

California Gubernatorial Recall Election Updated Informational August 2021



This document is to provide updated information on the California Gubernatorial Recall Election process. The information was obtained from the California Secretary of State's (SOS) website and prepared by Eta Gamma Omega Chapter. The information in this document is nonpartisan and does not express any opinion.

What is a recall?

California has had recall procedures since 1911. Recall is the power of the voter to remove an elected official. Any state officer, including the elected officer of Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, etc. can be recalled. A recall is a tool for the public to attempt to remove any elected public officials from office before the end of their term.

When will the Gubernatorial Recall Election take place?

The recall election will take place on September 14, 2021. All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the September 14, 2021, recall election. Your county elections office will begin mailing ballots by August 16, 2021.

What is on the recall ballot?

The September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election ballot will have two questions on it.

Question one is the recall question: "Shall GAVIN NEWSOM be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?"

The second question following the recall question list the replacement candidates for the office of Governor.

Voters can vote on either one or both questions on the recall ballot.

If 50% or more of voter's vote "No" to the first question, Governor Newsom will remain Governor. If 50% or more of voter's vote "Yes" to the first question, then Governor Newsom would be recalled, and the replacement candidate with the most votes in the second question becomes the new Governor.

When must the Recall Ballot be returned?

Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail with prepaid postage envelope no later than postmarked September 14, 2021, or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location or your county elections office by 8:00 pm on September 14, 2021.

Can I still register to vote in the Gubernatorial Recall Election?

Yes. Information on how to register to vote may be found on the California SOS website: elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2021-recall/quickfacts-2021.pdf or registertovote.ca.gov.

What if I have more questions?

For more information about the recall, visit the California Secretary of State www.sos.ca.gov.