



Ballot Pick-Up FAQ

Q: What has changed in the ballot pick up and delivery law?

A: Previously, a voter could only designate a family member or household member to return their vote-by-mail ballot. California law now allows any person to return another voter's vote-by-mail ballot with the condition that the person returning another voter's ballot is not allowed to receive any form of compensation based on the number of returned ballots.

Q: Does the compensation (based on the number of ballots) restriction only apply to individuals?

A: The law prohibits an individual, group, or organization from providing compensation to any person based on the number of returned ballots.

Q: What is considered compensation?

A: "Compensation" means any form of money, goods, services, benefits, promises, offers of employment, or any other form of consideration offered to another person in exchange for returning another voter's vote-by-mail ballot.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of vote-by-mail ballots that can be returned by a person who has been designated by the Voters to return their ballots?

A: Yes, the ballot envelope contains a section that must be filled out by the voter indicating the name of the person authorized to return their ballot, and the relationship (if any) to the voter. The individual returning the ballot must sign in this section.

Q: Can the person delivering the ballot on behalf of the voter mail the ballot?

A: Yes, the person delivering the ballot can mail the ballot. A person who has been designated to return the ballot can return the ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot, to a polling place or vote center within the state, by mail, or to a vote-by-mail drop-off location.

Q: Am I registered to receive a vote-by-mail ballot?

A: All registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot due to the Vote Center model of voting.

Q: Where can I find more information about vote-by-mail voting?

A: Voters can learn more about vote-by-mail voting at the Orange County Registrar of Voters' website at <http://www.ocvote.com/voting/vote-by-mail-voting>.