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# Clark County Election Department NEWSLETTER



Election season is in full swing, and we want to ensure you are well-prepared to make your voice heard. In this edition of the Clark County Election Department Newsletter, we have gathered useful information to help you through the election season.

Early Voting runs from October 19 to November 1, offering plenty of opportunities to cast your ballot ahead of Election Day on November 5. Voting locations are conveniently spread throughout Clark County, and no matter where you live in the county, you may vote at any site, regardless of your precinct.

Inside this issue, we cover topics like mail-in ballots, voter support services, and critical election deadlines. Need help navigating the ballot? We have included details on voting rights, including language assistance services available for over 200 languages. Plus, do not miss our feature on how the Electoral College plays a key role in electing the U.S. President. So dive in and get ready for this important election!

# Vote Early for Convenience and Flexibility

In Clark County, Early Voting is very popular. Since 2000, more residents have voted before Election Day than on the day itself, thanks to our Early Voting program and mail-in ballots. With Early Voting, you can choose a time and place that suits you, avoiding long lines and last-minute stress.

### Why Vote Early?

Voting early offers several benefits:

- Flexibility: Pick a time that works best for you.
- **Convenience:** Early Voting sites are located in places you visit regularly, such as shopping malls, supermarkets, libraries, and community centers.
- Less Crowded: Early Voting sites tend to be less busy than Election Day Vote Centers, making your experience smoother. (Mid-week days and midafternoons are the least crowded!)
- **Excitement:** Voting is a civic duty and a personal milestone—you might want to cast your vote as soon as possible!

#### **Important Dates and Information**

Early Voting begins on October 19 and continues through November 1. To find an Early Voting location and schedule that works for you, head to <u>www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/Vote.</u> You can also check your sample ballot or call 702-455-VOTE (8683) for more details. A tool for locating voting sites will also be available starting on October 19 on our website.

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. While Nevada law requires employers to provide time off for voting on Election Day (NRS 293.463), you might prefer the convenience of voting early. Be sure to confirm your time off with your employer.

Make your voice heard early and enjoy the flexibility of voting on your own schedule!

### did you know?

Even if you did not vote in the Primary or Presidential Preference Primary, you can still vote in the General Election as long as you are registered.



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# Mail Ballots 101

Since 2022, Nevada has implemented all-mail ballot elections. All *active* voters registered at least 14 days before Election Day receive a mail ballot unless they choose to opt out. Here is what you should know:



**Making Corrections:** If you make a mistake or change your mind, do not use correction fluid or tape. Simply cross out the candidate's name or ballot question choice you do not wish to vote for and fill in the oval of the candidate or ballot question choice you do wish to vote for. Examples are below. Contact us at (702) 455-VOTE (8683) if you need assistance.



**Inactive Voters:** If you are marked as an inactive voter, you will not receive a mail ballot because the address in your voter registration has had mail returned as

undeliverable. Update your address with <u>RegistertoVote.nv.gov</u> anytime, or during in-person voting to become active again. Inactive voters can still vote in person at any Early Voting site or Election Day Vote Center within Clark County but will be asked to confirm or update their address.

**Mail Ballot Deadlines:** Ballots are mailed no later than 20 days before Election Day for in-state addresses and 40-45 days before Election Day for out-of-state voters. If you don't receive your ballot by October 21 (if

> you were registered on or before October 8), contact the Election Department immediately. All completed mail ballots are handled as First-Class Mail, with prepaid return envelopes. The USPS notes it takes an average of 3 days for mail delivery. Still, the USPS recommends mailing your ballot *at least one week* before the postmark deadline as a common-sense measure.

**In-Person Voting Options:** Prefer to vote in person? Even if you receive a mail ballot, you may vote at any Early Voting site or Election Day Vote Center in Clark County instead of by mail. With convenient locations throughout Clark County, you may vote anywhere, regardless of your precinct or where you live in the county.

- Bringing Your Mail Ballot? If you have it, surrender it at the voting site.
- No Mail Ballot on Hand? If you had received it, you will need to sign an Affirmation that you have not voted twice in the same election.

Check your mail ballot packet or sample ballot for voting site locations and hours.

**Drop Boxes and Deadlines:** Secure mail ballot drop boxes are available at all Early Voting sites and Election Day Vote Centers during voting hours. Ensure your ballot is sealed in the provided return envelope and signed by you. On Election Day, your mail ballot must be dropped off at an official drop box by 7 PM. If you are late, you may drop your ballot by 8:59 PM on Election Day at the James C. Brown Jr. Post Office, 1001 E. Sunset Rd., Las Vegas NV 89199. **Tracking Your Ballot:** During an election, you may check if the Election Department has received your voted mail ballot. Login to Registered Voter Services on our site and select "Track my Mail Ballot" from the dropdown menu.

