VOTING GUIDE

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EARLY VOTING BEGINS AT LOOP SUPER SITE ONLY (191 N CLARK)

October 23

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

In-person registration continues through Election Day.

October 24 - November 8

EARLY VOTING AVAILABLE IN ALL WARDS

Voter registration services & secure drop boxes for mail-in ballots available at every early voting location.

November 3

DEADLINE TO REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT

All mail-in ballots must be postmarked by November 8, 2022.

November 8

ELECTION DAY

Registration services available at all polling locations through the end of the day.

REGISTER TO VOTE
online & in person

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. **ONLINE:** Use your IL driver's license or state ID card to register to vote or to change your name or address. **Deadline: 11:59 pm, Sunday, October 23.**
2. **IN PERSON AT EARLY VOTING:** You must show two (2) forms of ID. At least one (1) ID must list your current address. **At all Early Voting sites through close of polls on November 8.**
3. **AT YOUR PRECINCT POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY**. You must show (2) forms of ID. At least one (1) ID must list your current address. **Available through the close of polls on November 8.**

TO REGISTER TO VOTE, YOU MUST:

- be a U.S. citizen, and
- be born on or before November 8, 2004, and
- live in your precinct at least 30 days before the election, and
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere; and
- not be in prison/jail serving time for a conviction.
  (Note: Ex-convicts who have been released from prison/jail and who meet all other requirements listed above are eligible to register and vote in Illinois. Ex-convicts who have been released and are on parole/probation ARE eligible to vote in Illinois.)

WHEN DO YOU NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

No ID is needed when you are already registered to vote at your current address and are voting at your designated polling place.

Two forms of ID, at least one with your current address, are needed when you are registering, filing a name change, or filing an address change in person during early voting or on Election Day.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID:

- Passport or Military ID
- Driver's License or State ID card
- College/University/School/Work ID
- Vehicle registration card
- Lease, mortgage, or deed to home
- Credit or debit card
- Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid card
- Insurance card
- Civic, union, or professional membership card
- LINK/Public Aid/Department of Human Services card
- Illinois FOID card

MAIL ADDRESSED TO VOTER THAT CAN BE USED AS ID:

- Bill, transcript, or report card from school
- Bank statement, pay stub, or pension statement
- Utility, medical, or insurance bill
- Official mail from any government agency

*A photo ID is never required.

Source: Chicago Board of Elections website & Chicago Votes

check or update your VOTER REGISTRATION

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION HERE.

FILE A NAME CHANGE OR ADDRESS CHANGE HERE.

SIGNATURE UPDATE FORM:

Are you voting by mail? Has your signature changed over the years? **Use this form to update your signature.** Fill in all blanks, print, sign and mail it in OR, you may email the completed form as a PDF attachment to registration@chicagoelections.gov

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

LOCATE YOUR PRECINCT POLLING PLACE FOR VOTING OR REGISTERING ON ELECTION DAY HERE.

If on Election Day, the poll worker cannot find your name on the list of registered voters, confirm that you are at the correct polling place:

- Request that the poll workers check a statewide system (if one is available) to see if you are registered to vote at a different polling place.
- If the poll worker does not have access to a statewide system, ask them to call the main election office.
- You can also call 1-866-OUR-VOTE and ask for help verifying your proper polling place.

Source: Chicago Board of Elections website & ACLU

order your MAIL-IN BALLOT

1. APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL.

Any Chicago voter may apply online now to vote by mail for the November 8 Midterm Election. No reason or excuse is needed to vote by mail.

Chicago voters who apply online to Vote By Mail will receive emails:

- In the days that follow their online application, to confirm that the online application has been received and processed;
- When the ballot is being mailed to the voter -- with a unique link to a system to track the ballot through the US Postal Service;
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" is received by the Election Board; and,
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" has been approved for counting -- or if there is a question or problem with your Ballot Return Envelope.

2. MARK YOUR BALLOT.

Follow all instructions that come with your ballot and be sure to vote in secret. When marking your ballot, use a black or blue ballpoint pen or a felt-tip pen. Do NOT use a red pen, because red ink cannot be read by the ballot scanners.

3. RETURN YOUR BALLOT.

The Board supplies all Vote By Mail voters with postage-paid Ballot Return Envelopes to return the ballots.

The signed and sealed Ballot Return Envelope may be returned:

- through the U.S. Postal Service or a licensed courier, OR
- by personal delivery to the Election Board at 69 W. Washington, Sixth Floor, OR
- at any of the Secured Drop Boxes which will be available at 69 W. Washington St., the Loop Super Site at Clark & Lake, and at every Early Voting site in Chicago.

