

# County of Orange Registrar of Voters





# 2024 Presidential Primary Election Media Briefing

January 31, 2024



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- May raise your hand to ask a question or submit a question in the chat
- Meeting is being recorded
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## Welcome & Introductions



- Bob Page, Registrar of Voters
- Registrar of Voters Staff





# Agenda

- 2024 Presidential Primary Election and Important Dates
- Mailing of County Voter Information Guides and Ballots
- How to Vote for President / Crossover Voting
- Voter Education
- New Laws
- Election Security
- Online Data Available
- Media Opportunities Schedule

# 2024 Presidential Primary Election





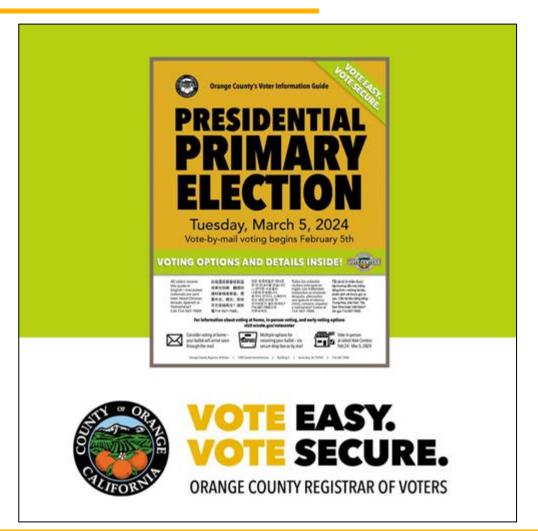
### Presidential Primary Election

- September 14 December 8, 2023: Candidate Services and Filing
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024: Voter Information Guide Mailing Begins
- Monday, February 5, 2024: Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing Begins
- Tuesday, February 20, 2024: Last Day to Register to Vote
- Saturday, February 24, 2024: Select Vote Centers Open
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Election Day
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024: Deadline to Certify Election Results





- Voter Information Guides (VIG) mailing began January 24
- View & download by visiting ocvote.gov/VIG





# County Voter Information Guides and Ballots

- Vote-by-Mail ballots starting February 5
- Track your Vote-by-Mail ballot







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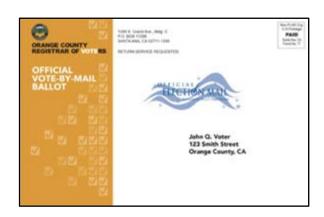
- All registered voters will receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot
- 183 Vote Centers
  - 37 open for 11 Days
  - 146 open for 4 Days
  - 25 with a drive thru ballot drop off
  - ROV open for entire voting period
- 122 Ballot Drop Boxes open on February 5
  - Open for 30 days until March 5

Locations: ocvote.gov/options

# Four Ways to Vote



- US Postal Service no postage necessary
- Ballot Drop Boxes
- Drop off in person at any Vote Center, including ROV
- Vote in-person at any Vote Center
  - More information: ocvote.gov/voting





# 2024 Presidential Primary Election

### What offices are up for election?

- Political Party nomination elections for President and County Central Committees
- Voter nomination elections for U.S. Senator (partial & full term),
   Congressional Representatives, State Senate, and Assembly
- Nonpartisan elections and nomination elections for three Superior Court Judge, two County Board of Supervisors, three County Board of Education offices, and two Orange Unified School District Board of Education offices for recall



# No Party Preference (NPP) Voters

California's modified-closed primary system authorizes political parties to allow NPP voters to vote in their presidential primary.

For this election, the American Independent Party, Democratic Party and Libertarian Party will allow crossover voting by voters registered as No Party Preference.



# No Party Preference (NPP) Voters

The Green, Peace and Freedom, and Republican parties do not allow crossover voting. NPP voters must re-register with that party to vote for that party's presidential candidate.

NPP voters may vote a non-partisan ballot without presidential candidates.

More information: <a href="https://ocvote.gov/NPP">ocvote.gov/NPP</a>





- Robust events calendar: 201 events between February 1, 2023, and March 5, 2024, ocvote.gov/community
- Community events
- Speaking engagements
- Pop-ups, <u>ocvote.gov/pop-up</u>





# Community Outreach Toolkits

- English toolkit to be available online <u>ocvote.gov/community</u>
- In the process of finalizing versions in Spanish, Chinese,
   Korean and Vietnamese
- Contains accurate and helpful information and resources.
- Provides our community partners and media with easy-to-share content.