Following these tips, you can vote by mail with greater ease. For more information, visit <u>www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote</u> or call (702) 455-VOTE (8683).

### **Drive Up and Drop Off**

The Clark County Election Department located at 965 Trade Dr., North Las Vegas, NV 89030 has a mail-in ballot drop box with a convenient drive-up feature. This drop box will be open and accepting mail ballots at the following times only:

- Oct. 21-24: 7:30AM-5:30PM
- Oct. 28-Nov. 1: 7:30AM-5:30PM
- Nov. 4: 7:30AM-5:30PM
- Nov. 5 (Election Day): 7AM-7PM



### Voter Support in Over 200 Languages

As we head into the 2024 election season, the office of the Secretary of State is committed to ensuring every eligible voter has the resources they need to cast their ballot. This includes providing language support to voters with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). In Clark County, election materials and ballots are available in English, Spanish, and Filipino, in compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act.

If you speak a different language, you may request interpreter services by calling (702) 357-3379.

### did you know?

Nevada law does not permit write-in candidates. (NRS 293.270)

# Vote at Allegiant Stadium This Election Day!

There's no off-season when it comes to civic participation and voting. Have you ever wanted to visit the home of the Las Vegas Raiders at Allegiant Stadium? Now is your chance! Clark County is thrilled to announce that Allegiant Stadium will serve as a Vote Center for Election Day on November 5, from 7 AM to 7 PM. The stadium will also be a mail ballot drop-off location on Election Day during voting hours.

All registered voters in Clark County may vote at any Vote Center, including Allegiant Stadium. So why not make your voting experience a memorable one?

This exciting opportunity is part of the Raiders' involvement in Rock the Vote, through the NFL's league-wide initiative, NFL Votes. The initiative promotes civic engagement among NFL players, staff, and fans, focusing on voter education, registration, and voting.

Clark County is proud to have Allegiant Stadium as a Vote Center this election year. Do not miss out on this unique chance to combine your love for football with your civic duty!

www.raiders.com/community/vote



### did you know?

For statewide contests, you may select "None of these candidates" as your choice if you do not vote for any candidate for the office. (NRS 293.269(3))

### Understanding the Electoral College: How the President Is Elected

On November 5, voters will head to the polls to make their voices heard in various contests, including U.S. President. Unlike local and state contests, which are decided by popular vote, the U.S. President and Vice President are elected through a process called the Electoral College. This unique system, rooted in the U.S. Constitution, strikes a balance between popular vote and Congressional input.

### What is the Electoral College?

The Electoral College is not a physical place. It is a process which includes the:

- Selection of electors
- Meeting of electors who cast votes for the U.S. President and Vice President
- Counting of the electors' votes by Congress

### Who is in the Electoral College?

Each state gets as many electors as it has members of Congress (House and Senate) including Washington, D.C.'s three electors. There are currently 538 electors in all. Nevada has 6.

Each state's political parties choose their own slate of potential electors. Who is chosen to be an elector, how, and when varies by state.

## How does the Electoral College Process Work?

1. After you cast your ballot for U.S. President, your vote goes to a statewide tally. In 48 states and Washington, D.C., the winner gets all the electoral votes for that state. Maine and Nebraska assign their electors using a proportional system.

2. A candidate needs the vote of at least 270 electors—more than half of all electors—to win the presidential election.

3. In most cases, a projected winner is announced on election night in November after you vote. But the actual Electoral College vote takes place in mid-December when the electors meet in their states. While the Constitution does not require electors to vote for the candidate chosen by their state's popular vote, some states do. The rare elector who votes for someone else may be fined, disqualified, and replaced by a substitute elector. Or they may even be prosecuted by their state.

The Electoral College plays a crucial role in determining the next U.S. President and ensures each state has a voice in the process. Whether you are familiar with the system or learning about it for the first time, understanding how it works is key to fully participating in our democracy.

Adapted from: www.usa.gov/electoral-college

### did you know?

You do not have to vote in every contest on your ballot. You can choose to vote only for the ones that matter most to you.

#### **OTHER GOVERNMENT CONTACTS**

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**Federal Election Commission (FEC)** (800) 424-9530

Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) (800) 438-8683

Federal U.S. Department of Justice (800) 253-3931