Especially in the two weeks before Election Day, Chicago voters are encouraged to use a Secured Drop Box at any Chicago Early Voting site to return the signed and sealed Ballot Return Envelope.

WHAT IF I DECIDE TO VOTE IN PERSON AFTER RECEIVING A MAIL-BALLOT?

You're allowed to vote in person only if you haven't yet cast your ballot by mail. If you decide you'd rather vote in person, you'll need to bring your mail-in ballot to an early voting site or your election precinct polling place and surrender it to an election judge. The election judge should then give you a standard ballot, which you can fill out to vote in person.

Source: ChicagoElections.gov/VoteByMail

ballot return DROP BOX LOCATIONS

VOTE BY MAIL SECURED DROP BOXES—SITES & HOURS

Submit your Ballot Return Envelope at any of the Chicago Election Board's Secured Drop Boxes. Chicago voters may use any Secured Drop Box in the city.

Note: Whether you use the US mail or a Drop Box, you must use the signed and sealed Ballot Return Envelope with your name on it to submit your ballot!

1 **From October 7 through November 8 - 24-HOUR Drop Box***
69 W Washington St.
*Through 7pm on Election Day, November 8

2 **From October 7 through November 8**
Loop Super Site at Clark & Lake - 191 N Clark St
Mon - Fri: 9am - 6pm / Sat: 9am - 5pm / Sun: 10am - 4pm / Election Day (November 8): 6am - 7pm.

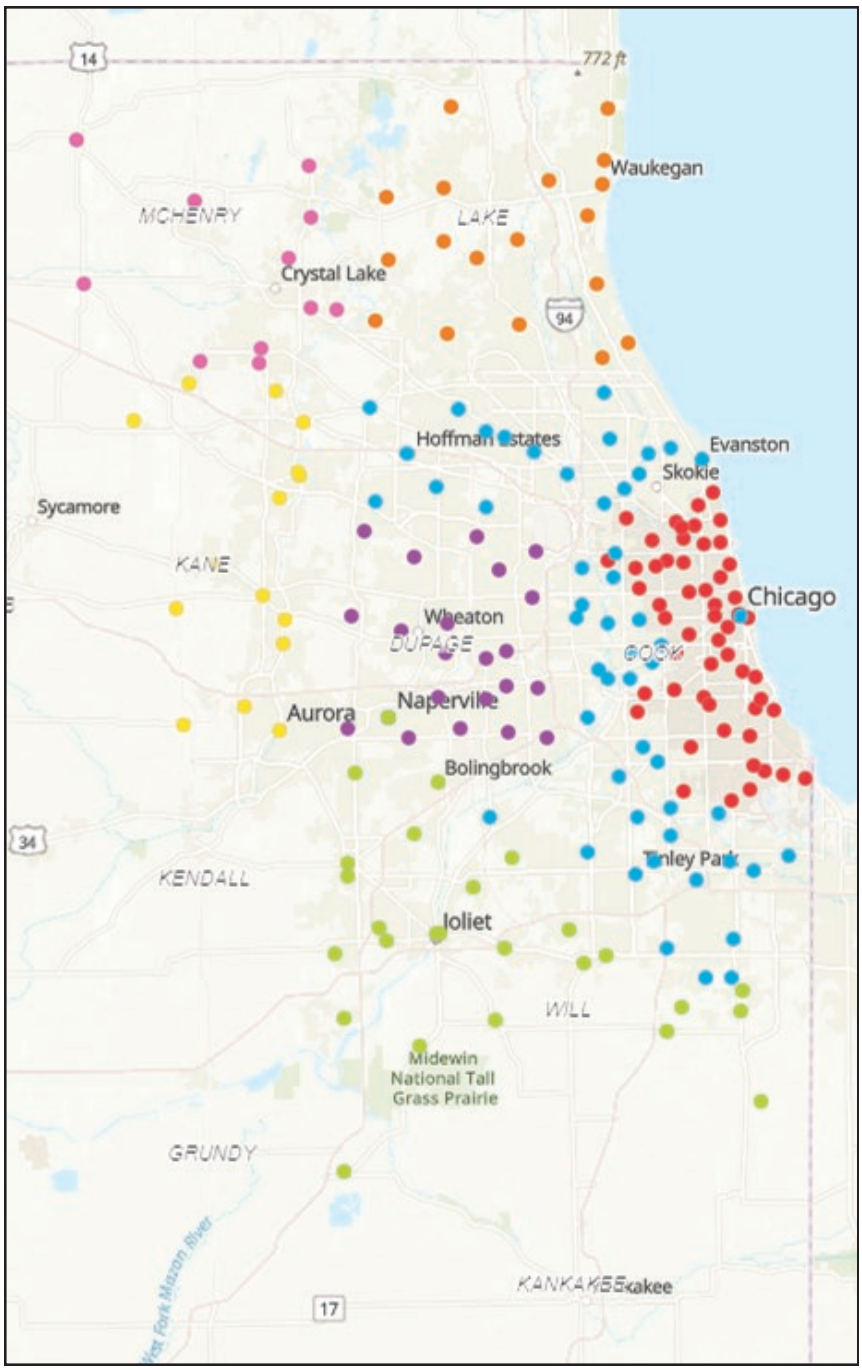
3 **From October 24 through November 8 - Use the Drop Box at any of these Early Voting Sites**
Mon - Fri: 9am - 6pm / Sat: 9am - 5pm / Sun: 10am - 4pm / Election Day (November 8): 6am - 7pm.