• **AB 1416** - Effective January 1, 2023

Ballot labels for state and local measures now must include up to 125 characters for supporters and up to 125 characters for opponents.

Proposition 1 and Measures A - E

• **AB 2582** - Effective January 1, 2023

Local recall elections no longer include replacement candidates.

Orange Unified School District Board of Education



• **AB 2815** - Effective January 1, 2023

Shall have a ballot drop off location at each California State University.

Must request a ballot drop off location at each University of California.

Encouraged for community college campuses.

Added a ballot drop box at California State University Fullerton



• **AB 969** - Effective October 4, 2023

Elections official shall use a certified voting machine or voting system for elections.

Limits hand counting of all ballots to small elections – 1,000 voters on an established election date.

• **AB 292** - Effective January 1, 2024

NPP crossover ballot request instructions must be printed on non-partisan ballot.

# Security and Integrity Measures

# Orange County Elections are...



- Accessible
- Fair
- Accurate
- Secure
- Transparent





# Security and Integrity Measures

- Physical
- Technical
- Process
- People



# Security and Integrity Measures – Physical

- Badge access controls
- Auditable security seals on equipment
- Ballot drop boxes
  - Made of thick, secure metal
  - Bolted to concrete
  - Individually keyed





# Security and Integrity Measures - Technical

- Electronic voter check-in with near real-time updates
- Voter data is secured and encrypted while in transit and at rest
- All votes are cast on paper ballots
- Pre- & post-election confirmation of voting system software version
- Vote tally system is not connected to the internet
- Intrusion detection/prevention systems in place



# Security and Integrity Measures – Process

- Voter File Maintenance Regular and consistent
- Ballot Handling Daily randomized routes, GPS tracking, radio communication with controlled chain of custody
- Signature verification of all vote-by-mail ballots
- Pre-election & post-election Logic and Accuracy tests
- 1% Manual Tally and Risk Limiting Audit
- Partnerships Federal, State, and Local law enforcement & DA



# Voter Registration File Maintenance

- Perform all daily maintenance activities required by law
- Perform additional discretionary activities, including
  - Identification of duplicate voter registration files
  - Access third-party data to identify possible voter changes
  - Encourage voters to re-register to update their information and signature
- Performance Measurements:
  - 57,677 voters cancelled in 2022
  - Only 2.67% of ballots mailed in 2022 General Election returned as undeliverable



# Security – Chain of Custody Drop Boxes

- Teams of two used for ballot pickup
- Tracked using GPS for every pickup
- Radio and photo communication
- Upon return, ballot bag seals are verified, and ballots are immediately stored in secure location





- Background checks on all employees
- Extensive training provided to all employees
- Two-person integrity for movement of ballots
- Use of DA Investigators, Sheriff's deputies, and security officers
- Command Center/Vote Center Help Desk
- Rapid deployment teams





A Quality Management System provides customers the reassurance that the organization values and practices quality management principles.



The Seven Principles of ISO 9001:2015

## ISO 9001 Certification



**ISO-9001** is the international standard for creating, implementing, and maintaining a Quality Management System (QMS), published by ISO (International Organization for Standardization).



A Quality Management System (QMS) is a collection of rules, policies, processes, and procedures to provide products and services that meet customer needs and improve customer satisfaction.

# Online Data Available

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- Data Central Registration and Ballots Returned ocvote.gov/datacentral
- Map Central Registration, Find My District, and Results <u>ocvote.gov/map-central</u>
- Election Results Results and What's Left to Process ocvote.gov/results





Current Registration Counts	
Total active voters	1,827,702
Total inactive voters (what are inactive voters?)	276,974
Change from yesterday	♣ -264
Change (%)	-0.01
Secretary of State report of registration (1/5/2024)	1,798,405
Statewide	21,240,236
Military and overseas	7,669
Party Counts	
DEM	686,261
REP	612,645
Al	69,287
GRN	6,650
LIB	22,739
P-F	8,812
MISC	4,615
NPP	416,693
Printable Weekly Countywide Registration Data (PDF)	
Current Report of Registration to SOS	See Link

