



City of Vernon

Lisa Pope
City Clerk

Official Sample Ballot

City of Vernon
General Municipal Election
April 13, 2021

***ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WILL
RECEIVE A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT***

Vote in the safety of your home
by returning your Vote by Mail ballot

BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY

www.cityofvernon.org



Important Election Information

What You Need to Know

You will receive a ballot in the mail for the April 13, 2021 City of Vernon General Municipal Election

■ WHEN TO EXPECT YOUR BALLOT

Mailing begins March 15

■ THE VOTE BY MAIL PACKET CONTAINS

- Your ballot card(s)
- A return envelope
- Your "I Voted" sticker

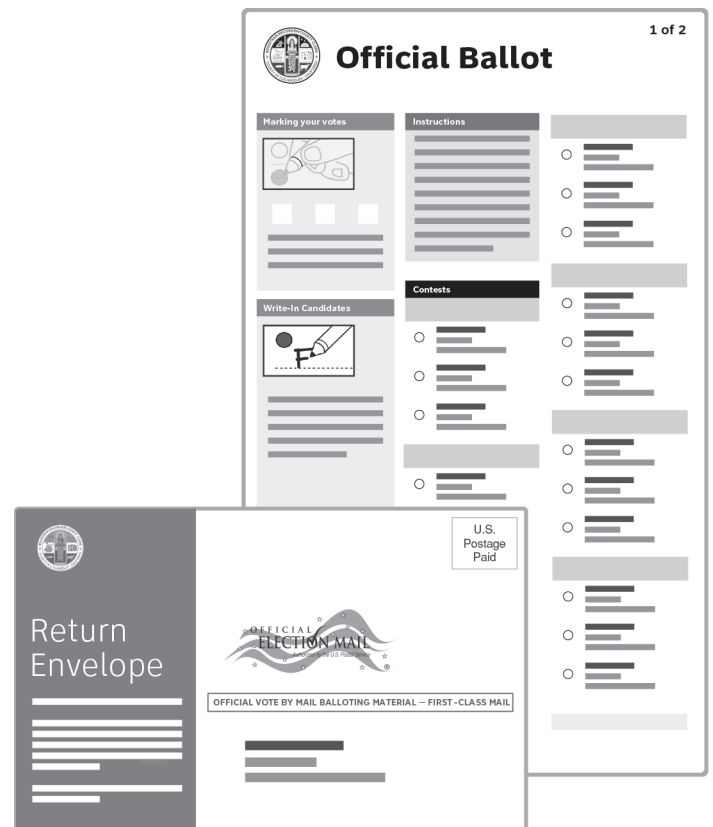
■ RETURN OPTIONS

- United States Postal Service - no postage necessary
- Vernon City Hall
4305 S Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, CA 90058

■ MULTILINGUAL BALLOTS

We offer ballots in two additional languages.

Call our office to request your multilingual ballot at **(323) 583-8811 ext. 897**.



Visit www.cityofvernon.org or call (323) 583-8811 ext. 897 for more information.



Information for Voters

Contests on the ballot

The April 13, 2021 City of Vernon General Municipal Election is being held to fill the regular term of office for one member of the City Council.

Do you need assistance marking your ballot?

If a voter declares under oath that they are unable to mark a ballot, that voter may receive assistance marking their ballot by two (2) persons of their selection.



Check Your Material

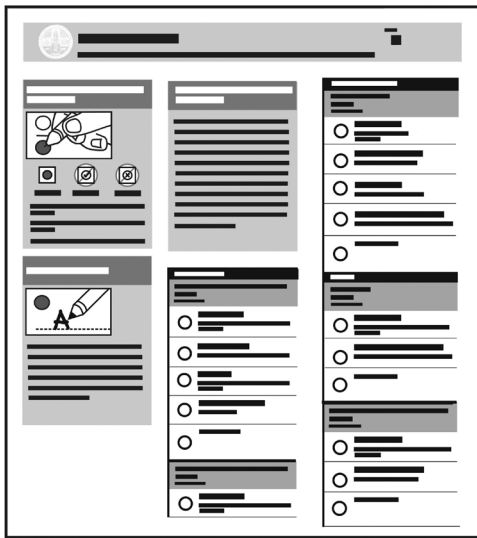
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Ballot group numbers on materials **must** match.

