



# City of Vernon

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City Clerk

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# Official Sample Ballot

City of Vernon  
General Municipal Election  
April 14, 2026

***EVERY REGISTERED VOTER WILL  
RECEIVE A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT***

**Make a plan to vote early by  
returning your Vote by Mail ballot**

**BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY**

**[www.cityofvernonca.gov](http://www.cityofvernonca.gov)**



# Election Information and Resources

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## Contest on the ballot

The April 14, 2026, City of Vernon General Municipal Election is being held to elect one City Council Member for a full term of five years.

## MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION

We have all the resources and tools you need to make your plan to vote by mail.

- Register to Vote by March 30, 2026
- Check Your Registration Status
- Contact City Hall to confirm your voted ballot was received

## Do you need assistance marking your ballot?

If a voter declares under oath that they are unable to mark a ballot, that voter may receive assistance marking their ballot by two (2) persons of their selection. (E.C. § 14282)



## Request your ballot in a different language

- We offer ballots in Spanish or Korean.
- Fill out and return the Language Request Form on the back cover of this book (no postage required).
- Call our office to request your multilingual ballot at **(323) 583-8811 ext. 546**.



## Voting by mail

Every registered voter in the City of Vernon is mailed a Vote by Mail ballot no later than March 16, 2026.

**Want to confirm if your voted ballot was received by the City?  
Call us at (323) 583-8811 ext. 546.**

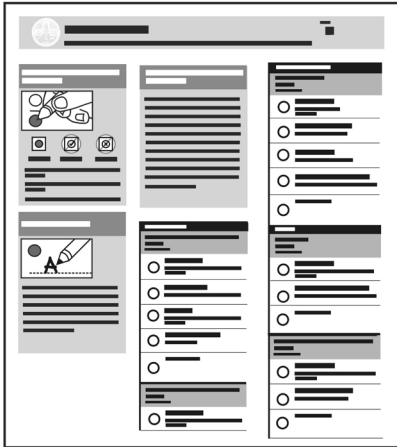
**Visit [www.cityofvernonca.gov](http://www.cityofvernonca.gov) for more information.**



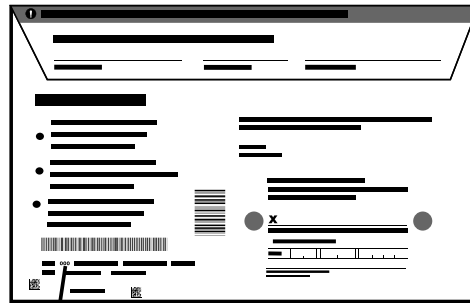
# Check Your Material

Your Vote by Mail package will contain:

## 1. Official Ballot Card



## 2. Ballot Return Envelope



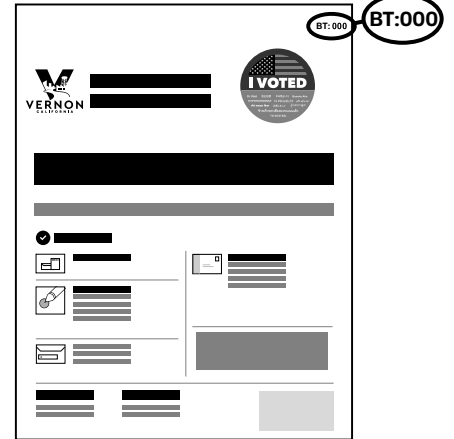
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Ballot group number

Example: 000

Ballot Group

## 3. Vote by Mail Ballot Wrap



Ballot group numbers on materials **must** match.

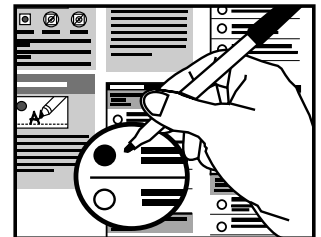
If ballot group numbers do not match, please call **(323) 583-8811 ext. 546**.



# Marking Your Ballot

## Marking and returning instructions

- Use only **black** or **blue** ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill the entire oval matching your vote choice.
- **Do not** vote for more choices than indicated.
- **Do not** punch a hole through the ballot card.
- **Do not** use permanent or felt tip markers.