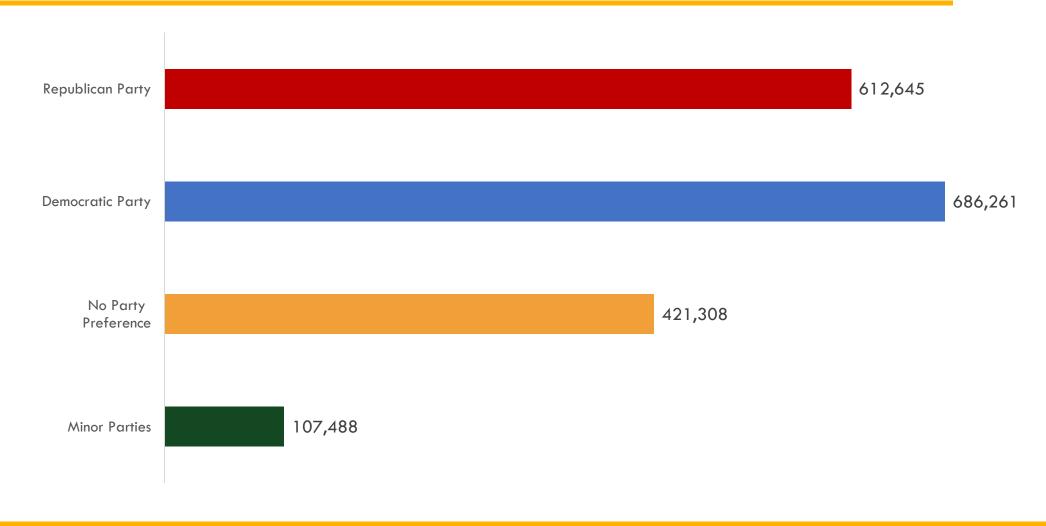
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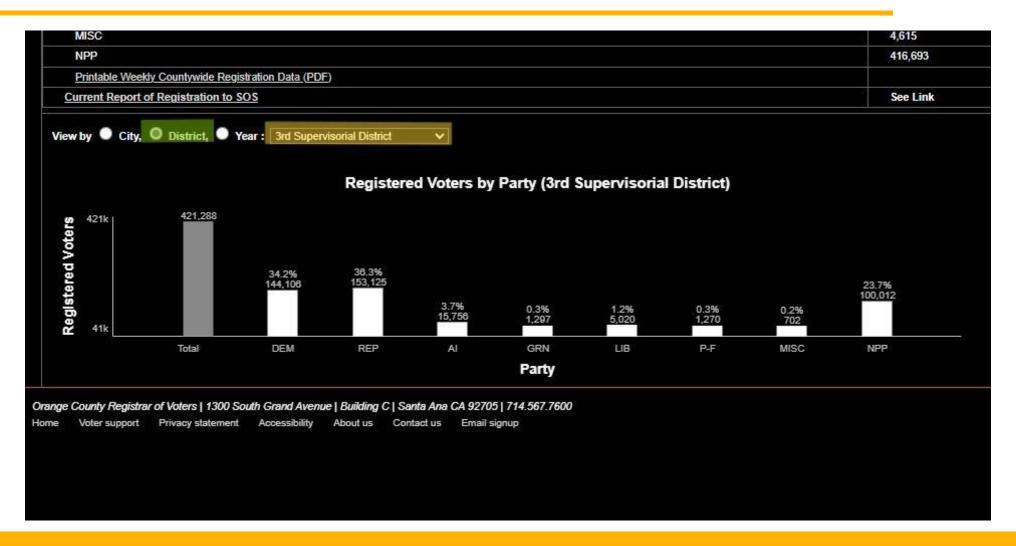


