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VOTERS - PREPARE FOR THE MARCH ELECTION

A simple check of your voter information will ensure smooth voting

The Contra Costa Elections Division urges all voters to make sure their voter registration status is up to date before voter information and ballots are mailed beginning in January for the March Presidential Primary Election.

“We want to make sure all Contra Costa County voters have a great elections experience,” Acting Registrar of Voters Deborah Cooper said. “It takes just a few seconds to check.”

The Elections Division relies on information from various sources to maintain accurate records. The most common information a voter should check is the address on file, since that is the address to which voter information and ballots are sent. If a voter moves and has not updated their registration, ballots and voter information will be mailed to the old address.

For those who haven’t moved, it’s still important to check party registration status. The state reports that, during its roll out of the automatic voter registration system in 2018, some voters’ party preference was overwritten. The result is that some voters have had their party affiliation inadvertently changed to “No Party Preference.” Unlike general elections the March election is partisan; accurate party preference is essential to a voter getting the ballot they want to vote.

“We’re hopeful that voters take the opportunity to look at their registration status now, rather than after ballots are mailed or on Election Day,” Cooper said.

Contra Costa voters can easily check their registration status by going to www.cocovote.us and clicking the “My Voting Information” button. The lookup tool is also available by texting “Contra Costa” to 28683 (or “2Vote”).

Voters who wish to update their registration can register at https://registertovote.ca.gov/. Voters requiring assistance in checking their status may call 925-335-7800.

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