1	Goldblatts Building	1615 W. Chicago Ave.
2	Near North Branch Library	310 W. Division St.
3	Dawson Technical Institute	3901 S. State St.
4	Dr. Martin Luther King Center	4314 S. Cottage Gr.
5	Jackson Park	6401 S. Stony Island Ave.
6	Whitney Young Library	415 E. 79th St.
7	Trumbull Park	2400 E. 105th St.
8	Olive Harvey College	10001 S. Woodlawn Ave.
9	Palmer Park	201 E. 111th St.
10	East Side Vodak Library	3710 E. 106th St.
11	McGuane Park	2901 S. Poplar Ave.
12	McKinley Park Branch Library	1915 W. 35th St.
13	Clearing Library	6423 W. 63rd Pl.
14	Archer Heights Branch Library	5055 S. Archer Ave.
15	Gage Park	2411 W. 55th St.
16	Lindblom Park	6054 S. Damen Ave.
17	Thurgood Marshall Library	7506 S. Racine Ave.
18	Wrightwood Ashburn Branch Library	8530 S. Kedzie Ave.
19	Mt Greenwood Park	3721 W. 111th St.
20	Bessie Coleman Library	731 E. 63rd St.
21	West Pullman Library	830 W. 119th St.
22	Toman Library	2708 S. Pulaski Rd.
23	Hall-St. Faustina Kowalska Parish	5157 S. McVicker Ave.
24	St Agatha Catholic Parish	3151 W. Douglas Bv.
25	Rudy Lozano Branch Library	1805 S. Loomis St.
26	Humboldt Park Library	1605 N. Troy St.
27	Union Park Field House	1501 W. Randolph St.
28	West Side Learning Center	4624 W. Madison St.
29	Amundsen Park	6200 W. Bloomingdale Ave.
30	Kilbourn Park	3501 N. Kilbourn Ave.
31	Portage Cragin Library	5108 W. Belmont Ave.
32	Bucktown-Wicker Park Library	1701 N. Milwaukee Ave.
33	American Indian Center	3401 W. Ainslie St.
34	UIC Student Center	750 S. Halsted St.
35	Northeastern Il University El Centro	3390 N. Avondale Ave.
36	West Belmont Library	3104 N. Narragansett Ave.
37	West Chicago Library	4856 W. Chicago Ave.
38	Hiawatha Park	8029 W. Forest Preserve Dr.
39	North Park Village Admin Bldg	5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
40	Budlong Woods Library	5630 N. Lincoln Ave.
41	Roden Library	6083 N. Northwest Hw.
42	Maggie Daley Park	337 E. Randolph St.
43	Lincoln Park Branch Library	1150 W. Fullerton Ave.
44	Merlo Library	644 W. Belmont Ave.
45	Ho Chunk Nation	4732 N. Milwaukee Ave.
46	Truman College	1145 W. Wilson Ave.
47	Conrad Sulzer Library	4455 N. Lincoln Ave.
48	Broadway Armory	5917 N. Broadway
49	Willye B White Park	1610 W. Howard St.
50	Northtown Library	6800 N. Western Ave.
51*	Chicago Board of Elections	69 W. Washington, 6th Flr.
52*	Chicago Election Board Annex	Clark & Lake – 191 N. Clark ("Loop Super Site")

Subject to extended/different hours, go to chicagoelections.gov.

