



Summer Ready!

PollWorker Post

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Are you Summer Ready? We are here to fill you in on what's going on at the Department of Elections this summer. The countdown has began and we have less than a year to go until the next election, **June 5, 2018**.

Ready for New Laws

A new method of registration will be in effect for the next election. Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) allows an individual to register and vote conditionally at the City Hall Voting Center during the 14 days before Election Day and on Election Day. CVR registrations will be treated and processed the same as other registrations and CVR provisional ballots will be treated and processed the same as other provisional ballots.



More information on this law and others to come in your training class!

Ready to Serve



International High School Students

When we approached students at International High School about serving as High School Poll Workers on Election Day, these 16 and 17-year olds made an interesting choice. About 1,000 San Francisco high school students volunteer as poll workers for each election. Just like adult poll workers, the students receive training, help voters throughout the City all day on Election Day, and receive a stipend for their service. The 21 IHS students who worked in November 2016 took this hands-on civics lesson to another level when they decided to serve their City on Election Day and then donate their stipends to a good cause. See their story [here](#).

Every Poll Worker makes a difference in the experience of San Francisco voters. Your service to voters is inspiring!

For more information about the High School Poll Worker Program, please visit our website, sfelections.org/poll-worker. Remember to tell your family and friends about the opportunity to serve their City on Election Day!

Ready for New Training Activities



Poll Worker Network Meeting

With more than a year between elections, we want to make sure that when we see you in training class next year, your learning experience is informative, fun, and inspires you to help voters! Our goal for is to decrease the "lecture" feel of the class and encourage more engagement, interactive activities, and participation from you!

Poll Worker Network members helped us brainstorm ideas for hands-on learning, and we plan to introduce a new voting procedures activity to supplement, and in some cases replace, videos on how to process different types of voters. While we are still working out the details, here is a sneak peak: you and your group will do some role playing to experience a variety of scenarios you might encounter. If you have a great idea for an activity to make your training more captivating and engaging, let us know! Email us at Pollworker.Communication@sfgov.org

Did You Know?

You may recall, part of your tasks on Election Day is to set-up an accessible polling place with a five-foot turning radius in front of tables, booths and machines. Have you ever wondered why? Did you notice a new orange measuring string provided in your plastic supply kit? The orange string is helpful to measure a five-foot turning radius to ensure that all voters, including voters who use wheelchairs, can use the space. Five feet is about the space needed to turn around in a wheelchair.



You also provide voters with a variety of tools to ensure that they can vote a private and independent ballot. Did you know that the foam pen grip that you place on the Election Table helps people who have limited mobility in their hands? Similarly, the page magnifier helps people with low vision. Of course, you are familiar with the Edge voting machine and the fact that a voter can use it to vote a touchscreen ballot, or an audio ballot. But did you know that voters can also use a sip/puff device to mark their ballot on the Edge? This device allows a voter to use their breath to interact with the machine, and is available to be dispatched from City Hall to any polling place on Election Day. These are just a few of the tools available to ensure accessibility.

Ready for Community Events

Come visit us at community events around town. Our outreach team works hard year round to help voters update their registration and provide information on the upcoming election. If you have an idea for an outreach event in your community, email us at sfoutreach@sfgov.org.

Ready for understanding accessibility! On July 18 from 5-6 p.m. come to the Main Library Atrium where we'll be demonstrating accessible voting machines, explaining services for voters with disabilities, registering voters, and recruiting members to the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). Then from 6-7 p.m. we'll move up to the Main Library Learning Studio prior to author Hollynn D'Lil's presentation on her book, *Becoming Real in 24 Days*, about the demonstration for accessibility rights featured in the Patient No More exhibit. Find more information [here](#).

Ready for National Night Out! On August 1, come by the Bayview Opera House at 4705 Third Street between 5-8 p.m. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Find our outreach team sharing information and registering voters.

Ready for School to Start! On August 12, come by the NOW Hunters Point at 155 Jennings Street between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for the B-Magic 14th Annual Back to School Celebration and Backpack Giveaway. Look for our outreach team and play the "Wheel of Voting" to test your knowledge on important elections information. You'll find an array of resources for all San Francisco families.

Ready for park puzzles

Fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank, or have some fun and turn it into an Elections Madlibs!

You will spend most of _____ Day working with your polling place _____ to serve voters. Welcome _____ as your _____ and remember to uphold your _____ : 1) Protect Voter _____, 2) Serve Voters with _____ and 3) Offer _____.

Word Bank

voters election
rights assistance
guests respect
team mission