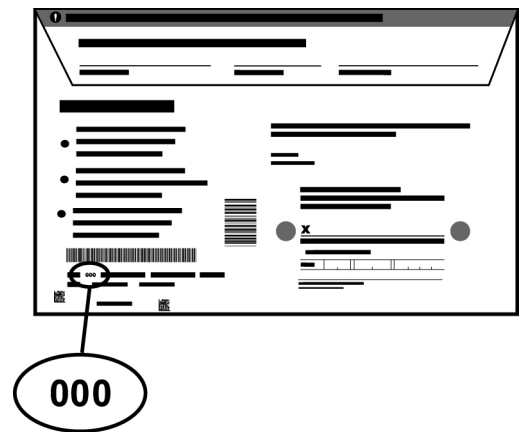
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Ballot Group

If ballot group numbers do not match,
please call **(323) 583-8811 ext. 897**.

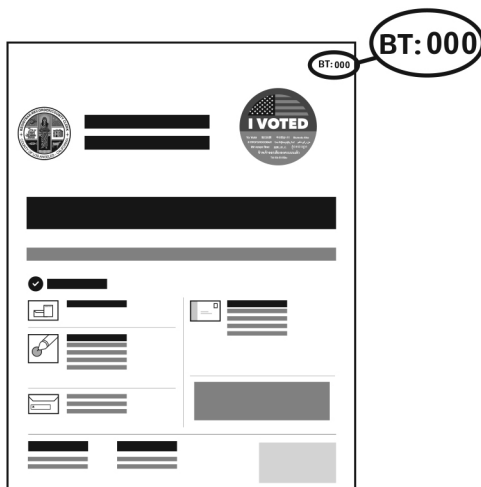
1 Official Ballot Card



2 Ballot Return Envelope



3 Vote by Mail Ballot Wrap



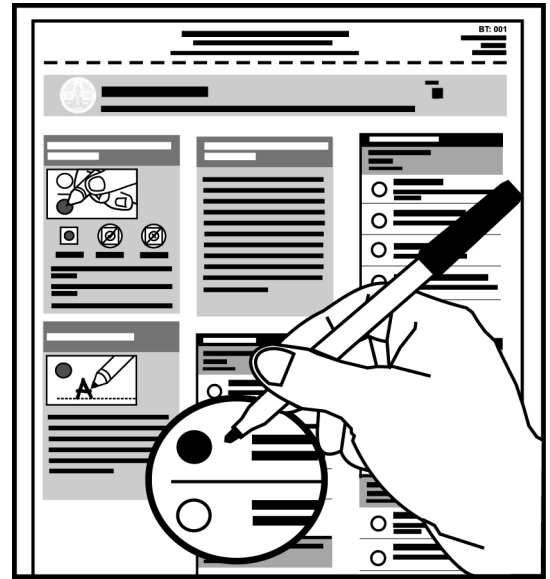


Marking Your Ballot

- Use only **black** or **blue** ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill the entire oval matching your vote choice.
- **Do not** vote for more choices than indicated.
- **Do not** punch a hole through the ballot card.

Misplaced or damaged ballot

- Mark your choice on the Official Sample Ballot page. Insert into Ballot Return Envelope and mail back.
- Call (323) 583-8811 ext. 897 or email LPope@ci.vernon.ca.us before Election Day.



Request your ballot in a different language

- L.A. County provides language services in up to 18 languages.
- Fill out and return the Language Request Form on the back cover of this book (no postage required).
- Call (323) 583-8811 ext. 897 for assistance.



Vote by Mail Return Options

Before You Return Your Vote by Mail Ballot Make Sure:

1. Your ballot is securely placed inside the Vote by Mail envelope.
2. You sign the back of the Vote by Mail envelope.
3. Remember no postage is necessary.