## Misplaced or damaged your ballot?

- Mark your choice on the Official Sample Ballot page. Insert into Ballot Return Envelope and return.
- Bring your damaged ballot and complete an application for a replacement ballot at the City Clerk counter at City Hall, 4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon.
- For information, call (323) 583-8811 ext. 546 or email [CityClerk@cityofvernonca.gov](mailto:CityClerk@cityofvernonca.gov) on or before Election Day.



# Vote by Mail Return Options

## Before you return your Vote by Mail ballot make sure:

- Your ballot is securely placed inside the Vote-by-Mail Return Envelope.
- You **must** sign and complete the voter signature box on the back of the Return Envelope.
- Remember no postage is necessary.



## Signature verification

Voters must sign the eligibility oath and date the Vote by Mail Return Envelope before submitting their ballot. Every signature is verified before the ballot is cleared for counting.

If a signature is missing or if the signature does not match the one on file, the City Clerk will notify the impacted voter to allow the voter an opportunity to provide a valid signature.

## Recommended options for returning your Vote by Mail ballot



### Return by mail

**Must** be postmarked by Election Day. No postage required.



### Return In Person On Election Day

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

- **Vernon Village Park Apartments**  
4611 E. 52nd Drive  
Vernon, CA 90058
- **Vernon City Hall - City Clerk Department**  
4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue  
Vernon, CA 90058



### Return In Person Before Election Day

Monday through Thursday  
7:00 AM to 5:30 PM

- **Vernon City Hall - City Clerk Department**  
4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue  
Vernon, CA 90058



## Next Time You Move

### Update Your Voter Registration!

1. Online at: **LAVOTE.GOV**
2. Post Offices
3. City Clerk Offices
4. Department of Motor Vehicles Offices
5. Libraries
6. Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Please go to **LAVOTE.GOV** or call toll free 1-800-815-2666, option 2 to find your current registration status and how to obtain a voter registration card.



# Electioneering Prohibited!

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## VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

### WHERE:

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box the following activities are prohibited

### WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.



# Corrupting the Voting Process is Prohibited!

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## VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

### WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- *DO NOT* illegally vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- *DO NOT* engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- *DO NOT* challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- *DO NOT* possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *DO NOT* forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* alter the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- *DO NOT* display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *DO NOT* coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- *DO NOT* act as an election officer when you are not one.

**EMPLOYERS** cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote by mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

**PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS** cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.






# Voter Bill of Rights

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## YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
  - a U.S. citizen living in California
  - at least 18 years old
  - registered where you currently live
  - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
  - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
  - Ask an elections official at Vernon City Hall** for a new ballot,
  - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at Vernon City Hall.
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at** Vernon City Hall.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.**

**If you believe you have been denied any of these rights,** call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

  -  On the web at [www.cityofvernonca.gov](http://www.cityofvernonca.gov)
  -  By phone at **(323) 583-8811 ext. 546**
  -  By email at [CityClerk@cityofvernonca.gov](mailto:CityClerk@cityofvernonca.gov)

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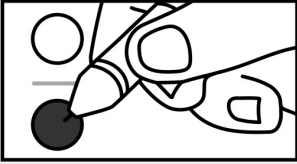




# Sample Ballot

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## Instructions to voters: Marking your ballot



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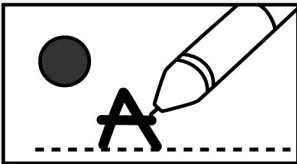
Not this



Not this

- Use only black or blue ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill in the circle to the left of your choice.
- Make one selection.

## Write-In Candidates



- A voter is entitled to cast a vote for a qualified write-in candidate for any party-nominated, voter-nominated or nonpartisan office by writing, on the write-in portion of the ballot, the name of the qualified candidate.
- 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 [cityofvernonca.gov/elections](http://cityofvernonca.gov/elections)
- Do not write-in a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot.

## CITY/LOCAL

### CITY OF VERNON GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION Member of the City Council

Vote For **ONE**



**MONICA RODRIGUEZ**  
Accountant



**CAROL MENKE**  
Retired Educator



Write-In Candidate

**End of Ballot**



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# Candidate Statements

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The following pages may not contain candidate statements for every candidate in this election. Candidates have the option of including a 200-word statement, for which they pay a fee.

In compliance with the law, only English and Spanish language candidate statements are included in this booklet. Each candidate that submitted a Spanish language Candidate Statement has paid an additional fee.

Statements are printed as provided by the candidates. They are not edited or verified for accuracy by any election official. No corrections have been made for spelling or grammar.



