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## TRAINING BULLETIN

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# Elections Reference Guide for Law Enforcement

This reference guide contains elections-related resources and contact information, key California Elections Code violations, and information on media at Vote Centers, to help public safety and law enforcement partners prepare for the upcoming midterm elections.

Please report information **related to voter intimidation or violence** to the JRIC by submitting a tip/lead at [www.jric.org](http://www.jric.org) or by calling (562) 345-1100.

### ELECTION INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

For general election questions, refer the public to the Secretary of State's office at: (800) 345-8683 or to their designated county Registrar of Voters office at:

#### LOS ANGELES

(800) 815-2666

[voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov)

#### RIVERSIDE

(951) 486-7200

[rovweb@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:rovweb@co.riverside.ca.us)

#### SAN BERNARDINO

(909) 387-8300

[communications@rov.sbcounty.gov](mailto:communications@rov.sbcounty.gov)

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

(805) 781-5080

[elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

#### SANTA BARBARA

(805) 346-8374

[electionssupport@countyofsb.org](mailto:electionssupport@countyofsb.org)

#### VENTURA

(805) 654-2664

[elections@ventura.org](mailto:elections@ventura.org)

To file an elections-related complaint, refer the public to:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint>.

# CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE | KEY PENAL PROVISIONS

(M) Misdemeanor

(F) Felony

## CAMPAIGNING

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CA Elections  
Code  
§ 18370  
(M)

**Electioneering at or Near Polls is Prohibited** | During the election period, no person shall, within 100 feet of a Vote Center, solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot, place a sign relating to voters' qualifications, or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications. Any person who violates any of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## INTERFERENCE

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CA Elections  
Code  
§ 18380  
(M)

**Vandalism at Vote Centers** | No person shall remove or destroy any of the supplies in the voting booths, or remove, or deface the voter instructions or voter index, or remove, tear down, or deface the signs identifying the location of a Vote Center or identifying areas within 100 feet of a Vote Center. Any person who violates any of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

CA Elections  
Code  
§ 18502  
(F)

**Corruption of the Voting Process** | Any person who, in any manner, interferes with the officers holding an election or conducting a canvass, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, as to prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held and lawfully conducted, is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

CA Elections  
Code  
§ 18564  
(F)

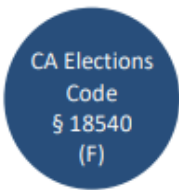
**Tampering with Voting System** | A person shall not interfere with, or attempt to interfere with, the correct operation of any voting system (or component), or knowingly, and without authorization, possess a key to a voting machine, or willfully substitute or attempt to substitute forged or counterfeit ballot tally software program source codes. Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

CA Elections  
Code  
§ 18575  
(F)

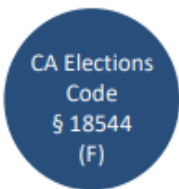
**Falsely Acting as Elections Official** | A person shall not, at any election, without first having been appointed and qualified, act as an election officer, and perform or discharge any of the duties of an election officer in regard to the handling, counting, or canvassing of any ballots. Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

## INTIMIDATION

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**Intimidation of Voters** | A person shall not threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting. Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.



**Unauthorized Uniformed Personnel** | Any person in possession of a firearm or any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel who is stationed in the immediate vicinity of a Vote Center without written authorization of the County Elections official is prohibited. This section does not apply to a peace officer conducting official business or who is at the Vote Center to cast his or her vote. Any person violating this prohibition is guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

## MEDIA POLICY



### Media Are Allowed to Take Photos and Videos of:

- The exterior of Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs);
- Voters and/or election workers – with their permission; and
- Sheriff's Deputies and other County employees processing and/or transporting the ballots in bags, carts, and government vehicles.

**Media can conduct exit polls, but must have permission from the voter, and must be a minimum of 25 feet away from the door of the Vote Center.**



### Media Are Not Allowed to Take Photos and Videos of:

- The inside of voting booths, where voters and ballots are visible; and
- Voted ballots deposited in the ballot box.

**Media cannot obstruct or disrupt the voting process (e.g., position a camera to block a voter from entering the Vote Center or use flash photography).**