

# Elections 101

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# Agenda

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(Voter Information Guide)
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# Objective



## Inform

- Avoid confusion
- Educate staff, volunteers, and candidates

## Voter Outreach

- Social Media
- Community Presence
- Signage

Increase Voter turnout

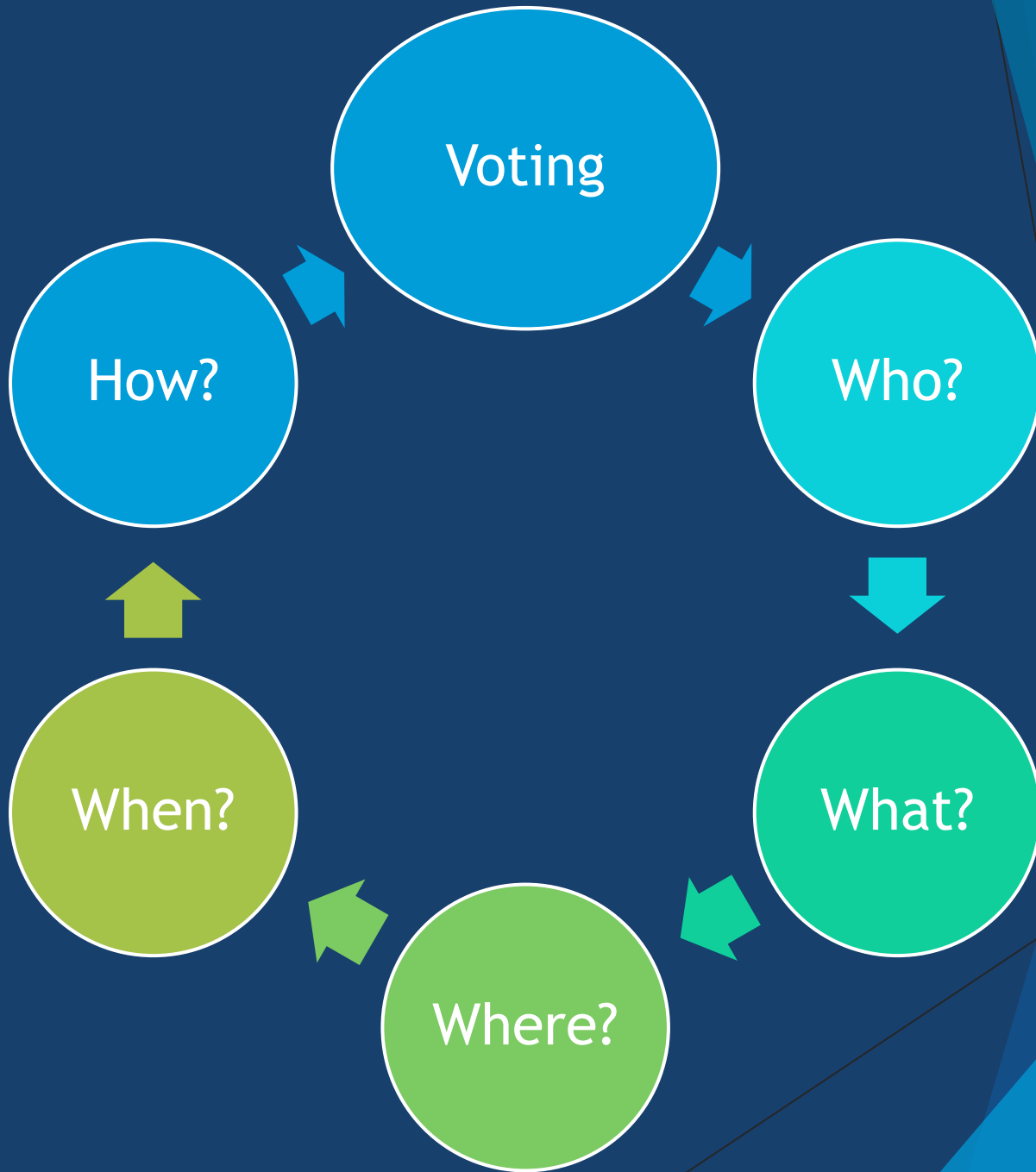
# Important Dates

General Municipal Elections are held the second Tuesday in April of each year

- ballots are mailed mid-March
- last day to register to vote is 15 days prior to election date

Special Elections are called when necessary

- Check the City's website for additional information
- Call the City Clerk for more information



Voting

How?

Who?

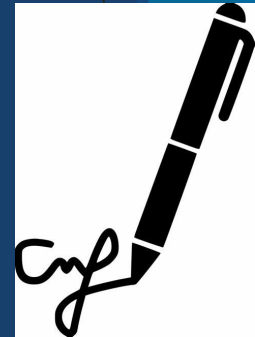
When?

