



Production

As soon as ballot content and layout is finalized, files are sent out for printing and assembly.



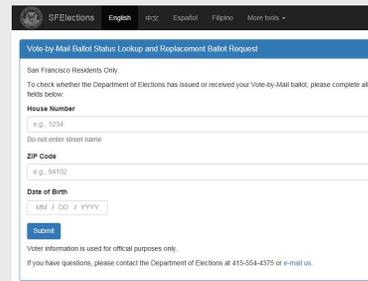
International Distribution

Ballots are distributed to military and other overseas citizens approximately 60 days before the election.



Domestic Distribution

Ballots are mailed to voters within the city (and country) 29 days before the election. Voter Information Pamphlets are also sent at this time.



Status Check

Voters may check if their ballot was issued or received with the look-up tool available at: sfelections.org/toolkit



Vote, sign, seal

Voters mark their ballot and seal it in the postage-paid envelope. This envelope must be filled out, signed and sealed to be counted.



Return

The ballot must be Postmarked by Election Day and received by 3 days after. Mail it on or before the election, or drop it off at any polling place on Election Day.



Verification

A machine sorts, counts, and scans the returned envelopes. Staff match the envelope signature to the voter registration card signature to authenticate.



Tabulation

Ballots are extracted from the envelopes and counted by machine.