

In California, the deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day, so please register early!

### Voter Registration Deadlines for Upcoming Elections

Election Date	Your registration must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than:
November 6, 2018	October 22, 2018

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 (8683) 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) 322-5227 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