How to return your Vote by Mail ballot



Return by mail

Must be postmarked by Election Day.
No postage required.

For more information,
visit www.cityofvernon.org



Vernon City Hall

4305 S Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, CA 90058



Signature Verification

Voters must sign the eligibility oath and date the Vote by Mail return envelope before submitting their ballot. Every signature is verified before the ballot is cleared for counting. If a signature is missing or if the signature does not match the one on file, the County will notify the impacted voter to allow the voter an opportunity to provide a valid signature.



Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

- 1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**
You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4. The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a Vote Center** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your Vote Center, or **Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6. The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7. The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any Vote Center** in California.
- 8. The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9. The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10. The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

- On the web at **www.sos.ca.gov**
- By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
- By email at **elections@sos.ca.gov**



Translated Election Material

1-800-815-2666 option 3

- Call to receive translated election materials, Vote Center information or assistance with LAVote.net
- Llame para recibir materiales electorales traducidos, información del centro de votación o asistencia con LAVote.net.
- 請致電索取已翻譯的選舉資料、投票中心資訊或與LAVote.net相關的協助。
- 번역된 선거 자료, 투표 센터 정보 또는 LAVote.net의 도움을 받으려면 전화하십시오.
- Hãy gọi điện thoại để nhận các tài liệu bầu cử đã được phiên dịch, thông tin của địa điểm bỏ phiếu hoặc sự trợ giúp với LAVote.net.
- Tumawag para makatanggap ng isinaling mga materyales sa halalan, impormasyon sa sentro ng pagboto o tulong sa LAVote.net.
- 翻訳された選挙資料、投票所情報、またはLAVote.netに関する補助を受けるにはお電話ください。
- โทรติดต่อเพื่อขอรับเอกสารการเลือกตั้งฉบับแปล ข้อมูลเกี่ยวกับศูนย์การเลือกตั้ง หรือขอความช่วยเหลือการใช้เว็บไซต์ www.LAVote.net
- Позвоните, чтобы получить переведенные материалы о выборах, информацию о центре голосования или помощь на LAVote.net.
- សូមទូរស័ព្ទដើម្បីទទួលសៀវភៅនៃការបោះឆ្នោតដែលបានបកប្រែហើយ រួមជាមួយព័ត៌មានទីកន្លែងបោះឆ្នោត ឬជំនួយជាមួយ LAVote.net។
- अनुवादित चुनाव सामग्री, मतदान केंद्र की जानकारी या LAVote.net के बारे में सहायता के लिए कॉल करें।
- برای دریافت مطالب ترجمه شده انتخاباتی، اطلاعات درباره مرکز رای یا راهنمایی در مورد LAVote.net تماس بگیرید.
- Զանգահարեք թարգմանված ընտրական նյութեր, ընտրամեղմամսերի վերաբերյալ տեղեկություններ և LAVote.net-ի հետ կապված աջակցություն ստանալու համար:

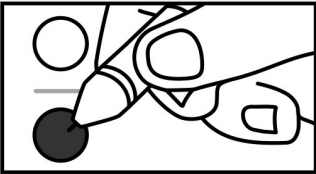
The Federal Voting Rights Act requires voter information, including a Sample Ballot booklet to be available in English as well as Chinese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese. Additional Languages we support are: Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Gujarati, Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu and Thai.



Sample Ballot

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Instructions to voters: Marking your ballot



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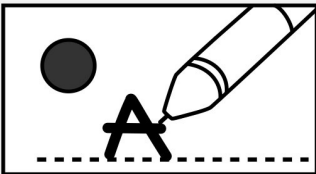
Not this



Not this

- Use only black or blue ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill in the circle to the left of your choice.
- Make one selection.

Write-In Candidates



- A voter is entitled to cast a vote for a qualified write-in candidate for any party-nominated, voter-nominated or nonpartisan office by writing, on the write-in portion of the ballot, the name of the qualified candidate.
- To add a candidate, fill in the circle to the left of "Write-in Candidate" and write the name on the dotted line.
- A list of qualified write-in candidates is available eleven days before the election at lavote.net.
- Do not write-in a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot.