# Voter Registration by Party









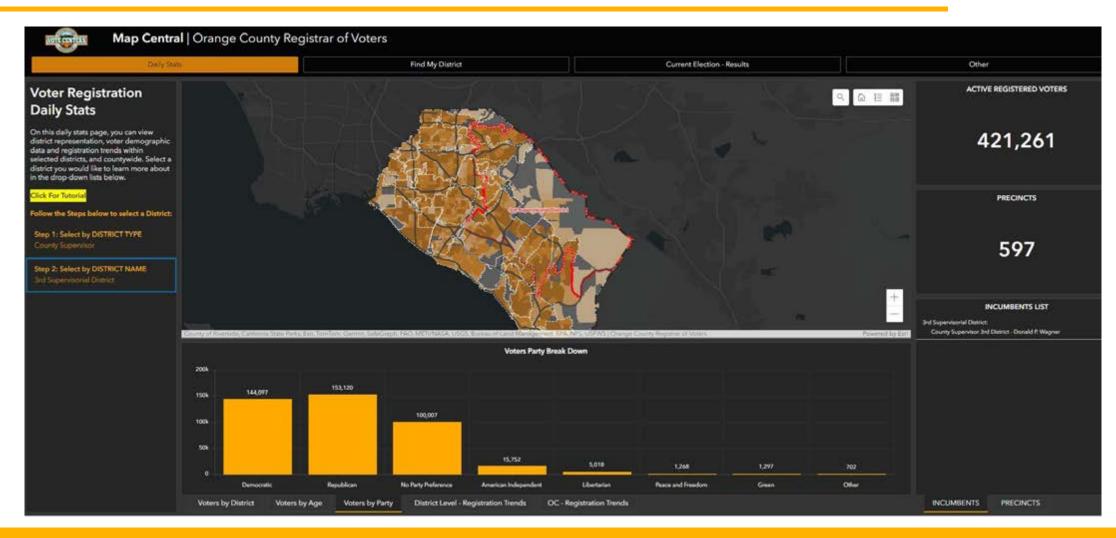




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Current Total Ballots Returned	
Breakdown of countywide turnout	2 - 120
Vote-by-Mail ballots	0
Military and overseas ballots	0
Total vote-by-mail ballots returned	0
All ballots returned by party	
Daily breakdown of vote-by-mail ballots returned	See Link
Raw Count of In-Person Ballots Cast	See Link
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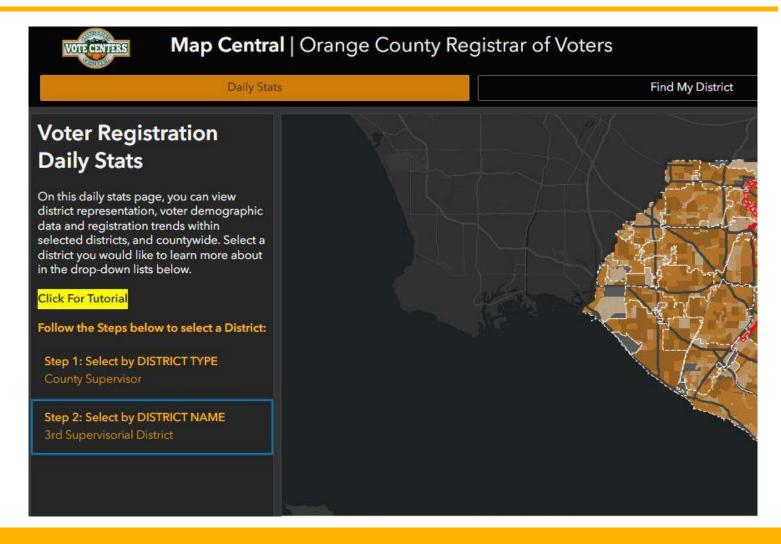






