

Canvass California Training

PATRIOT FORCE CALIFORNIA



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We are a non-partisan grassroots volunteer group of Californians joining forces with fellow citizens across our great state. We provide education on how you can take action in your own communities to promote free and fair elections.

Join us and help build Patriot Force across the Golden State.

Purpose of the Canvass

We intend to ensure free & fair California elections and to restore Californians' confidence in our election system by either refuting or confirming concerns of fraud.

Canvassing is one of several means of conducting independent audits of election records and results, and one which is critical to determining whether CA voter registration and voting records are accurate.

The Canvass results will be presented as evidence, both in and out of legal settings, so we must be consistent in our conduct and consistent and accurate in our documentation of what we observe – don't write down, submit, or sign any log, result, or statement to which you would not pledge your "life, fortune, and sacred honor."



The latest Census data shows that in 2022 alone, more than 817,000 people left California.

California voter rolls include over 97k registrants with out of State mailing addresses

Canvass Process: Safety

Don't put yourself in danger; we highly recommend:

- Work in teams of two!
- Do not forget to check-in/check-out, so we know where you are if you need help.
- Dress the way you want to be perceived: Business casual? Grandmother? Tennis pro?
- Do not enter properties with, i.e. "No Trespass" sign, loose dogs, etc.
- Have **Lead** volunteer approach the residence door while the Recorder remains a few feet behind.
- Ring the bell, knock on the door, and step back – put at least 4'- 6' between yourself and the door.
- **Recorder** listen carefully & document the statement as heard.
- Be **polite** and **honest**.
Do not argue with anyone; verbal conflicts can escalate unpredictably.
- **Do not** wear any logos, indications of political party, politicians, or candidates. We are "Team America". First and foremost, we are all non-partisan grass-roots American citizen volunteers whose focus is voter roll cleanup.

Our Canvass Process: Legal Restrictions

This is NOT soliciting

- You **do not** have to identify yourself at all but may **not** misidentify yourself. You can simply state that you are volunteers working to clean up our voter rolls.
- Protect yourself and the reputation/credibility of our team/effort – conduct yourself above reproach.
- Do **not** complete any portion of anyone else's affidavit for them (beyond signing as a witness). It **must** be the signer's statement.

Our Canvass Process: Canvass Day

1. Check-in with your Team Captain.
2. Obtain Assigned Canvass kit from your Team Captain.
3. Sign Chain of Custody to check out Canvass List.
4. Meet up with assigned partner.
5. Confirm meet up location for after the canvass.
6. Plan driving route (e.g. using MapQuest Maps, etc.).
7. If available or desired, review addresses/area, including closest police/fire station.
8. Fill out the top portion of your Canvass List.
9. Do NOT wear other logo/message/campaign/organization attire.
10. When done for the day, Check-out with your Team Captain, turn in your Canvass List, sign off on Chain of Custody. Do not keep Canvass Lists or Declaration Statements/ Affidavits overnight – please turn all originals in to your Team Captain.

Our Canvass Process: Verification

When you arrive at the first address the **Lead** should make a note (on pad supplied) of the following information:

1. Match address on map to Canvass List.
2. Verify the name(s) on your Canvass List.
3. Verify the number of registrants listed at the address.
4. The “move date”
5. The “move to state”
6. The “last vote date”

The **Lead** will approach the entrance of listed residence, ring doorbell, and step back away from the door 4 – 6 feet. If no response re-approach and knock on the door.

The **Recorder** will stand a few feet behind the Lead but be close enough to hear the occupant’s response.

When queried by the **Lead**, residents can respond in one of three ways:

1. The **current resident is** the registrant(s) on record.
2. The current resident **has no idea** who the registrant(s) on record is.
3. The current resident **knows of OR personally knows** the registrant(s) on record.

Canvass Procedure:

Interviewer: Hi! How are you? May I speak with (registrant)?

1) **Response** - The current resident(s) **is** the registrant on record.

Recorder:

Make notes of the statement witnessed.

Mark **Y** in the “Currently Resides” box.

Mark **Y** in the “Known to Resident” box (see below).

