



Pomona Police Department  
**DFTC TRAINING MEMORANDUM**

*No. 2024-004*

**Date:** February 22, 2024  
**To:** All Pomona PD Employees  
**From:** Brad Paulson, Sergeant  
**Subject:** Primary Election Reminders

The California Primary Elections are taking place on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, with early voting beginning February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please see the attached election reference guides and the City of Pomona policy regarding elections and political activity. Supervisors, please note this training in your monthly reports. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the Daniel Fraembs Training Bureau staff.

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

# **March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election**

## **VOTE CENTER SAFETY REFERENCE GUIDE**

This guide contains key penal provisions found within the California Elections Code, Penal Provisions Division 18 § 18000-18700.

- Campaigning within 100 feet of a Vote Center or an outdoor voting site is a misdemeanor.
- Intimidating voters is a felony.
- Interfering with an election official and their process is a felony.
- Bribing in exchange for a ballot cast is a felony.



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### **Campaigning within 100 feet of a vote center is a misdemeanor.**

Electioneering at or Near Voting Locations Prohibited (CA Elections Code § 18370)

A person shall not on Election Day, or any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, within the 100 foot limit of a Vote Center, or an outdoor voting site, solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot, place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of the voter's qualifications, or circulate an initiative, referendum, recall or nomination petition or any other petition. Any person who violates any of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

### **Interfering with an election official or the election process is a felony.**

Vandalism at Vote Centers (CA Elections Code § 18380)

No person, during any election, shall remove or destroy any of the supplies or other conveniences placed in the voting booths, or remove, or deface printed voter instructions or any voter list or roster, 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.

Corruption of the Voting Process (CA Elections Code § 18502)

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 for 16 months or two or three years.

Tampering with Voting System (CA Elections Code § 18564)

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 attempts 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 for two, three, or four years.

Falsely Acting as Elections Official (CA Elections Code § 18575)

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 for two, three or four years.



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### **Intimidating voters is a felony.**

#### Intimidation of Voters (CA Elections Code § 18540)

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 at any election or in any particular way. 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 for 16 months or two or three years.

#### Unauthorized Uniformed Personnel (CA Elections Code § 18544)

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 for 16 months or two or three years.

### **Bribing in exchange for a ballot cast is a felony.**

#### Payment for Voting (CA Elections Code § 18310)

A person shall not directly or through any other person pay or receive any money or other valuable consideration before, during, or after an election in order to reward any person or as a reward for 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 for 16 months or two or three years.

#### Bribery (CA ELECTIONS CODE § 18523)

A person shall not directly or through any other person advance or pay, or cause to pay, any money or other valuable thing to or for the use of any other person, with the intent that it, or any part thereof, shall be used in bribery at any election. 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 for 16 months or two or three years.



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### **Vote Center Info:**

February 24 - March 4: 10 AM - 7 PM

Election Day, March 5: 7 AM - 8 PM

### **Report Suspicious Behavior to:**

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk:  
800-815-2666 option 5 or [voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov)

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## JOINT REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

# 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
- <https://www.lavote.gov/>
- [voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov)

#### RIVERSIDE

- (951) 486-7200
- <https://www.voteinfo.net>
- [rovweb@rivco.org](mailto:rovweb@rivco.org)

#### SAN BERNARDINO

- (909) 387-8300
- <https://elections.sbcounty.gov/>
- [communications@rov.sbcounty.gov](mailto:communications@rov.sbcounty.gov)

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

- (805) 781-5228
- <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Clerk-Recorder>
- [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

#### SANTA BARBARA

- (805) 568-2200
- <http://www.sbcvote.com/Home.aspx>
- [electionssupport@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:electionssupport@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)

#### VENTURA

- (805) 654-2664
- <https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections>
- [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

### CAMPAIGNING

(M) Misdemeanor  
(F) Felony

CA Elections  
Code  
§ 18370  
(M)

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### INTERFERENCE

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Code  
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(M)

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## 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).





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## MEDIA AT THE VOTE CENTER



### Visiting a Vote Center

The voting period and Election Day is an exciting time. **Reporters, journalists, and various media representatives are allowed to visit any Vote Center and capture voting activities.** However, there are guidelines that the media must follow to ensure we maintain a positive and smooth voting experience.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Media Team advises media members to provide notice before visiting a Vote Center. When the RR/CC Media Team is notified a representative from the team will contact the Vote Center Leads.

If a media member arrives without providing advance notification, Election Workers **do not** need to report or call the RR/CC or RR/CC Media Team unless they are disrupting the voting process.



### Media Are Allowed To:

- Enter the Vote Center
- Take photos and videos of the interior of the Vote Center
- Take photos and videos of the exterior of the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) while occupied
- Take photos and videos of the interior of a BMD if unoccupied
- Take photos and videos of voters and/or Election Workers
- Conduct interviews with voters -- if a voter agrees, the interview should be conducted outside of the Vote Center



### Media Are Not Allowed To:

- Block the entrance, exit, or pathway to the Vote Center
- Take photos or videos of the interior of the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) while occupied by voters
- Take photos or videos of voted ballots before they are deposited inside the BMD (this violates voter's privacy)
- Conduct interviews with Election Workers
- Take photos or videos of voters or Election Workers who express they do not want to be photographed or on camera



### Additional Information

- Direct all media members to send their questions, inquiries, or requests directly to the RR/CC Media Team
- Only the RR/CC Media team is authorized to speak to members of the media
- Activities construed as "Electioneering\*" are prohibited within 100 feet of the Vote Center

*\*Electioneering: The practice of working actively to secure votes for a candidate or ballot measure in an election.*

**RR/CC Media Team Contacts: (562) 462-2648 or [mediaInfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:mediaInfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov)**



General Rules  
Policy No. 16  
Approved: 05/14/97

**THE CITY OF  
POMONA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**POLITICAL ACTIVITIES POLICY**

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**I. PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for participating in political activities while employed with the City of Pomona.

**II. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all full-time and hourly/part-time City employees.

**III. POLICY**

The political activities of City employees or City volunteers are restricted by certain State and Federal laws. Employees of the City shall obey all applicable laws.

Employees are specifically prohibited from engaging in political activities at any time while on duty, while wearing a City uniform, or while on City premises. An employee may participate in public political meetings on City property. City employees may not use City funds or equipment for the purpose of providing support or opposition to a candidate or a ballot measure. City employees may not solicit political contributions from other City employees nor from persons on eligibility lists for City jobs. They may solicit contributions from employees in connection with ballot issues affecting their wages, hours, and working conditions.

Disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment will be instituted if this policy is violated.

Nothing stated herein shall be construed as limiting any employee's right to vote, or freedom of reasonable expression or right of association, nor the exercise of any rights protected by the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of California.