



# Registrar of Voters

## FAQ

### No Party Preference Voters

#### March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

The Secretary of State's Office has advised the Registrar of Voters that three qualified parties are allowing voters not affiliated with a political party (No Party Preference voters) to vote for their parties' candidates in the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. The parties allowing non-affiliated voters to do so are the **Democratic Party, American Independent Party**, and the **Libertarian Party**.

**Q: As a No Party Preference Voter, why did I receive a postcard?**

**A:** Since you are registered as No Party Preference, you received a postcard explaining that you have the option to vote for candidates of qualified parties if they notified the Secretary of State that they are allowing non-affiliated voters to do so. You can request a vote-by-mail ballot from the Democratic Party, American Independent Party or the Libertarian party by returning the postcard, or online at [ocvote.com/npp](http://ocvote.com/npp). You can also call our office to make this request at 714-567-7600.

**Q: Why are only three parties listed on the postcard and not all the other qualified parties, including the Republican, Green, and Peace and Freedom Parties?**

**A:** Only the Democratic, American Independent, and Libertarian Parties notified the Secretary of State that they are allowing non-affiliated (No Party Preference) voters to vote for candidates of their parties.

**Q: Why didn't the other parties allow No Party Preference voters to vote for their candidates?**

**A:** This was a decision made by each political party, not the Registrar of Voters. Contact the political parties for more information.

**Q: If I am a No Party Preference voter, how can I request a ballot for the Republican Party, Green Party, or Peace and Freedom Party?**

**A:** You need to re-register with that party. You can fill out a paper registration form or register online at [ocvote.com/register](http://ocvote.com/register).

**Q: If I do not request a Democratic, American Independent, or Libertarian Party ballot, will I be allowed to vote?**

**A:** Yes, you will be allowed to vote. No Party Preference voters not requesting one of those ballots will be given a non-partisan ballot, containing only the names of the candidates for non-partisan (No Party Preference) offices, voter-nominated offices, and measures to be voted upon.

**Q: If I do request a Democratic, American Independent, or Libertarian Party ballot, will I now be registered with that party?**

**A:** No, you will still be registered as a No Party Preference voter. You will only be given a Democratic, American Independent, or Libertarian Party ballot for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election, if requested.

**Q: If I am a No Party Preference voter, am I considered a registered voter?**

**A:** Yes, you are a registered voter but not affiliated with a qualified political party.

**Q: I'm an Independent Party voter. Am I considered a No Party Preference Voter?**

**A:** A No Party Preference voter is one who did not register with one of the qualified political parties – Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom. The “Independent Party” is not a qualified political party, and voters who registered with this party will be treated in the same manner as a No Party Preference voter.