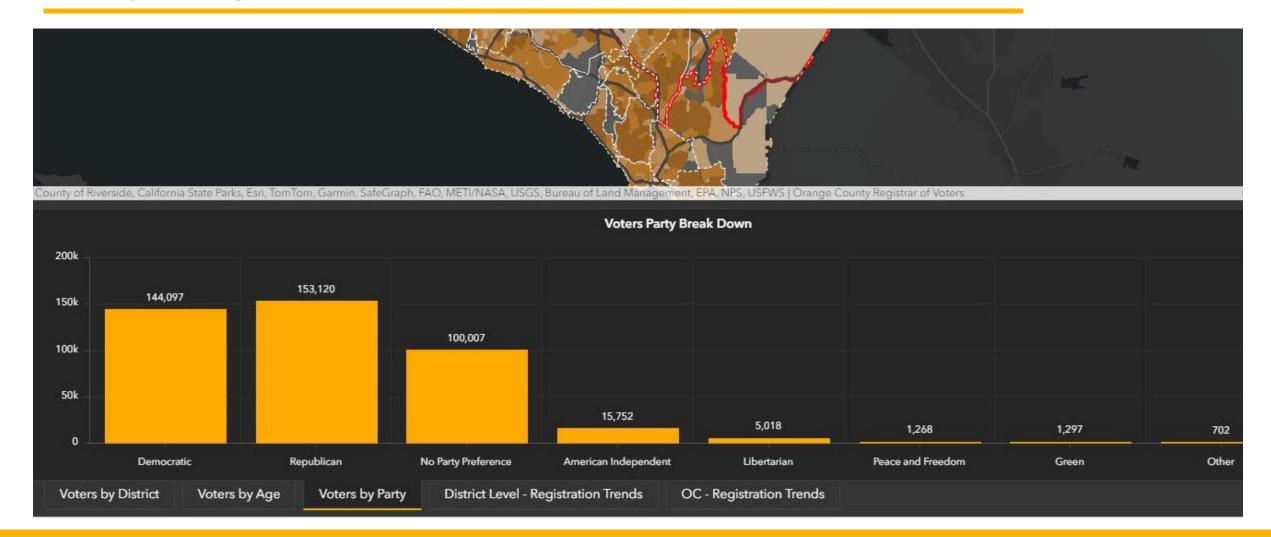






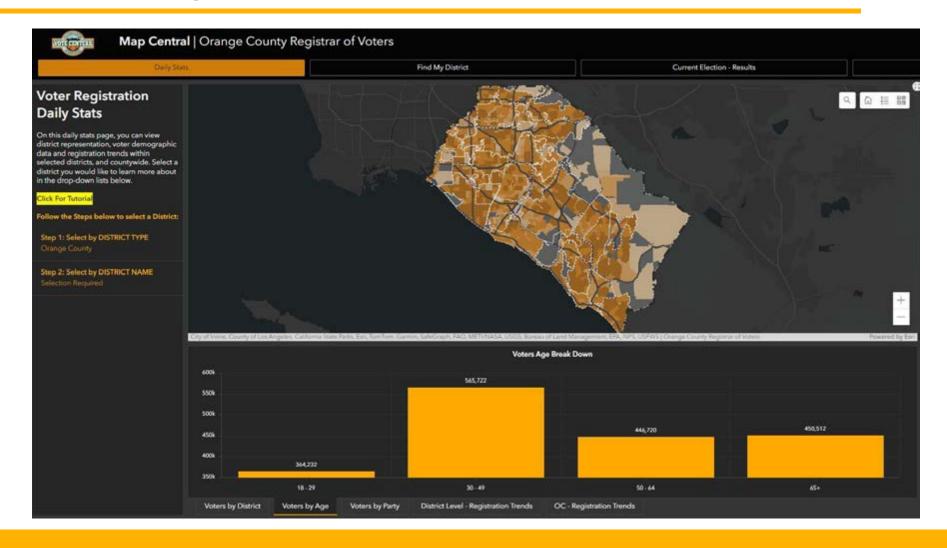






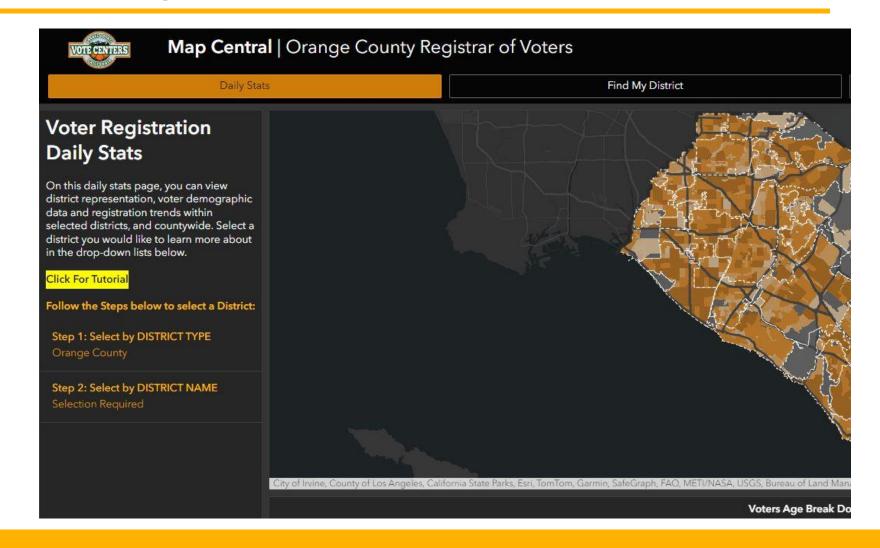


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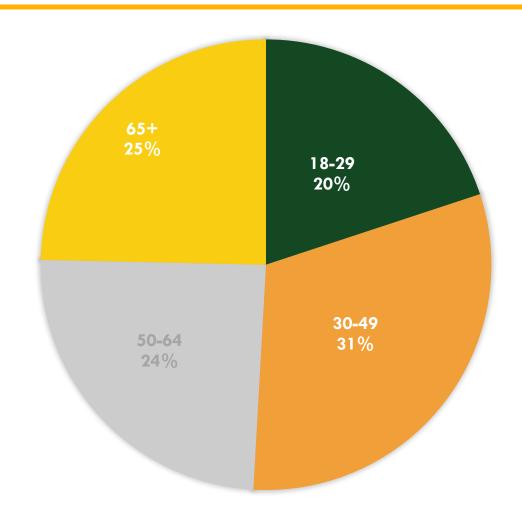


