

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
MARCH 3, 2009, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Based on the laws in effect in 2008, this information has been prepared as a public service and is intended to be used for general reference and guidance only. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office by calling (562) 804-1424, or by visiting City Hall at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Q *What is the registration deadline for the March 3, 2009, General Municipal Election?*

February 16, 2009

Q *What are the requirements to register to vote?*

You may register to vote if you are a United States citizen, will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election, and you are not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony. (California Constitution, Article II, Section 2; Elections Code Sections 321, 2101)

Q *How can I register to vote?*

By completing a postage-paid, registration-by-mail form (Affidavit of Registration). For your convenience, voter registration forms may be obtained at City Hall and most other government offices (Department of Motor Vehicles, Post Office, and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office).

Q *Where is the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office?*

12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90651-1024, telephone (800) 815-2666

Q *How long is my registration valid?*

The registration of a voter is permanent unless a person requests cancellation, is legally found mentally incompetent, imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony, dies, moves out of the precinct and/or county, wants to change party affiliation, is unknown at the registered address, or has a Residency Confirmation postcard returned or other notification by the Postal Service as undeliverable. A voter must re-register if the voter registration has been canceled for any of the above reasons and the voter is presently eligible. (Elections Code 2201, 2220)

Q *When is it advisable, but not mandatory, to re-register?*

If a voter has a change of surname (through marriage, etc.) (Elections Code 2115)

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Q *Do I need to re-register if I move or change my political party?*

California law requires a voter to re-register if they move to another election precinct or wish to change their political party affiliation. (Elections Code 2116, 2152, 2204)

Q *My mother is disabled, may I sign the affidavit of registration for her?*

If unable to write, she may make a mark or cross as a signature. You, then, may sign and date the affidavit below her signature or mark. (Elections Code 2150)

Q *May I register to vote at my business address or may I use my Post Office Box number?*

A person may only register to vote at his or her place of residence. A business address or P.O. Box number may only be used as a mailing address. (Elections Code 349, 2020-2035, 2150)

Q *My husband is out of town, may I register for him?*

No. The signature of the registrant certifies the truthfulness and correctness of the affidavit, under penalty of perjury. (Elections Code 2102, 2150)