



For the poll worker or vote center lead

## Notice Regarding Wearing a Make America Great Again (MAGA) Cap While Voting

To the Poll Worker or Vote Center Lead:

**I am here to vote, and I am not electioneering.**

My cap displays the slogan "Make America Great Again" or "MAGA." It does not display a candidate's name, likeness, or logo, or any ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo. I am not soliciting votes, speaking to voters about marking their ballots, distributing campaign materials, or engaging in any activity that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot.

### What the law says

**California Elections Code section 319.5** defines electioneering as "the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot" within 100 feet of a polling place, vote center, elections official's office, satellite location, or any outdoor site where a voter may cast or drop off a ballot. Its examples include a candidate's name, likeness, or logo; a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo; and hats or shirts containing electioneering information.

**California Elections Code section 18370** prohibits electioneering, as defined by section 319.5, within 100 feet of those locations, on Election Day or at any time a voter may be casting a ballot.

**The California Secretary of State's County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Memorandum #26234, dated September 9, 2026**, issued for this general election, states:

*"A campaign slogan or a political movement slogan (or the initials representing the campaign or political movement) does not constitute electioneering under the legal definition of electioneering as stated above. Accordingly, the display of slogans on clothing, face coverings, and/or buttons is not prohibited." The memorandum lists "Make America Great Again (MAGA)" as an example.*

Accordingly, wearing a MAGA cap, without a candidate name, candidate likeness, candidate logo, or ballot-measure information, is not prohibited electioneering under California Elections Code sections 319.5 and 18370.

**I respectfully ask that I be permitted to vote without being required to remove or cover my cap, unless it shows a specific candidate name, candidate likeness, candidate logo, or ballot-measure information.**

### Legal sources

- California Elections Code section 319.5
- California Elections Code section 18370
- California Secretary of State, County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Memorandum #26234, September 9, 2026, "General Election: Prohibitions on Electioneering and the Corruption of the Voting Process" ([elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/2026/september/26234rd.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/2026/september/26234rd.pdf))



## What you can wear to vote

A slogan, or its initials, is not electioneering. What crosses the line is anything that names, shows or promotes a candidate or measure that is **on this ballot**.



✓ **Allowed**

A MAGA cap



✓ **Allowed**

A Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) cap



✓ **Allowed**

A shirt with the slogan spelled out



✗ **Not allowed**

A candidate's name on this ballot, even a Republican's



✗ **Not allowed**

A ballot measure number, such as "Yes on 39"



✗ **Not allowed**

Buttons, stickers or signs that name a candidate or measure

Inside 100 feet of a vote center or drop box, keep it to slogans. Outside that line, wear and say what you like.

### **Told to remove or cover your cap?**

Stay calm and polite. Show this notice. If you are still refused, do not argue: vote, then write it all down.

- **Names:** the poll worker and the vote center lead (ask for them, or note badge names).
- **Facts:** the vote center, the date and time, exactly what was said, and any witnesses with their contact details.
- **Proof:** a photo of your cap, and anything written down for you.

**Then contact us right away. We will help you get an attorney to stand up for your rights.**

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