

Pop-up Ballot Drop off Events

The Kern County Elections Office is excited to announce Pop-up Ballot Drop Off events beginning Monday, October 12, 2026. The Pop-up Events will be held at Kern County Libraries throughout Kern County. The Pop-up Events will allow voters to deliver their voted ballot directly to Elections staff and have it securely delivered to the Elections Office the same day. Voters are encouraged to Vote Early and return their ballots by taking advantage of the Pop-up Events.

Challenge to Voters to Get Ballots in Early

This November, the Election's Office is challenging voters to get their ballots in early. On average, approximately 40% of all returned vote-by-mail ballots are received by our office before Election Day and are included in the first election results that are released at 8pm on Election Night. We have set a lofty goal of receiving 60% of returned vote-by-mail ballots prior to November 3rd so they can be included in the first election results. We cannot reach our goal without help from our Kern County voters, so please get out and vote early!

Other Information

In addition to returning ballots via the Pop-up Ballot Drop Off Events, voters may return their voted ballot by:

- 1) Returning it using at any of our 20 Official Kern County Elections Drop Boxes located throughout the County
- 2) Returning it directly to the Elections Office
- 3) Returning it to any Poll Site on Election Day
- 4) Returning it through the United States Post Office. If using the post office, please be mindful of additional processing time required by USPS prior to being delivered to the Election's Office

Voters can track their ballot by visiting BallotTrax at <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter> and signing up.

For more information on Pop-up Events, our official Drop Box locations, as well as the location of their Polling Site, please visit kernvote.com.

A copy of our schedule is attached to this press release.

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