

VOTING RIGHTS

Persons with a
Criminal History



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You can register to vote and vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court (for more information, please see [Voting Rights: Persons Subject to Conservatorship](#)).

PERSONS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY WHO CAN REGISTER AND VOTE:

- In county jail:
 - Serving a misdemeanor sentence (a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote)
 - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
 - Serving a felony jail sentence
 - Awaiting trial
- On probation
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication

PERSONS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY WHO CANNOT REGISTER AND VOTE:

- Currently imprisoned in:
 - State prison
 - Federal prison
- Currently serving a state prison felony sentence in a county jail or other correctional facility*
- Currently on parole with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Once you are done with parole your right to vote is restored, but you must re-register online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](#) or by filling out a paper voter registration card.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Under the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment Act (Realignment) and specifically California Penal Code section 1170(h), low-level felons are sentenced to county jail and/or supervision by the county probation department instead of state prison. Realignment has caused some confusion about voting rights among people who have criminal convictions. The chart above provides an explanation of who can and who cannot register to vote in California.

*California Penal Code section 2910 allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house felons in a county jail or other correctional facility. A person serving a state prison sentence who is housed in a local jail or other facility under these circumstances is not allowed to register and vote. For more information, please visit CDCR's website www.cdcr.ca.gov/realignment/index.html.

QUESTIONS

If you are unsure of what type of sentence you are serving, ask your probation officer, parole officer, or staff at your correctional facility.



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HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

You may request a voter registration card from the Secretary of State or your county elections office. If you are in jail, you are entitled to receive a voter registration card if you are eligible to vote.

You may also apply to register to vote on the Secretary of State's website RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Your voter registration application must be received or postmarked at least fifteen (15) days before Election Day to be eligible to vote in that election. In elections conducted by your county elections official, you can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline. For more information please go to the Secretary of State's webpage on conditional registration and voting (www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/) or contact your county elections official.

Voter registration cards and voting materials are available in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Voter registration cards are available at most public libraries and government offices. See the attached list for state and local elections office contact information.

VOTE BY MAIL

If you are already registered to vote at your current home address, you may request a vote-by-mail ballot application by contacting your county elections office. Once you receive your vote-by-mail ballot application, you must complete and return it to your county elections office at least seven (7) days before Election Day.

If you are not registered to vote at your current home address, you may register or re-register to vote and request a vote-by-mail ballot on the Secretary of State's website RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

If you requested a vote-by-mail ballot but are released from custody before you receive your ballot, you can still vote. Just go to the polling place for your home address or any polling place in the county where you are registered and vote a provisional ballot.

If you change your name, home address, mailing address, or party preference you must complete a new voter registration card.

RESOURCES

For more information contact your county elections office or the California Secretary of State:

VOTER HOTLINES

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| English | (800) 345-VOTE (8683) |
| Español / Spanish | (800) 232-VOTA (8682) |
| Chinese / 中文 | (800) 339-2857 |
| Hindi / हिन्दी | (888) 345-2692 |
| Japanese / 日本語 | (800) 339-2865 |
| Khmer / ខ្មែរ | (888) 345-4917 |
| Korean / 한국어 | (866) 575-1558 |
| Tagalog | (800) 339-2957 |
| Thai / ภาษาไทย | (855) 345-3933 |
| Vietnamese / Việt ngữ | (800) 339-8163 |
| TTY/TDD | (800) 833-8683 |

ALAMEDA

1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-6933

ALPINE

P.O. Box 158
Markleeville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2281