What?

Where?

# Voting – Who Can Vote?


- Vernon Residents
- 18 years of age or older
- Registered to vote
- Signature matches voter registration



# Voting – Ballot

 **Official Ballot**  
General Election

**Instructions to voter:**  
Marking your votes

    
Do this      Not this      Not this

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
Vote For One

PETE MCCAN

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JOHN SMITH

**CONTROLLER**  
Vote For One

JANE DOE

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SUNNY KING

# Voting – Where Can I Vote?

At Home  
(Vote-By-Mail)

City Hall  
4305 Santa Fe Ave.

Vernon Village Park  
Apartments  
4675 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Drive



Must be postmarked  
by Election Day.

City Hall Hours  
7 am to 5:30 pm  
Monday - Thursday



Election Day until 8 pm



# Voting – How Can I Vote?

Vote-By-Mail

Provisionally

City Clerk  
Counter

# Provisional Ballots

- Pink envelopes
- Ensures properly registered voters can vote
  - New voter
  - Vote-by-Mail ballot issued
- 90% are valid and counted
- Protects against voting fraud

# Voter Information Guide - Sample

**Instructions to voters: Marking your votes**

**Do this**    **Not this**    **Not this**

- Fill in the circle to the left of your choice.
- Don't vote for more choices than indicated.
- You don't have to vote in every race.

**Write-In Candidates**

- To add a candidate, fill in the circle to the left of "Write-in Candidate" and write the name on the dotted line.
- A list of qualified write-in candidates is available eleven days before the election at [lavote.net](http://lavote.net).
- Do not write-in a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot.
- Write-in votes are not authorized for Voter-Nominated offices.
- A voter is entitled to cast a vote for a qualified Write-in candidate for any Nonpartisan office by writing, on the Write-in portion of the ballot, the name of the qualified candidate.

**Voter-Nominated And Nonpartisan Offices**

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

**DEMO**

**NBA PLAYERS**  
Vote For ONE

- LEBRON JAMES**  
Forward
- KEVIN DURANT**  
Forward
- STEPHEN CURRY**  
Guard
- JAMES HARDEN**  
Guard
- RUSSELL WESTBROOK**  
Guard
- KYRIE IRVING**  
Guard
- ANTHONY DAVIS**  
Forward/Center
- GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO**  
Forward
- DEMAR DEROZAN**  
Guard
- JIMMY BUTLER**  
Guard/Forward
- DAMIAN LILLARD**  
Guard
- KLAY THOMPSON**  
Guard
- JOEL EMBIID**  
Center

Contest continues in next column.

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- DEMARCUS COOPER**  
Center
- DRAYMOND GREEN**  
Forward
- KEVIN LOVE**  
Forward/Center
- KYLE LOWRY**  
Guard
- ANDRE DRUMMOND**  
Center
- BRADLEY BEAL**  
Guard
- AL HORFORD**  
Forward/Center
- KARL-ANTHONY TOWN**  
Center
- KRISTRAPS FORTUNE**  
Forward/Center
- KEMBA WALKER**  
Guard
- JOHN WALL**  
Guard
- VICTOR OLADIPO**  
Guard
- LONZO BALL**  
Forward/Center
- BLAKE GRIFFIN**  
Guard
- Write-In Candidate

Continue voting on other side of this envelope.

County of Los Angeles  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
P.O. Box 30450  
Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Official Ballot**

**Return Envelope**

To be opened only by Canvassing Board.

Ballot must be returned or postmarked on or before Election Day. A ballot that is mailed must be received by the elections office no later than 3 days after Election Day.

**Secrecy Sleeve**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED**

**Ballot must be returned or postmarked on or before Election Day.**

A ballot that is mailed must be received by the elections office no later than 3 days after Election Day.

**If you've made a mistake, or lost your ballot:**

- Call (800) 815-2666 Option 2 for a replacement ballot before Election Day; or
- Vote in person on Election Day.

**OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL**

Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service

**OFFICIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTING MATERIAL**

**OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL**

Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service

**OFFICIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTING**

**BUSINESS REPLY**  
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 31128 LOS ANGELES, CA  
POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