Canvass List #1						
1	Full Name	John J.Smith	1	Currently Resides Y/N?	Y	State Moved To?
		123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA 11223		Known to Resident Y/N?	Y	Status
	CA Adress	11223		Temp/Perm Move T/P?		Declaration Y/N
	VRN	881372		Notes:		
	EMS ID	599124				
	Move Date	7/1/2022				
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z				

2) **Response** - The current resident **has no idea** who the registrant on record is.

Ask **“Our records show that (registrant) used to live here. About how long have you (current resident) lived here?”**

Recorder:

Make notes of the statement witnessed.

Mark **N** in the “Currently Resides” box.

Mark **N** in the “Known to Resident” box (see below).

Map #1						
2	Full Name	John J.Smith	2	Currently Resides Y/N?	N	State Moved To?
		123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA 11223		Known to Resident Y/N?	N	Status
	CA Adress	11223		Temp/Perm Move T/P?		Declaration Y/N
	VRN	881372		Notes:		
	EMS ID	599124				
	Move Date	7/1/2022				
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z				

Canvass Procedure:

3) **Response** - The current resident **knows of or knows** the registrant on record **personally**.

Be sure to listen carefully to their response...they may say it was a previous owner or former roommate, etc.

It's best to ask neutral questions such as:

Ask **“Our records show that (registrant) used to live here. Do you remember when you (current resident) moved in?”**

We **DO NOT** want to feed them an answer i.e. **“Our records show that the registrant moved around July 2022”**. It is best to let them answer naturally without our input.

Recorder:

Make notes of the statement witnessed.

Mark **N** in the “Currently Resides” box.

Mark **Y** in the “Known to Resident” box (see below).

3	Map #1						
	Full Name	John J Smith		Currently Resides Y/N?	N	State Moved To	TX
	CA Address	123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA 11223		Known to Resident Y/N?	Y	Status	ACTIVE
	VRN	881372		Temp/Perm Move T/P?		Declaration Y/N	
	EMS ID	599124		Notes:			
	Move Date	7/1/2022					
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z					

Canvass Procedure:

If the approximate move in date provided by the current *resident* is **confirmed**, the **Recorder circles** the date in the “Move Date” field (see below).

A **confirmed** response is that the current *resident* moved in around the beginning of August 2022 (add to notes).

An **unconfirmed** response is that the *resident* moved in about a year ago (i.e. sometime in 2023 – add to notes).

Now we can share the date and ask, **“Our records show that (registrant) moved out of state around July 2022. Does that sound correct?”**

Document their reply in notes.

3	Map #1						
	Full Name	John J Smith		Currently Resides Y/N?	N	State Moved To	TX
	CA Address	123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA 11223		Known to Resident Y/N?	Y	Status	ACTIVE
	VRN	881372		Temp/Perm Move T/P?		Declaration Y/N	
	EMS ID	599124		Notes:			
	Move Date	7/1/2022		<i>ie Resident moved in August 2022</i>			
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z					

Canvass Procedure:

If the resident **knows the** registrant on record ask, **"Do you know what State they moved to?"**

Only If the resident **verifies** the "State Moved To":

RECORDER: Circles the "State Moved To" (see below).

Map #1							
3	Full Name	John J Smith		Currently Resides Y/N?	N	State Moved To	TX
		123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA					
	CA Address	11223		Known to Resident Y/N?	Y	Status	ACTIVE
	VRN	881372		Temp/Perm Move T/P?		Declaration Y/N	
	EMS ID	599124		Notes:			
	Move Date	7/1/2022		<i>ie Resident moved in August 2022</i>			
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z					

Also ask, **"Do you know whether the move out of State was temporary or permanent?"** **RECORDER:** writes **T** for temporary, **P** for Permanent, or **N/A** if unknown in the box (see below).

