



# JACL Chicago Voting FAQ

## City of Chicago

### CHICAGO CHAPTER

JACL Chicago wants to help our members get the most accurate information about voting in 2020! Here's a quick guide to voting in Chicago. We also have a guide for suburban Cook County. For more information on how to register to vote and your options for voting in Chicago, please visit [chicagoelections.gov/en/voting.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/voting.html)

APIA Vote & Asian Americans Advancing Justice are also staffing a voting hotline to answer questions and provide Information. You can reach them at 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683)

#### 1. Register to Vote

In the City of Chicago, you can register online before the election, at a polling place during early voting, or on election day. You can register online here: [ova.elections.il.gov/](http://ova.elections.il.gov/)

You can check on the status of your voter registration here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/your-voter-information.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/your-voter-information.html)

#### 2. Vote by Mail

The City of Chicago is encouraging residents to vote by mail. You can request your mail in ballot online here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/vote-by-mail-application.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/vote-by-mail-application.html)

You can check the status of your mail in ballot here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/vote-by-mail-status.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/vote-by-mail-status.html)

While you can return your ballot by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, residents of Chicago are encouraged to return your ballot by October 20<sup>th</sup> if possible.

While you can return your ballot by mail, **THIS YEAR, VOTERS IN CHICAGO CAN RETURN BALLOTS AT STAFFED, SECURED DROP BOXES.** From now until October 13<sup>th</sup>, you can return your ballots to 69 W. Washington and 191 N. Clark St. Starting October 13<sup>th</sup> you can also return your ballot to any of the Early Voting sites across the city. You can find information on the locations and hours here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/Drop-Boxes.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/Drop-Boxes.html)

#### 3. Early Voting

Early voting in Chicago has begun! Between now and October 13<sup>th</sup>, you can vote at 191 N. Clark St. Starting October 13<sup>th</sup>, each ward in Chicago has an early voting location. You can find information on locations and hours here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/early-voting.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/early-voting.html)

You do not need photo ID to vote in Chicago, however it may expedite finding your voter information. *If you need to register at an early voting location, you need two forms of ID.*

*More information on photo IDs is here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/when-you-need-id-to-vote.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/when-you-need-id-to-vote.html)*

#### **4. Voting on Election Day**

Finally, you can vote in person on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can find your polling place and their hours here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/your-voter-information.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/your-voter-information.html)

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#### **5. Serve as an Election Judge**

You can be paid to serve as an election judge and help your fellow Chicagoans exercise their right to vote. You can find more information on serving as an election judge here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/participating.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/participating.html)

#### **6. FAQs**

You can access the City of Chicago's voting FAQs here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/frequently-asked-questions.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/frequently-asked-questions.html)

#### **7. Voters Bill of Rights**

##### **You have a right to:**

- Cast your ballot without interference.
- Vote if you are in line by 7:00 p.m.
- Go to your home precinct and present IDs on election day to (a) register to vote or (b) update your registration, and then cast a ballot if you have not voted already at this election.
- Vote at your old polling place if you moved less than 31 days before the election.
- Get help voting from the election judges or from an eligible relative or friend.
- Use endorsements, sample ballots or notes while voting.
- Protect the secrecy of your ballot.
- Check your ballot choices and correct any mistakes.
- Have your ballot counted fairly and impartially.
- Have your young child with you in the voting booth.
- If any of these rights are violated, call Election Central on Election Day at 312-269-7870. During Early Voting, call 312-263-1394.