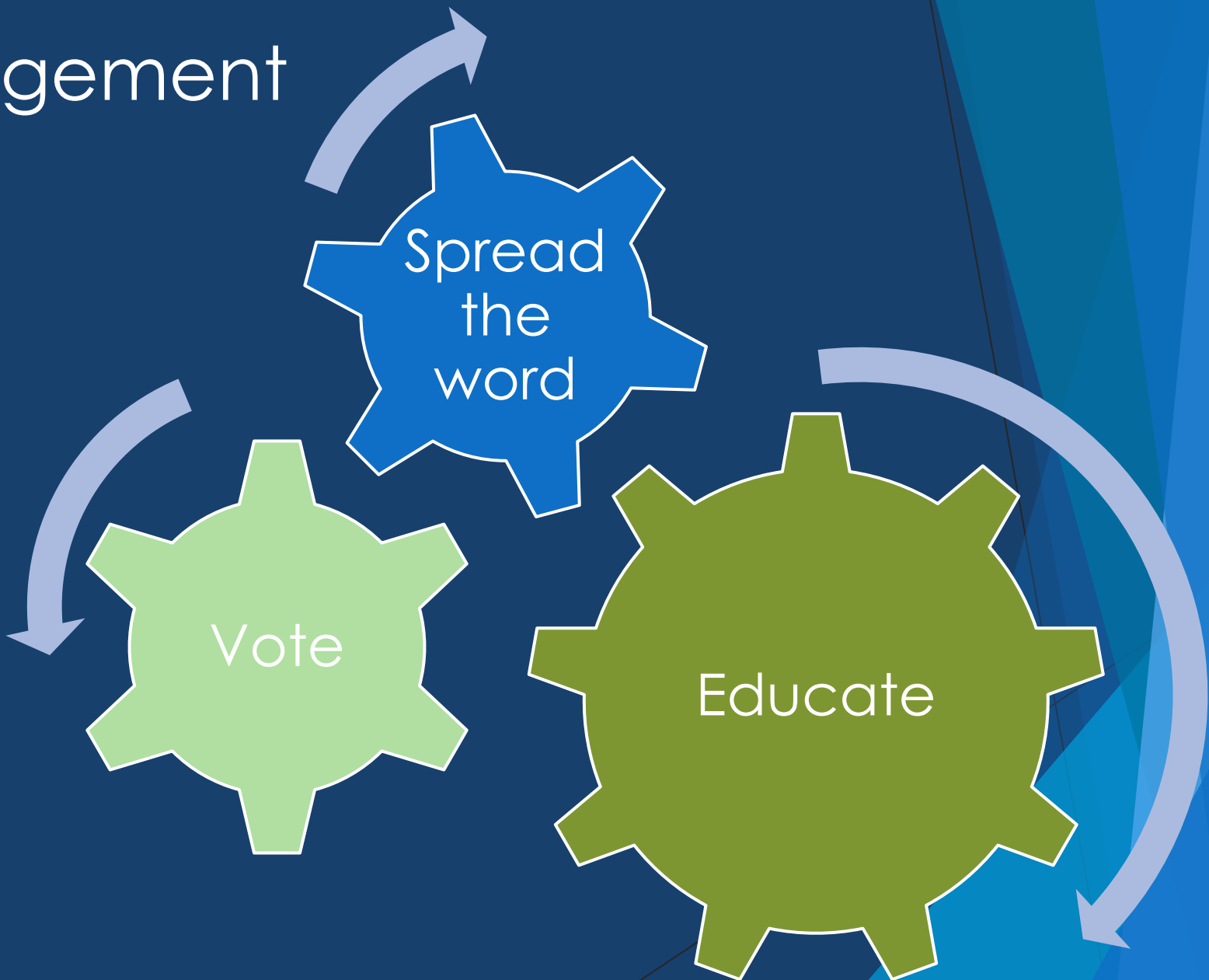
**Secrecy Sleeve**

Background image of palm trees.

# Results

- Central Counting
- Location – City Hall Council Chamber
- Official Canvass – Vote-By-Mail and Provisionals
- Results
  - City's website – [www.cityofvernon.org](http://www.cityofvernon.org)
  - City Clerk Department

# Civic Engagement



# Voting – Questions and Answers

**Question** Can people find out who I voted for?

- No. How you vote and who you vote for is confidential.

**Question** Can someone watch me fill out my ballot?

- Not unless you want them to.

**Question** What do I do if I don't receive my ballot?

- Contact the City Clerk
- Come to City Hall

# Voting – Questions and Answers

## Question

Where can I get more information on the things we are voting on?

- Review the Voter Information Pamphlet
- Contact the City Clerk Department at 323-583-8811, ext. 897

## Question

How do I know if my vote was counted?

- Contact the City Clerk.

## Question

How do I know if my signature matches my voter registration?

- Signatures change over time. The City Clerk can tell you if there is an issue with your signature.

# Resources

- City Clerk Department
  - [CityClerk@cityofvernon.org](mailto:CityClerk@cityofvernon.org)
  - 323-583-8811, ext. 897
  - [lpope@cityofvernon.org](mailto:lpope@cityofvernon.org)
- City's website – [www.CityofVernon.org/election](http://www.CityofVernon.org/election)
- LAVote.net for Voter Registration and Information