HOW TO VOTE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

① REGISTER TO VOTE

YOU MUST BE
- 🇺🇸 U.S. citizen
- 16 years old (18 to vote)

ONLINE
Visit **sos.oregon.gov** to register electronically. An Oregon driver's license or state ID card issued by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles is required.

or

PRINT AND MAIL
If you don't have an Oregon ID, visit **mcelections.org** and print a registration form. You can use the last 4 digits of your social security number or attach other pieces of ID (like a utility bill or pay stub) when filling out the form. Mail us the finished form.

or

IN PERSON
You are always welcome to visit us at **1040 SE Morrison St., Portland, OR 97214** and fill out a registration form in person. We're happy to help.

REMEMBER
Notification: Once you register, you will receive a Voter Notification Card in the mail confirming your registration. It will include your name, residence address, precinct number, political party, and voting district.

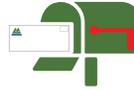**Timing:** To vote you must be registered no later than 21 days before an election.

Military or overseas voter: It is very important you register early as a UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) voter. UOCAVA ballots are mailed 45 days before an election. This form/designation entitles you to vote via email.

Update your registration: Please contact Multnomah County Elections if you have moved, changed your mailing address or changed your name. Ballots cannot be forwarded.

② GET YOUR BALLOT

BALLOT ARRIVES BY MAIL
Twenty days before each election a ballot is automatically sent to all registered voters who are eligible to vote in that election. You can vote and return your ballot anytime after you receive it. If you do not receive your Ballot contact the Elections office.

REMEMBER
Absentee ballot: If you are going to be away from home during an election you can sign up to get an absentee ballot by contacting the Elections office.

③ VOTE YOUR BALLOT

FILL IN THE OVAL
This one ● Yes
⊘ No

Completely fill in the oval next to your choices with a blue or black pen (DO NOT use a felt pen). If you make a mistake in marking your ballot you can request a replacement ballot or you can make your changes on the ballot. Make your new choice clear so that elections workers inspecting the ballot can easily understand your choice.

CHECK YOUR VOTED BALLOT
Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices. If you vote for more candidates than allowed or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure without correcting, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.

PREPARE TO RETURN VOTED BALLOT
Place the ballot in the return envelope. You may also place the ballot in the *optional* secrecy sleeve first, but it is not required.

Once your ballot is sealed inside the return envelope be sure to *sign the return envelope.* Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be counted.

④ RETURN YOUR BALLOT

BY MAIL

You can drop your sealed ballot in a regular United States Postal Service mailbox - no postage necessary.

Postmarks do not count: If you're returning via the postal service, we suggest sending your vote-by-mail ballot at least one week before Election Day to ensure we receive it on time.

or

BY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX

We have several 24-hour Official Ballot Drop Boxes all over the county. Visit **mcelections.org** to find one near you and drop your sealed ballot off in person.

or

BY LIBRARY

Multnomah County Libraries are also Official Ballot Drop Sites. You can place your ballot in their book drop drawer on the outside of the building.

REMEMBER

Timing: If you're dropping your ballot at an Official Ballot Drop Box or Library, you need to do this by 8:00 PM on Election Day.

CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO VOTE.

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Multnomah County

⑤ CELEBRATE YOUR VOTE

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

Receive alerts via text, phone or email and know where your ballot is in the voting process and get a virtual "I Voted" sticker. Sign up online for Track Your Ballot at **multnomah.ballottrax.net**. There is no charge to the voter for this service (*Text message charges may apply if you select the text message option. Consult your carrier*).

CHECK ELECTION RESULTS

You can start viewing election results online at **mcelections.org** beginning at 8:00 PM on Election night. Results are updated as ballots are counted, and remain unofficial until certification.

DEFINITIONS TO KNOW

ABSENTEE BALLOT

The type of ballot a voter living abroad, serving in the military, traveling, or attending school in a different state would use to vote. Absentee ballots can be mailed to absent voters or can be picked up in the County Elections office starting on the 43rd day prior to the election.

CLOSED PRIMARY IN OREGON

A Primary election in which voters receive a ballot listing only those candidates running for office in the political party with which the voters are affiliated. Voters must be registered with their party of choice by 21 days prior to the election.

MEASURE

Any of the following submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at an election: (a) A proposed law, (b) an Act or part of an Act of the Legislative Assembly, (c) a revision of or amendment to the Oregon Constitution, (d) local, special or municipal legislation, (e) a proposition or question.

PRECINCT

A precinct is the smallest geographic subdivision for voting purposes.