

## Vote in person

Vote at any Bexar County polling location during Early Voting, April 19-27 or on Election Day, May 1.

Visit [elections.bexar.org](https://elections.bexar.org) or call 210-335-8683 to confirm locations, hours, and availability of accessible accommodations at any given polling place.

You may want to bring your voter registration card to speed the process and have proof you are registered, but it is not required.

In the event you have problems at the polls, step outside and call the voter protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

## ID for voting

You will be asked to present one of these seven acceptable forms of photo ID when you vote.

- Texas driver license
- Texas personal identification card
- Texas Election ID Certificate
- Texas handgun license by DPS
- U.S. military ID card with photo
- U.S. citizenship certificate with photo
- U.S. passport (book or card)

However, if you don't have one of these photo IDs, and cannot reasonably obtain one, you can bring another form of approved ID—for example, your **voter registration card** or a **current utility bill**—and sign a form at the polls to vote a regular ballot. Visit [votetexas.gov](https://votetexas.gov) to see other approved ID options.

## Informing yourself

Use the nonpartisan *LWVSA Voters Guide* to learn about who and what is on the ballot. Pick up a printed copy at your local library or visit [vote411.org](https://vote411.org) to compare candidate responses—in their own words—to a variety of policy questions and read unbiased explanations of arguments “for” and “against” propositions on the ballot.

Be sure to check the League's website at [lwvsa.org](https://lwvsa.org) for information about upcoming candidate forums.

**For races in smaller Bexar County municipalities, school districts, and utility districts, check with these entities for information about the candidates and issues.**

## Additional Resources

[lwvsa.org](https://lwvsa.org)

LWVSA website for comprehensive, nonpartisan voting and elections information, including the *Texas Voters' Bill of Rights* in English and Spanish

[VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org)

online, interactive *LWVSA Voters Guide*

[VoteRiders.org](https://VoteRiders.org)

844-338-8743

for free legal, practical, or financial assistance obtaining photo ID

Election Protection—866-OUR-VOTE

[866ourvote.org](https://866ourvote.org)

attorney-staffed voter protection hotline

Bexar County Elections Department

[elections.bexar.org](https://elections.bexar.org)

210-335-8683

Texas Secretary of State Elections Division

[votetexas.gov](https://votetexas.gov)

800-252-VOTE (8683)

## About the League

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization that promotes informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League, strictly nonpartisan, does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
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SAN ANTONIO AREA

# Local Elections Affect YOU!

## Vote!

Election Day  
Saturday, May 1, 2021

Early Voting  
Monday, April 19-Tuesday, April 27



Shape your future and your community by  
making your voice heard in the upcoming  
municipal elections!

## All politics is local, so vote!

Another election? Already? Yes, but resist the temptation to sit this one out!

The results of municipal elections (city elections) have a more immediate impact on your day-to-day life than statewide and national elections. Your elected officials at the city level make decisions and policy that directly affect you and your family, your quality of life, and your community.

City government is responsible for services such as garbage collection, street and sidewalk repair, parks maintenance, and accessibility for all. City funding provides for everything from the fire and police departments, public health, and emergency management to public libraries, preservation of historic landmarks, and arts and cultural events.

Wondering how the city will distribute COVID-19 small business grants and handle job and housing issues as the pandemic continues? Were you satisfied with the communications and emergency response during the February winter storm?

Are you concerned about the quality of the water you drink, the amount you pay for it, or the protection of the Edwards Aquifer, the city's water source? Is access to broadband internet and the quality of education on your mind?

Are there changes you would like to see to make your neighborhood safer? Interested in improved traffic flow, bus service, and repair of the potholes on your street?

If these issues or any others are of concern, you can use the power of your vote to shape what happens in your community.

## Your San Antonio government: key positions

In 1951, San Antonio's City Charter, the "constitution" that governs our city, established a "council-manager" form of government. Today an 11-member elected City Council, of which the Mayor is a member, makes law and broad policy decisions, while an appointed City Manager ensures that policies are executed.

**CITY COUNCIL** (each member elected by the voters residing in their district)

- appoints City Manager
- passes ordinances and resolutions
- adopts budget
- appoints advisory boards
- focuses on provision and efficiency of basic city services, land use and development, infrastructure improvements, and economic development, among other issues

**MAYOR** (voting member of City Council, but elected "at large," by all voters in the municipality of San Antonio)

- presides over City Council meetings
- appoints task forces as needed
- presides over city ceremonies
- represents the city in state, national & international affairs

**CITY MANAGER** (appointed by City Council)

- responsible for administration of the city
- supervises city departments
- implements policy decisions
- prepares budget for City Council adoption and is responsible for its administration
- appoints/removes officers & employees in the administrative service of the city not appointed by City Council

Although voters do not elect the City Manager, as this position of public trust is appointed by City Council, the search and hiring process is conducted under the public eye, and residents can make their opinions known to their councilpersons.

## What's on the San Antonio ballot

Your ballot will include races for Mayor and your district's City Councilperson; a ballot proposition addressing collective bargaining rights of the San Antonio Police Department; a proposed charter amendment allowing more flexibility in how the city uses bond dollars; and depending where you live, races for School Board trustees.

## Register to vote in Bexar County by April 1

If you've never registered in Bexar County, you can obtain a Texas Voter Registration Application:

- **by phone**—call 210-335-8683 to have a postage-paid, pre-addressed form sent to you
- **online**—at [votetexas.gov](https://www.votetexas.gov)—complete, print, & mail
- **in person**—at any San Antonio Public Library

Already registered or unsure? Confirm that your registration is current:

- **by phone**—at 210-335-8683
- **online**—at [elections.bexar.org](https://elections.bexar.org)

Registration Deadline: Completed voter registration applications must be postmarked or delivered in person by **April 1** to Bexar County Elections Dept., 1103 S. Frio St., San Antonio, TX 78207.

## Apply to vote by mail by April 20 (if eligible)

You are eligible to vote by mail if you are registered to vote and:

- will be away from the county during all of Early Voting and on Election Day,
- are sick or have a disability,
- are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
- are confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

You can get an application to vote by mail:

- **by phone**—call 210-335-8683 to request a form
- **online**—print an application at [elections.bexar.org](https://elections.bexar.org)
- **in person**—at Bexar County Elections Dept.

Application Deadline: Applications **sent by mail** must be **received by April 20** at Bexar County Elections Department, 1103 S. Frio Street, San Antonio, TX 78207. Applications **delivered in person** must be **received by April 16**. You will be asked to show an acceptable photo ID.

A ballot will be mailed to you. Complete and return it *as early as possible*.

Ballot Deadline: Ballots **sent by mail** must be **postmarked by 7 p.m. May 1 and received before 5 p.m. on May 3** at the Bexar County Elections Department. You can **deliver your own ballot in person** to the Bexar County Elections Department **only on Election Day, Saturday, May 1, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.** You will be asked to show acceptable photo ID.