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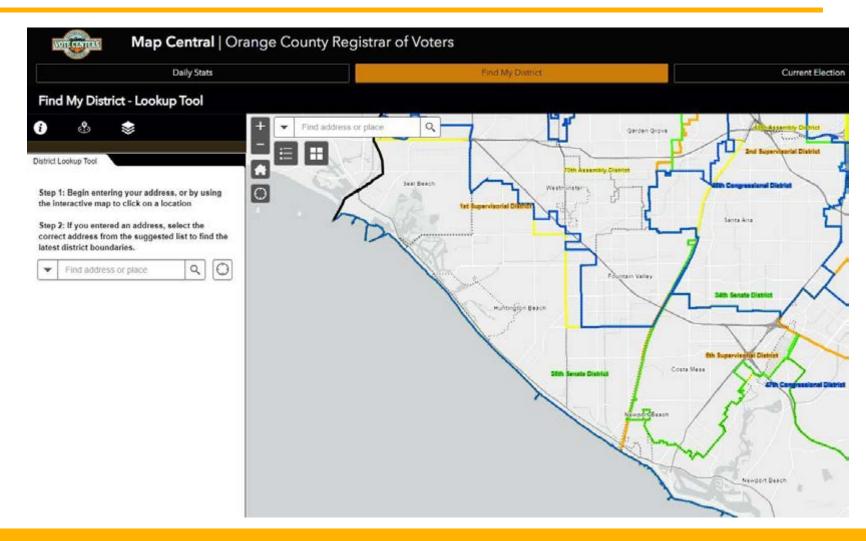