CITY/LOCAL

CITY OF VERNON

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Member of the City Council

Vote For **ONE**



RAFAEL ALVAREZ TOVAR JR
Student



LETICIA LOPEZ
Incumbent



Write-In Candidate

End of Ballot



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Candidate Statements

The following pages may not contain candidate statements for every candidate in this election. Candidates have the option of including a 200-word statement, for which they pay a fee.

In compliance with the law, only English and Spanish language candidate statements are included in this booklet. Each candidate that submitted a Spanish language candidate statement has paid an additional fee.

Statements are printed as provided by the candidates. They are not edited or verified for accuracy by any election official. No corrections have been made for spelling or grammar.



Candidate Statements

STATEMENT OF LETICIA LOPEZ CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF VERNON GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Age: 38

Occupation: Social Worker

Greetings; my name is Leticia Lopez and I am running for Vernon City Council. I have had the privilege of serving our wonderful City and Community for the past 5 years and would be honored to continue my service.

As a Council Member and now Mayor, I have been committed to making the right decisions for the City while remaining an advocate for Vernon's families. I have been involved with bringing Little Libraries to Vernon to increase the access to books within our City and worked diligently to ensure high-speed internet is accessible to all residents. I supported the Vernon Resident COVID-19 Stimulus Grant Program that assisted with rent and groceries, I worked to deliver groceries to every household. We have also had a great success in celebrating and engaging our community through outreach events including the Graduation celebration, Halloween Spooktacular and Operation Santa.

I am a wife, mother of 3 children, and a social worker dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of those I represent. As an elected official, I am committed to doing good for the residents and City of Vernon. Today, I am asking for your support to continue my hard work and dedication for Vernon.

DECLARACIÓN DE LETICIA LOPEZ CANDIDATA PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL

**ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD
DE VERNON**

Edad: 38

Ocupación: Trabajadora Social

Saludos; mi nombre es Leticia Lopez y me estoy postulando para el Concejo Municipal de Vernon. He tenido el privilegio de servir a nuestra maravillosa Ciudad y Comunidad durante los últimos 5 años y estaría honrada de continuar mi servicio.

Como Miembro del Concejo y ahora Alcaldesa, he estado comprometida en tomar las decisiones correctas para la Ciudad manteniéndome, al mismo tiempo, como defensora de las familias de Vernon. He participado para instalar las Pequeñas Bibliotecas en Vernon y así aumentar el acceso a libros dentro de nuestra Ciudad y he trabajado diligentemente para garantizar el acceso a internet de alta velocidad para todos los residentes. He apoyado el Programa de Subvención de Estímulo COVID-19 para Residentes de Vernon, el cual ayudó con la renta y con provisiones, trabajé para entregar provisiones a cada grupo familiar. También hemos tenido mucho éxito celebrando e involucrando a nuestra comunidad a través de eventos de alcance comunitario, incluyendo la celebración de Graduación, Halloween Spooktacular y Operación Santa.

Soy esposa, madre de 3 niños y una trabajadora social dedicada a la seguridad y el bienestar de aquellos a quienes represento. Como funcionaria electa, estoy comprometida a hacer las cosas bien para los residentes y para la Ciudad de Vernon. Hoy, le estoy pidiendo su apoyo para continuar mi trabajo duro y dedicación para Vernon.



Fast, Easy & Convenient!

