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Mail in voting has improved my voting record and attention to measures enormously. Receiving that ballot in the mail a week or so before election day really helps pull my attention to the issues at hand. I have become a much more active and intentional voter.

In person voting, although there was something special about sharing the accomplishment with other voters, does not fit in with today's work force and students, which in my mind are the citizens we need to hear from most. I recall so many frustrations and obstacles when I was working and required to vote in person. As a nurse I was doing shift work and overtime that made it hard to make it to the polls during the hours set. I also had young children whose needs come first and can disrupt the best intentions. I had to walk away at several elections because the lines were so long I did not have time to wait. I became very discouraged a national election the winner was announced as I was driving to the polls.

Looking at the factors that frustrated me back then and considering lifestyles today, I strongly believe we will lose many voices we need to hear from to help shape our democracy. I believe that on top of all the obstacles and frustrations I experienced with in person voting, we now need to consider the many modern conveniences people are accustomed to within their own homes-online shopping, communication, Zoom meetings, food delivery etc. It only makes sense to encourage voting by coming to us. Please vote no on SB210. Thank you