# Voter Registration by Age Group



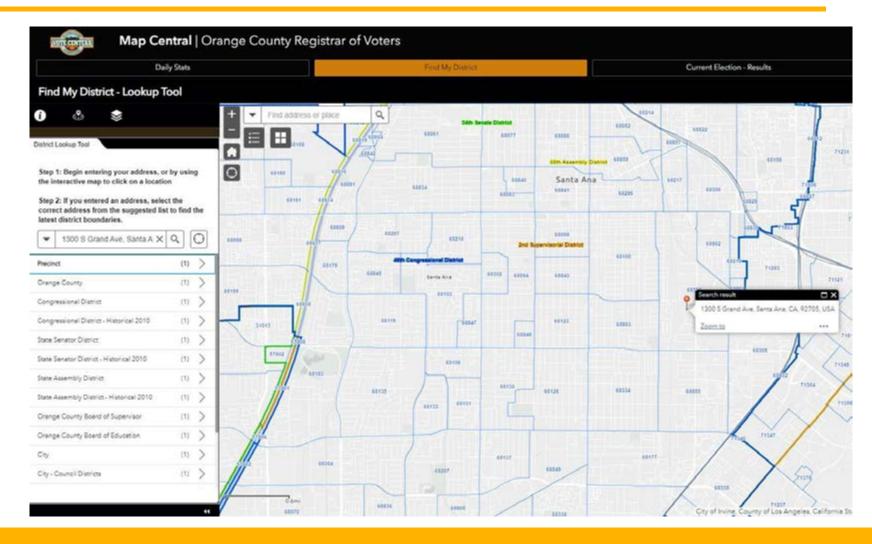






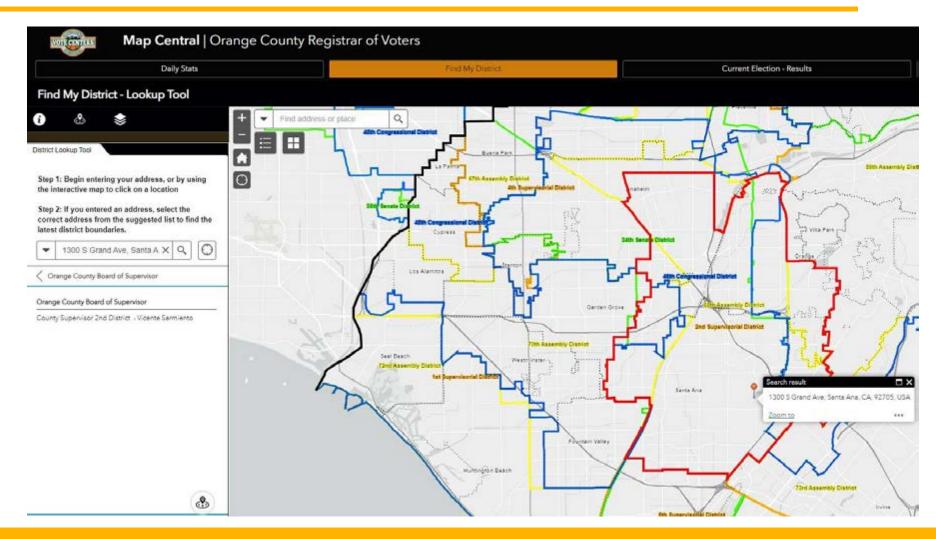












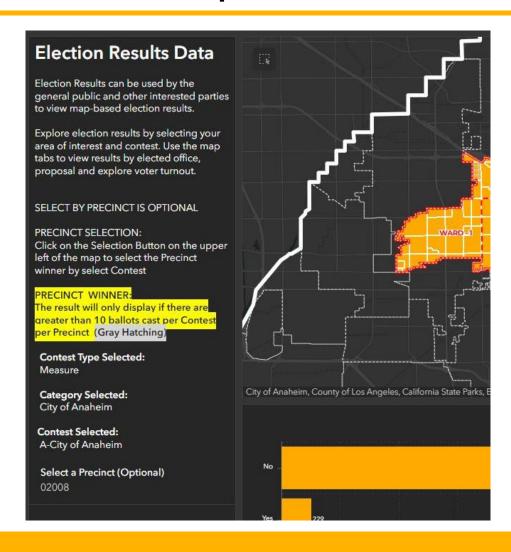
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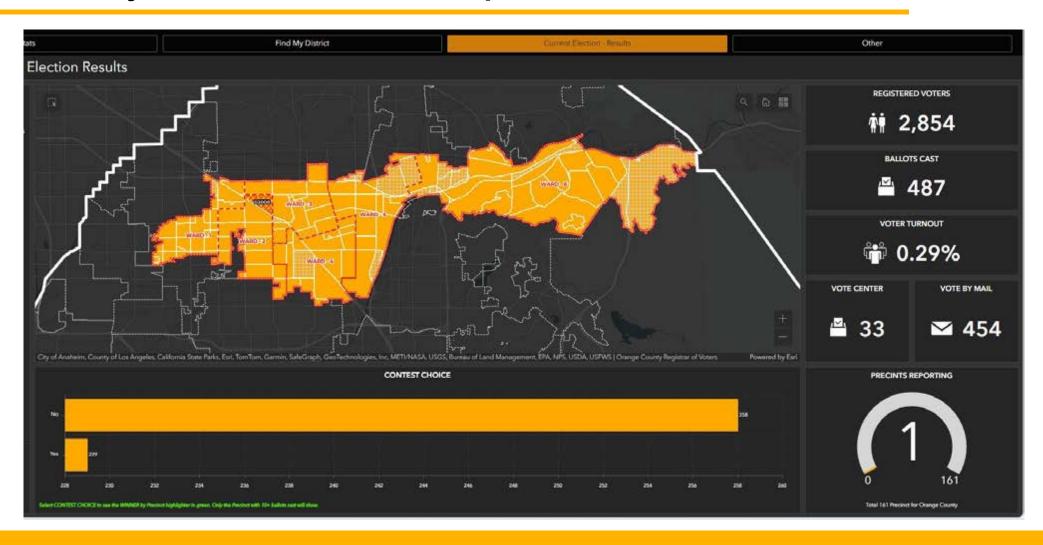
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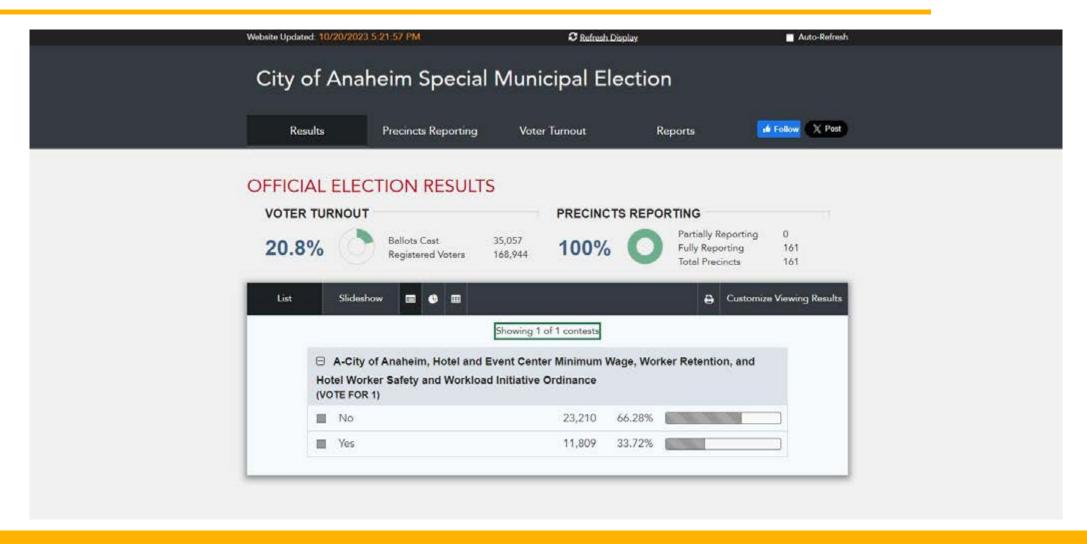
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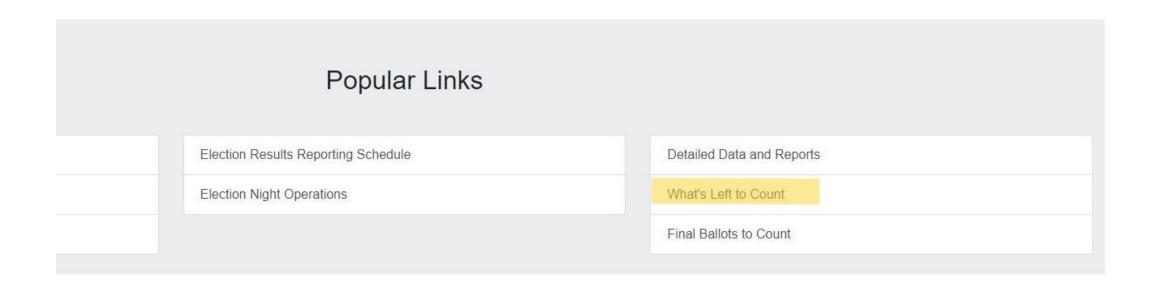


