



Thank you for participating in this confidential voter survey for the Open California 501(c)3 and Capitol Weekly.

This is a special survey of a limited number of voters who used a provisional ballot in the June 2016 election. As a recipient of this email, we can confirm that your ballot was, in fact, counted.

Your participation will be kept anonymous. But the results of this survey from all who participate helps our non-profit mission to inform, enlighten and educate Californians about public policy and state governance, and to provide a platform for engagement with public officials, advocates and political interests.

1. When it comes to voting, would you say you vote in:

Response	Frequency	Percent
Every election	350	47%
Most elections	260	35%
Some elections	55	7%
When the issues are important are me	45	6%
Only when it's an election for President	30	4%

2. How closely did you follow this year's presidential election?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very closely	523	71%
Somewhat closely	194	26%
Not too closely	22	3%
Not at all	1	0%

3. We will be asking you some questions about how you came to need a provisional ballot, and your thoughts on the process, but, in just a few words, what was your experience? *

*Note: Please see verbatim responses in Excel spreadsheet



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4. When you cast your provisional ballot, did you feel like your vote was going to count?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I was confident that my vote would be counted	257	35%
I was unsure	314	42%
I did not believe that my vote would be counted	169	23%

5. What best describes the reasons you had to complete a provisional ballot?
(Select as many as apply)

Response	Frequency	% of Responses	% of Cases
I did not receive my ballot in the mail	175	17%	24%
I went to my polling location and they could not find me on the list of registered voters	169	17%	23%
I was told that I was a by-mail voter and am ballot should have been mailed to me	116	12%	16%
I left my mail-in ballot at home	105	10%	14%
I lost my mail-in ballot	51	5%	7%
I did not receive my voter information	39	4%	5%
I had a mail-in ballot that did not have the presidential candidates on it	38	4%	5%
I had to go to another polling location and was not on the list of registered voters	33	3%	4%
I made a mistake on my ballot	27	3%	4%
Problems with the US Mail	14	1%	2%
I don't know why	52	5%	7%
Other (please specify – see verbatim responses in Excel spreadsheet)	183	18%	25%
Total	1002	100%	135%

6. Did you know that you could check online to see if your vote was counted?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No, I was not aware	507	69%
Yes, but I didn't check	126	17%
Yes, and I checked	61	8%
Yes, I tried but couldn't find out	46	6%



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7. Do you agree with the following statement:

"Provisional ballots provide a way to ensure all legitimate votes can be cast and counted, and provide a fail- safe when there are problems."

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, Agree	538	73%
No, Disagree	202	27%

8. Do you agree with the following statement:

"Provisional voting as a sign of a broken system and even an invitation to voter fraud. The high number of provisional ballots this year is sign that something fishy was going on."

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, Agree	296	40%
No, Disagree	444	60%

9. Finally, regardless of your experience, who do you blame for having to use a provisional ballot?

Response	Frequency	Percent
It was my fault	360	49%
It was the fault of my local voting officials / local leader	161	22%
It was the fault of state voting officials / state lawmakers	219	30%

10. Given this experience, did voting provisionally make you more or less interested in voting in the future?

Response	Frequency	Percent
More Interested in Voting	110	15%
Less Interested in Voting	79	11%
Does not change my interest in voting.	551	74%



11. What is your gender?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Male	361	49%
Female	379	51%

12. Which is your age group?

Response	Frequency	Percent
18-34	283	38%
35-44	117	16%
45-54	129	17%
55-64	122	16%
65+	89	12%

13. Do you consider yourself conservative, moderate or liberal?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very conservative	34	5%
Conservative	109	15%
Moderate	301	41%
Liberal	193	26%
Very Liberal	103	14%

14. Which best describes your primary ethnicity?

Response	Frequency	Percent
White	478	65%
Latino	124	17%
Asian	50	7%
African-American	19	3%
Other	69	9%

15. Do you or a family member belong to a union?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	211	29%
No	529	71%



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16. Do you have any children under 18?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	184	25%
No	556	75%

Thank you for participating in this survey. If you have any comments, please place them in the space below*. Otherwise, please select "done."

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