# Candidate Statements

## STATEMENT OF MONICA RODRIGUEZ

### CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

#### CITY OF VERNON GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Age: 52

Occupation: Accounting Manager

My name is Monica Rodriguez, and I am running for Vernon City Council.

I am a proud mother to two successful adult children who have called Vernon their home for 13-years. I have been employed at a Vernon-based, family-owned company for 25-years. Working as an Accounting Manager has provided me with a unique perspective of fiscal responsibility, and how decisions impact the needs of residents and businesses alike.

I was raised with the values of hard work, service, and community. These principles have guided my involvement and commitment to Vernon. I have participated in resident town hall meetings, strategic planning committees, and community events. I have observed Vernon's leadership over the years and recognize the progress made in supporting residents, economic growth, and maintaining good governance.

As someone who lives and works in the city, I understand the importance of balancing residential quality of life with a strong local economy.

I am running for City Council because I truly love our city, and I want to continue to make an impact for our community. I would be honored to earn your trust, support, and vote. Together we can make a difference.

## DECLARACIÓN DE MONICA RODRIGUEZ

### CANDIDATA PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL

#### ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE VERNON

Edad: 52

Ocupación: Gerente de Contabilidad

Mi nombre es Monica Rodriguez y me postulo para el Concejo Municipal de Vernon.

Soy una orgullosa madre de dos hijos adultos exitosos que han llamado a Vernon su hogar durante 13 años. He trabajado en una empresa familiar con sede en Vernon durante 25 años. Trabajar como Gerente de Contabilidad me ha proporcionado una perspectiva única de la responsabilidad fiscal y de cómo las decisiones impactan en las necesidades de los residentes y de las empresas por igual.

Me crié con los valores del esfuerzo en el trabajo, el servicio y la comunidad. Estos principios han guiado mi participación y compromiso con Vernon. He participado en reuniones municipales de residentes, comités de planificación estratégica y eventos comunitarios. He observado el liderazgo de Vernon a lo largo de los años y reconozco el progreso logrado en el apoyo a los residentes, el crecimiento económico y el mantenimiento de un buen gobierno.

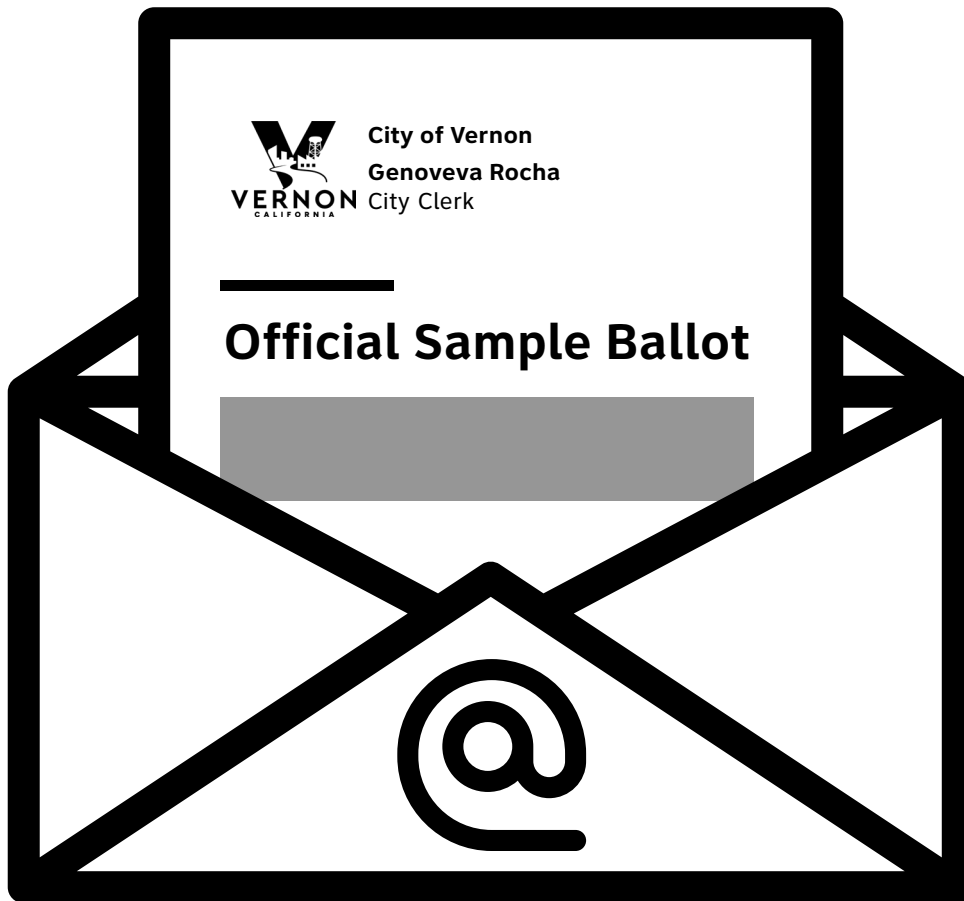
Como alguien que vive y trabaja en la ciudad, entiendo la importancia de equilibrar la calidad de vida residencial con una economía local fuerte.

