

TEN STEPS TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

1. **Be Informed** - Use your Voter Information Pamphlet to study the races and issues. You may mark the sample ballot page in the pamphlet with your choices as you decide them and refer to it while casting your ballot to confirm that you have voted your choices correctly.
2. **Consider Voting by Mail** - Voting by mail (absentee voting) is a convenient alternative to going to the polling place on election day. Use the application on the back of your Voter Information Pamphlet or re-register as a permanent vote by mail voter. (Registration forms are obtainable at the DMV, post offices, libraries and City Hall.)
3. **Know Where to Vote** - Your polling place is listed on the back of your Voter Information Pamphlet. Even though you may have voted at the same location for many years, your polling place can change for any election. Remember to check the pamphlet before every election. If you can't find your pamphlet on election day, call City Hall (310-973-3200) and a staff member will look it up for you.
4. **Keep Your Registration Current** - If you move (even from one apartment to another in the same building), change your name, or wish to change your party affiliation, you must re-register to vote. Failure to properly re-register may result in your ballot not being counted.

ON ELECTION DAY

5. **Check In** - Sign in at your polling place. If you moved very recently, have not been able to re-register, and go to the polling place for your new residence, take with you a valid identification card and some proof of your new residence, such as a utility bill.
6. **Be Careful** - Vote by completely filling in the appropriate bubble using the pen provided. Before marking the ballot, be sure the bubble is next to the candidate of your choice. Read the ballot card carefully - depending on the office, you may be allowed to vote for more than one candidate. If you are voting by mail, be sure to use a black pen to mark your ballot.
7. **Review Your Ballot** - After voting, confirm that you filled in the bubbles as you intended.
8. **Made a Mistake?** - If you make a mistake in voting, tear the ballot or otherwise deface it, return it to a precinct officer and obtain another ballot card.

**For more information,
Call the City Clerk's Department (310) 973-3213 or (310) 973-3211**