Map #1							
3	Full Name	John J Smith		Currently Resides Y/N?	N	State Moved To	TX
		123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA					
	CA Address	11223		Known to Resident Y/N?	Y	Status	ACTIVE
	VRN	881372		Temp/Perm Move T/P?	P	Declaration Y/N	Y
	EMS ID	599124		Notes:			
	Move Date	7/1/2022		<i>ie Resident moved in August 2022</i>			
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z		<i>ie Resident stated they are still receiving mail for voter</i>			

TAKE PICTURE OF DWELLING:

For EVERY address that you **verify the registrant on record no longer resides**, you will complete a Declaration Statement. You also need to obtain a photo of the residence that includes the relevant dwelling, building, unit and/or apartment number if applicable. Occasionally, house numbers cannot be found. Obtain the photo and note that fact on the Canvass List.

Canvass Procedure:

Questions:

What if you get pushback or a negative reaction such as:
“What is this for?” “Who are you with?”

Reply: *“We are a group of local citizens helping to verify the accuracy of the voter records.”*

We are finding a lot of voters registered at addresses where they no longer reside. If this isn’t corrected these voters may not receive their ballots.

Do you have any other questions?”

Voter Status

Meaning:

- a. **ACTIVE** – Is someone “eligible” to vote & WILL automatically receive a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot.
- b. **INACTIVE** – Is someone “eligible” to vote & WILL NOT automatically receive a Vote by Mail ballot.
- c. **CANCELLED** – Is “NOT eligible” to vote. WILL NOT receive a VBM ballot. Must Re-Register to vote in CA elections.

**Please be sure to ALWAYS tell them
“Thank you for your time!”**

Canvass Procedure:

Declaration Statement

A Declaration Statement is completed by teammates for every address where a current resident verifies that the registrant on record no longer resides. When a Declaration Statement is submitted, the Recorder marks a **“Y”** in the field (see below). When no Declaration Statement will be submitted, the **“N”** in the field is marked. As the Declaration Statement is filled out, the **Interviewer** is the **Affiant** (person who makes the sworn statement).

The **Recorder** is the **Witness** (person who confirms the sworn statement made by the Affiant). This Declaration Statement becomes the evidence to support our efforts to get our elected officials to address our dirty voter rolls. Complete a Declaration Statement for every registrant we **confirm** no longer resides at the address on record.

3	Map #1					
	Full Name	John J. Smith	Currently Resides Y/N?	N	State Moved To?	TX
	CA Address	123 Main St Santa Rosa, CA 11223	Known to Resident Y/N?	Y	Status	ACTIVE
	VRN	881372	Temp/Perm Move T/P?	P	Declaration Y/N	Y
	EMS ID	599124	Notes:			
	Move Date	7/1/2022	ie Resident moved in August 2022			
	Last Vote Date	2021-09-14T00:00:00z	Resident stated that they are still receiving mail for the voter			

Proceed to the next address and repeat the process.

End of Canvass Procedure:

When you're done for the day:

- Meet up with your team.
- Check-in with your Team Captain.
- Complete a Declaration Statement for addresses confirmed where registrant(s) no longer resides.
- Sign Canvass List back in for Chain of Custody.
- Return Canvass Kit to your Team Captain.
- All forms MUST be turned in and not kept overnight.
- Verify the Post Canvass Meeting location and time.

Please share your experience & Ideas 😊

**Thank you for all your hard work !!!
We literally could not do this without you!
You are a true Patriot!!!**

Common Canvassing Questions

What do I do if multiple registrants are listed at the same address?

You will want to ask the occupant who answers the door to verify if each of the registrants listed reside at the address.

What do I do if asked the purpose/nature of the organization?

We are a group of local citizens helping to verify the accuracy of the voter records.

What to do if someone photographs/films me?

Let them! We have nothing to hide. Smile! Give them a thumbs up!

What to do if approached aggressively/attacked?

Don't argue. Don't endanger yourself. Know your rights, including self-protection. Report threats and assault to the police. Document everything.

What to do if followed?

Call the police and proceed to the nearest police/sheriff.

Definition of Terms Used

Affidavit – statement by a resident (Affiant) that there is a discrepancy in the state’s record of voting and signed by two Volunteers (Witnesses).

Canvass – process of confirming that CA record of voting/voters is accurate.

Canvass List – list of voter registrants in a given geographic area whose voter information needs to be verified. It is provided by a Team Captain to an Election Canvass Volunteer.