Source: ChicagoElections.gov/DropBox

EARLY VOTING *information*



KEY:

- Chicago locations
- Cook County locations
- DuPage County locations
- Kane County locations
- Lake County locations
- McHenry County locations
- Will County locations

For the November 8 Election, Chicago voters may use **any** Early Voting & Registration location in the city, starting October 7 at the Loop Super Site (191 N Clark), and then starting from October 24 at the 50 Ward sites.

VIEW CHICAGO LOCATIONS & HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING HERE.

VIEW SUBURBAN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS & HOURS HERE.

Any ballots that voters cast in Early Voting are final. After casting ballots in Early Voting, voters may not return to amend, change or undo a ballot for any reason. It is a felony to vote more than once—or to attempt to vote more than once—in the same election.

Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address, signature or if there are two voters at the same address with the same names or similar names.

Registration services are available at every Early Voting site. Two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address, are needed to register for the first time or to file a name change or an address update.

Every voter is encouraged to wear a facemask that covers the mouth and nose, whether visiting to use in-person Early Voting or to use a Secured Drop Box.

Voters in line are encouraged to practice social distancing with 6 feet (2 meters) of space between persons in line.

Source: ChicagoElections.gov/EarlyVoting & Chicago Tribune

know your VOTING RIGHTS

- **If the polls close while you're still in line, stay in line** – you have the right to vote.
- **If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.**
- **If the machines are down at your polling place, ask for a paper ballot.**
- If a poll worker cannot find your name on the list of registered voters, **you are still entitled to a provisional ballot.** After Election Day, election officials must investigate whether you are qualified to vote and registered. If you are qualified and registered, they will count your provisional ballot.
- Under federal law, **voters who have difficulty reading or writing English may receive in-person assistance at the polls from the person of their choice**. This person cannot be the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an agent or officer of the voter's union.
- Counties covered by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act are **required to provide bilingual assistance to voters in specific languages**. This means that they must provide poll workers who speak certain languages, and make all election materials and election-related information available in those languages. Check whether your county is required to provide bilingual election assistance in a language you speak.
- **It's illegal to intimidate voters** and a federal crime to "intimidate, threaten, [or] coerce … any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of [that] other person to vote or to vote as he may choose."
- Under federal law, **all polling places for federal elections must be fully accessible to older adults and voters with disabilities**. Simply allowing curbside voting is not enough to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements.
- In federal elections, **every polling place must have at least one voting system that allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently**. Usually, this is a machine that can read the ballot to you (for people with vision disabilities or dyslexia), and let you vote by pushing buttons (for people with mobility disabilities).
- If you have difficulty using the materials provided to make your ballot selections, review, or cast your ballot, let a poll worker know and ask for the help you need. **Accessibility is the law.**

IF YOU RUN INTO ANY PROBLEMS OR HAVE QUESTIONS ON ELECTION DAY, CALL THE ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE:

English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE / 1-866-687-8683
Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA / 1-888-839-8682
Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US / 1-844-925-5287
For Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, or Vietnamese: 1-888-274-8683

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF VOTING RIGHTS VISIT THE ACLU WEBSITE.

Source: ACLU

additional VOTING RESOURCES

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
The ACLU works to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties of everyone in this country.

BALLOTPEDIA - SAMPLE BALLOT LOOKUP
Access a sample ballot for your area, including information about each candidate.

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE
A nonpartisan law and policy organization that works to reform, revitalize, and defend our country's systems of democracy and justice.

COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND
Uses research, public education, citizen engagement, policy development, and litigation to aim to make the promises of the Constitution real for every American.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
A nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

VOTO LATINO
A grassroots organization focused on educating and empowering a new generation of Latinx voters, as well as creating a more robust and inclusive democracy.

VOTE RIDERS
Provides voter ID assistance so that every American can cast a ballot that counts.

ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE - VOTER HOTLINE
The AAJC voter hotline provides answers to questions abut voting and offers assistance in nine Asian languages.

BLACK FUTURES LAB - ELECTORIAL ACTION CENTER
Registers, engages, and activates Black voters through a national voter registration drive.

CHICAGO VOTES
A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization building a more inclusive democracy by putting power in the hands of young Chicagoans.

DEMOCRACY WORKS
A nonpartisan, non-profit organization dedicated to making voting a simple, seamless experience for all Americans so that no one misses an election.

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND - VOTING CENTER
LDF's Prepared to Vote and Voting Rights Defender projects work to protect voting rights and support Black political engagement.

VOTE.ORG
A nonpartisan platform that uses technology to simplify political engagement, increase voter turnout, and strengthen American democracy.

VOTING RIGHTS LAB
A non-partisan organization that brings state advocacy, policy, and legislative expertise to the fight for voting rights.