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2. Be sure you go to the correct polling place.

In many states, if you vote at the wrong location, your vote will not be counted. If you are unsure exactly where to vote, find your polling location by calling 866-OUR-VOTE or by going to www.canivote.org.

3. Find out your options for convenient voting.

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4. Find out if you are required to show ID.

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5. Review sample ballots and information about candidates and issues.

If you familiarize yourself with the layout and instructions of the ballot, you can prevent mistakes when you go to vote. Some local election officials will provide you a sample ballot if you request one. Also, know who and what you're voting for — you can research all candidates and ballot issues by contacting local civic groups or visiting www.canivote.org.

6. If you have questions, concerns or problems, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

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