Check-In/Out – a meet up with Team Captain for each Volunteer when beginning and ending Canvass List activity; contains Team Captain, Volunteer Name, Location, Canvass Assignment List Number, and beginning or ending voter ID number (from Assignment List).

Daily Log – at end of each day volunteers return to Team Captain all hard copies of Canvass List, and email to Team Captain photos of domiciles taken via cell phone for Affidavits/Declaration Statements.

Attn: TeamCaptain (rename each picture with County abbreviation & complete street address) i.e. “**OC1234MainStreetIrvineCA**” and email all material to canvass@PatriotForceca.org.

Declaration Statement – a statement by a volunteer (Affiant) declaring that a discrepancy exists in the State’s record of voting, signed by a second volunteer (Witness).

Discrepancy – any volunteer-discovered or registrant-reported inaccuracy in State-reported voting record, i.e: **a)** no residence at address, **b)** no such person at residence/address (Please write clear notes on Canvass List, for this is critically important).

Domicile – 1) dwelling place: place of residence : **HOME**
2) A person’s fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes. i.e. Where they lay their head at night.

Resident – individual who occupies a dwelling.

Registrant – individual registered to vote.

Volunteer – U.S. & California citizens conducting canvass.

Know your Tools

1) Canvass list

	County: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>		City <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
	Canvasser #1 <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>		
	Canvasser #2 <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>		Date <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

Canvass list#1	Full Name	0	CA Address	0	VRN	0	EMS ID	0	Move Date	1/0/1900	Last Vote Date	0	Currently Resides Y/N?	State Moved To?	0	Known to Resident Y/N?	Status	0	Temp/Perm Move	Declaration Y/N?		
1													Notes:									
2													Notes:									
3													Notes:									
4													Notes:									

Know your Tools

2) Chain of Custody



Patriot Force CA, Chain of Custody Canvass Records Tracking Form



Member Originating Document Custody: **FIRST LAST**

Description of Canvass

Canvass on _____ in Alameda County . This COC tracks the custody of the Canvass Walk Lists 1 - 5

**Chain of Custody
Document Description**

List 1) Walk List transferred from **FIRST LAST** to below listed volunteer:

a) Walk list #1 Custody transferred to Print Name _____ Sign Name _____

b) Walk list #2 Custody transferred to Print Name _____ Sign Name _____

Know your Tools

3) Volunteer Declaration Statement

NCOA Declaration Statement (Affiant)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA / COUNTY OF _____ vrn: _____

The undersigned, _____, declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of California,
(AFFIANT NAME)

that the foregoing is true and correct:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am a resident of the state of California. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein, and, if called as a witness, could testify to the truth and accuracy thereto.
2. I suffer no legal disabilities and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
3. I affirm that an occupant of _____, self-identified as the Current Resident, stated that the following voter(s), _____ do not live at the named address currently, and that they (the resident) have occupied this residence since approximately _____.
4. I affirm I am under no duress to sign this declaration statement, and I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information herein is true, correct, and complete.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____ at this address _____

AFFIANT SIGNATURE: _____

NCOA Affirmation Statement (Witness)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA / COUNTY OF _____

The undersigned, _____, declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of California,
(WITNESS NAME)

that the foregoing is true and correct:

1. I am over the age of 18 and a resident of the state of California. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein, and if called as a witness, I could testify to the truth and accuracy thereto.
2. I have no legal disabilities and have personal knowledge of the facts that are set forth here, below.
3. I affirm and attest to the attached statement above being true and correct regarding voter(s) _____ who were verified as no longer living at the address documented in the statement above.
4. I affirm that I am under no duress or unusual influence in signing this affidavit, and I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information here is true, correct, and complete.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____ at this address _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE: _____

CALLING ALL PATRIOTS... WE NEED YOU!!!



**Are you
looking to get
involved to
bring about
real change in
your local
community?**

**Then you have
come to the
right place!**

**Please join us at
our on-line
Canvass
Training
meeting
available**

**every
Wednesday
evening at
5:30pm**

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