



U.S Embassy Tel Aviv

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Message for U.S. Citizens

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the Consular Agency in Haifa are here to assist voters with their last-minute inquiries regarding voter registration and ballot submission. We have extended the final date by which you may return your paper ballot to the Embassy to ensure timely delivery to your local election officials by Election Day. The new date is Monday, October 31.

U.S. embassies and consulates are not polling places. Same-day in-person voting is not available outside the United States. The majority of states require voted ballots to reach local election officials by the close of polls on Tuesday, November 8.

The U.S. Embassy and the Consular Agency receive and forward to appropriate local election officials those registration forms and ballots that are physically dropped off at the Embassy or Consular Agency. If you gave your registration form and/or ballot to a third-party organization to send to the relevant local elections officials in the United States, and are unsure whether they have been received, please check www.FVAP.gov to see which states allow voters to check online the status of their voter registration and the status of their ballot submission.

Never received your ballot? If you registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot prior to your state's registration deadline, but have not yet received your ballot, complete and return a [Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot](#) to ensure your vote reaches election officials by your state's deadline. If your regular ballot arrives later, complete and return it as well. Your [Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot](#) will only be counted if your regular ballot does not reach local election officials by your state's deadline. Your vote will not be counted twice.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT:

If you wish to drop off your ballot on or before October 31, seal it in a postage-paid or U.S. stamped envelope addressed to your local election officials. The Embassy accepts drop offs between 8-11am, Monday to Friday, or during otherwise scheduled appointments. The Consular Agency in Haifa accepts drop offs between 9am-1pm, Sunday to Thursday.

Missed the U.S. Embassy shipment deadline? Consider returning your ballot to the United States via an express courier service such as FedEx, UPS, or DHL or electronically if allowed by your state. Ballots sent to local election officials via express courier service do not receive standard postmarks, though voters using this method may confirm delivery through the courier company. Check your state's voting procedures at www.FVAP.gov for guidance.

Returning your [Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot](#) by email or fax. If you registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot that has not arrived, the following states allow voters to use email or fax to send signed, voted Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots to local election officials: Alaska (fax only), Arizona (contact election official first), Arkansas (fax only), Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida (fax only), Hawaii (fax only), Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana (fax only), Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska (fax only paper copy must also be mailed), Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma (fax only), Oregon (paper copy must also be mailed), Rhode Island (fax only), South Carolina, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia. Review your state's voting procedures at www.FVAP.gov carefully for guidance.

Returning your ballot by international mail delivery. If using Israel's postal system, be sure to affix sufficient international postage, and allow sufficient time for international mail delivery. Ballots sent via regular international mail from most countries at this late date are unlikely to reach local election officials by state ballot receipt deadlines.