Quick Links:

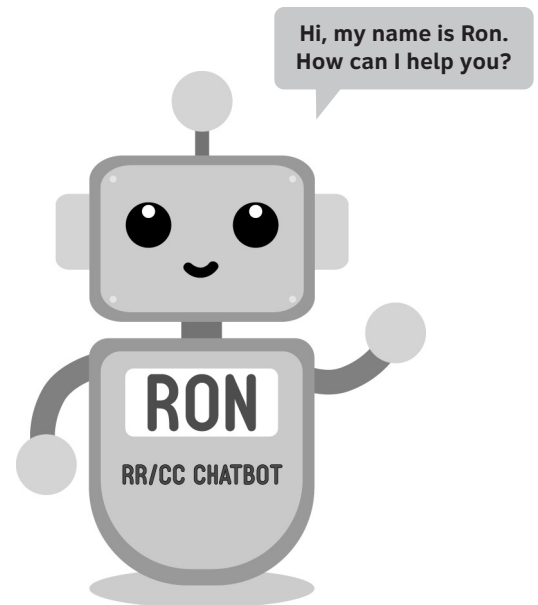
- Register to Vote
- Voter Registration Status
- Vote by Mail Application
- Vote by Mail Status
- Vote by Mail Drop-Off Locations
- Locate a Vote Center
- View and Mark Your Interactive Sample Ballot
- Election Results
- Apply to be an Election Worker
- Campaign Finance Information
- Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP)

For all LAVote.net inquiries, use Chatbot Ron.

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has Chatbot Ron to assist you.

- Check your information
- Purchase vital records
- Assistance with voter registration

LAVote.net



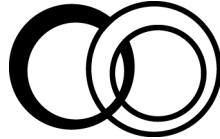


Recorder/County Clerk

Services



Birth, Death &
Marriage Records



Marriage Licenses
and Ceremonies



Fictitious Business
Name Filings



Real Estate
Transactions



Notary
Oaths

**For more information, visit LAVote.net,
or call 1-800-201-8999**



Next Time You Move

Update Your Voter Registration!

1. Online at: **LAVote.net**
2. Post Offices
3. City Clerk Offices
4. Department of Motor Vehicles Offices
5. Libraries
6. Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Please go to **LAVote.net** or call toll free 1-800-815-2666, option 2 to find your current registration status and how to obtain a voter registration card.



Earthquake Safety

Some rumblings on preparing for an **EARTHQUAKE**

If you're like most people, after every California earthquake you tell yourself, "I'm going to get prepared for the next one."

Then you don't do a thing about it.

Well, now you can do something about it. Just by reading this page, doing what it says and saving it.

Many earthquake experts in Southern California recommend the following tips to minimize damage in the event of an earthquake.

1. Put together a kit of basic emergency supplies. Include a portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit and handbook, wrenches to turn off gas and water valves, and food, water and medication for every member of your family for at least one week.
2. Secure your hot water heater. If your hot water heater falls over during an earthquake, the gas line can rupture and create sparks which can lead to a fire or explosion.
3. Know where your gas, electric and water main shutoffs are and how to shut them off.
4. Secure your tall and heavy furniture. Bookcases, entertainment centers and china cabinets can easily fall over during an earthquake.
5. Put some extra nails in heavy objects that are off the floor such as shelves, mirrors and large picture frames.
6. Hunt for hazard areas in your home. Teach your children to stay away from windows, mirrors and tall furniture.
7. Search for safe places in your home. Show your children how to take cover under a table, desk, or against inside walls.
8. Have a plan to reunite your family after an earthquake. Travel may be difficult and phone lines may be down, so don't drive or call anyone unless it's a real emergency.
9. Check for injury or damage after the shaking stops.
10. Above all, do not panic.

Practicing earthquake drills with your entire family and being prepared with the above instructions will put you in a safer position during any ground motion.

Stop rumbling about how you're going to get ready for "the next one." Prepare for it today. The County of Los Angeles has an Emergency Survival Program (ESP) with easy monthly preparedness steps.

For more information, call the Office of Emergency Management
(323) 980-2260 or visit the ESP website at www.espfocus.org



Online Sample Ballot

Access your Sample Ballot online.



Visit LAVote.net/Vernon



Be an Election Worker

- **Serve Your Community**
- **Earn up to \$1,180**
- **Do Your Part for Democracy**



(800) 815-2666, option 7

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To receive election materials in a language other than English, mark your preference below and drop this card in the mail.

Please send me a ballot in the language I have checked below:

Spanish (Español)

Korean (한국어)

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