Me postulo para el Concejo Municipal porque realmente amo a nuestra ciudad y quiero seguir teniendo un impacto en nuestra comunidad. Sería un honor ganarme su confianza, apoyo y voto. Juntos podemos marcar la diferencia.



# Online Sample Ballot

## View your Sample Ballot online!



**Visit [LAVOTE.GOV/Vernon](https://LAVOTE.GOV/Vernon)**



# Online Services

## Fast, Easy & Convenient!

### Quick Links:

- Register to Vote
- Voter Registration Status
- Vote by Mail Status
- Ballot Drop Box Locations
- Locate a Vote Center
- View and Mark Your Interactive Sample Ballot
- Election Results
- Apply to be an Election Worker
- Campaign Finance Information
- Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP)

### Follow us online

@lacountyrrcc



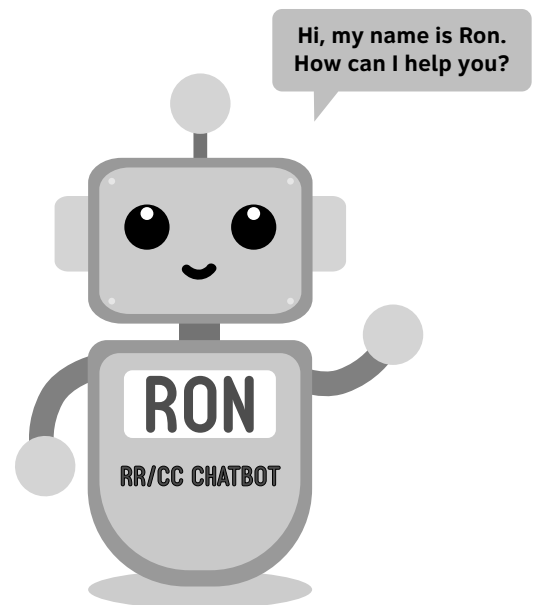
**LAVOTE.GOV**

**For all LAVOTE.GOV inquiries, use Chatbot Ron.**

**Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has Chatbot Ron to assist you.**

- Check your information
- Purchase vital records
- Assistance with voter registration

**LAVOTE.GOV**





County of Los Angeles  
**Anti-Racism,  
Diversity,  
& Inclusion**

## County of Los Angeles **Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative**

### **A Vision for Equality**

Los Angeles County is working to make sure our communities are places where everyone can thrive. Our vision is simple: **“Los Angeles County is a place where all residents are healthy, experience justice, and thrive.”**

### **What is ARDI?**

The Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative is a County effort to prevent discrimination and create equality in areas like **health, education, jobs, housing, and justice**. We have a plan to make sure every resident has an opportunity to succeed.

### **Get Involved!**

Learn more about ARDI by scanning the QR code or visiting us at: **[ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi](https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi)**



Follow us online  
[www.cityofvernonca.gov](http://www.cityofvernonca.gov)



**City of Vernon**

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NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY  
IF MAILED  
IN THE  
UNITED STATES



**BUSINESS REPLY MAIL**

FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO 31128 LOS ANGELES CA

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

VOTE BY MAIL  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
PO BOX 30450  
LOS ANGELES CA 90030-9908



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

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CLERK

**ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED**



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**To receive election materials in a language other than English, mark your preference below and drop this card in the mail.**

**Please send me a ballot in the language I have checked below:**

Spanish (Español)

Korean (한국어)

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**Call (323) 583-8811 ext. 546 or email [cityclerk@cityofvernonca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@cityofvernonca.gov)**