### **Election Results**





### **Ballots Left To Process**



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#### Total Ballots Left to Process

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"IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER. Ballot estimates will expand as eligible ballots (mailed on or before Election Day) are received via USPS and ballots deposited in official drop boxes (prior to 8PM on Election Night) are received and processed.

Note: These estimates were prepared based on averages and will be adjusted following additional detailed sorting.

Total estimated number of ballots processed (after Election Day): 1,140 Total Estimated Left to process: 0

Vote-by-mail ballots received on or before Election Day via mail left to process

Total vote-by-mail ballots processed. 123

Total estimated number of vote-by-mail ballots left to process. 0

#### Ballots From Drop Boxes Left to Process

Total ballots from Drop Boxes processed: 0
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- Monday, February 5, 2024: Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing Begins
  - Visuals of ballots on pallets being loaded for transport to USPS
- Monday, February 5, 2024: Early Voting Begins
  - OC ROV offices open for in-person voting
  - Ballot drop-off locations open
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024: Testing and VBM Ballot Processing Begins
  - Creation and scanning of test ballots for Logic and Accuracy Test
  - VBM ballot processing includes sorting, signature verification



- Saturday, February 24, 2024: 37 Select Vote Centers Open for 11 Days
  - Visuals of Vote Centers opening
  - Set up visuals available
- Monday, February 26, 2024: Media Tour at OC ROV
  - Guided tour of ballot-processing center
  - TV stand-ups with OC Registrar
- Saturday, March 2, 2024: 146 Additional Vote Centers Open for 4 Days
  - Visuals of Vote Centers opening and set up



- Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Election Day
  - Ballot processing and counting at OC ROV
  - Results starting at 8:05 p.m., followed by 9:30 p.m., and then each half hour until all precincts have been reported on election night
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024: Official Canvass Begins
  - VBM ballot processing and counting continues
  - Audits and post-election testing of election equipment and software
  - Daily schedule available <u>ocvote.gov/observe</u>

### Contact Us







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