



Election Integrity Project California
EVERY LAWFULLY CAST VOTE ACCURATELY COUNTED

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SECOND CHANCES

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Your vote is important to you, and you want to get it right. But ballots can be long and confusing. What if you make a mistake while marking your ballot?

DO NOT cross out our attempt to erase. **DO NOT** draw arrows or make notes. These actions could invalidate your vote for that candidate or issue, or subject your ballot to a re-copying procedure, always an opportunity for error or wrong doing. (**SIDE NOTE:** the same is true for writing in a name not on the ballot. If you wish to cast a "protest" vote, do **NOT** write in another option-just don't cast any vote for that contest.)

The following are the correct ways to correct ballot marking errors:

For errors on **mail-in ballots**:

- If it is sufficiently early in the 29-day period before Election Day, call your Registrar's office, let them know your ballot is damaged, and arrange for them to send you a new one. Remember to shred your damaged ballot.
- IF it is too close to Election Day to trust a new delivery, you may:
 - go to the Registrar's office with your damaged ballot, surrender it and vote in person there
 - wait until Election Day, go to your **own** polling place (if you have one), surrender your damaged ballot and receive a poll ballot
 - if you do not have a polling place or cannot get there, go to any polling place in your county and ask to vote with a provisional ballot; surrender or shred your damaged ballot

For errors on **poll ballots**:

- Return your ballot to the poll worker, ask that your ballot be marked "spoiled" and that you be given a new ballot. You get **THREE** chances to get it right.

If you are in the polls as an **EIPCa** Observer or as a voter, pay attention to this process. If you or anyone else is not allowed their lawful second or third chance to get it right, remember our exhortation: "See something, Say something". Protect yourself and others by **politely questioning** the Precinct Inspector about second chances. Remember **never** to **interfere** with the voting process, and contact **EIPCa** if the situation remains unchanged. (www.eip-ca.com)

One person who speaks up can protect votes and voters for the rest of the voting day. Be sure to use your knowledge to help others who may not know how their rights are being violated. Fair and honest elections **KEEP THE REPUBLIC**. Thanks for doing your part.

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