AMADOR

810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642
(209) 223-6465

BUTTE

155 Nelson Ave
Oroville, CA 95965-3411
(530) 538-7761

CALAVERAS

891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-6376

COLUSA

546 Jay Street, Suite 200
Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-0500

CONTRA COSTA

P.O. Box 271
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 335-7800

DEL NORTE

981 H Street, Room 160
Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 465-0383

EL DORADO

P.O. Box 678001
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 621-7480

FRESNO

2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 600-8683

GLENN

516 W. Sycamore Street
Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-6414

HUMBOLDT

2426 6th Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-7481

IMPERIAL

940 W. Main Street, Suite 206
El Centro, CA 92243
(442) 265-1060

INYO

P.O. Drawer F
Independence, CA 93526
(760) 878-0224

KERN

1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 868-3590

KINGS

1400 W. Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230
(559) 852-4401

LAKE

255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453
(707) 263-2372

LASSEN

220 S. Lassen Street, Suite 5
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 251-8217

LOS ANGELES

P.O. Box 1024
Norwalk, CA 90651-1024
(562) 466-1310

MADERA

200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-7720

MARIN

P.O. Box E
San Rafael, CA 94913-3904
(415) 473-6456

MARIPOSA

P.O. Box 247
Mariposa, CA 95338
(209) 966-2007

MENDOCINO

501 Low Gap Road, Rm 1020
Ukiah, CA 95482
(707) 234-6819

MERCED

2222 M Street, Room 14
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7541

MODOC

108 E. Modoc Street
Alturas, CA 96101
(530) 233-6205

MONO

P.O. Box 237
Bridgeport, CA 93517
(760) 932-5537

MONTEREY

P.O. Box 4400
Salinas, CA 93912
(831) 796-1499

NAPA

900 Coombs St Ste 256
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 253-4321

NEVADA

950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 250
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-1298

ORANGE

P.O. Box 11298
Santa Ana, CA 92711
(714) 567-7600

PLACER

P.O. Box 5278
Auburn, CA 95604
(530) 886-5650

PLUMAS

520 Main Street, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971
(530) 283-6256

RIVERSIDE

2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918
(951) 486-7200

SACRAMENTO

7000 65th Street, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95823-2315
(916) 875-6451

SAN BENITO

440 Fifth Street, Room 206
Hollister, CA 95023-3843
(831) 636-4016

SAN BERNARDINO

777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0770
(909) 387-8300

SAN DIEGO

P.O. Box 85656
San Diego, CA 92186-5656
(858) 565-5800

SAN FRANCISCO

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102-4635
(415) 554-4375

SAN JOAQUIN

P.O. Box 810
Stockton, CA 95201
(209) 468-2885

SAN LUIS OBISPO

1055 Monterey Street,
Room D-120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
(805) 781-5228

SAN MATEO

40 Tower Road
San Mateo, CA 94402
(650) 312-5222

SANTA BARBARA

P.O. Box 61510
Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510
(805) 568-2200

SANTA CLARA

P.O. Box 611360
San Jose, CA 95161-1360
(408) 299-8683

SANTA CRUZ

701 Ocean Street,
Room 210
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4076
(831) 454-2060

SHASTA

P.O. Box 990880
Redding, CA 96099-0880
(530) 225-5730

SIERRA

P.O. Drawer D
Downieville, CA 95936-0398
(530) 289-3295

SISKIYOU

510 N. Main Street
Yreka, CA 96097-9910
(530) 842-8084

SOLANO

675 Texas Street,
Suite 2600
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 784-6675

SONOMA

P.O. Box 11485
Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1485
(707) 565-6800

STANISLAUS

1021 I Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354-2331
(209) 525-5200

SUTTER

1435 Veterans Memorial Circle
Yuba City, CA 95993
(530) 822-7122

TEHAMA

P.O. Box 250
Red Bluff, CA 96080-0250
(530) 527-8190

TRINITY

P.O. Box 1215
Weaverville, CA 96093-1258
(530) 623-1220

TULARE

5951 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7300

TUOLUMNE

2 S. Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370-4696
(209) 533-5570

VENTURA

800 S. Victoria Avenue,
L-1200
Ventura, CA 93009-1200
(805) 654-2664

YOLO

P.O. Box 1820
Woodland, CA 95776-1820
(530) 666-8133

YUBA

915 8th Street, Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901-5273
(530) 749-7855