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County Clerk/Registrar of Voter (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 08294

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: *Debbie O'Donoghue*
Debbie O'Donoghue
Deputy Secretary of State, Voter Education and Outreach Services

RE: Voter Outreach: "A Voting Guide for Inmates"

The Secretary of State's Office has created "A Voting Guide for Inmates" that outlines voter registration and voting requirements for Californians who are incarcerated.

The guide is posted to the Secretary of State's Voter Registration and Participation webpage at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm, as well as on the Best Practices of Elections Officials webpage at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/best-practices.htm>.

We hope that you find the guide helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-7244, or via email odonoghue@sos.ca.gov.



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A Voting Guide for Inmates

Requirements to Register to Vote

To register and vote, you **MUST**:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America;
- Be a resident of California;
- Be at least 18 years of age or older on or before the next election;
- Not be in prison or on parole as a result of a felony conviction;
- Not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law; and
- Not be serving a state prison term in a county jail under contract between state and local officials.

You **CAN** register and vote if you:

- Are in a local jail as a result of a misdemeanor conviction;
- Are awaiting trial or are currently on trial and have not yet been convicted of a crime;
- Have completed parole for a felony conviction; or
- Are on probation.

How to Register to Vote

You are entitled to receive a voter registration card while in jail, but you must request that the Secretary of State's office or your local county elections office mail a card to you. You must return your signed voter registration card to your local county elections office no less than fifteen (15) days before an election to be eligible to vote in that election. See the attached list for Secretary of State and local county elections office contact information.

Vote by Mail

You must be registered to vote before applying for a vote-by-mail ballot. Inmates may fill out a vote-by-mail ballot application and return the signed application to your local county elections office at least seven (7) days before Election Day.

Released 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 residence address or any polling place in your county of residence and vote by provisional ballot.

If you change your name, residence address, mailing address, or party affiliation you must complete and submit a new voter registration card to your county elections office.

Registration forms are available at most post offices, public libraries, city and county offices, the Secretary of State's office, and online at www.sos.ca.gov.

Multilingual Voter Services

Voter registration cards and voting materials are available in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

For more information contact the Secretary of State:

1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
email: elections@sos.ca.gov
website: www.sos.ca.gov

Voter Hotline
(800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Or your local county elections office:

Alameda

1225 Fallon Street Room G-1
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 267-8683

Alpine

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

Amador

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

Butte

25 County Center Dr., Suite I
Oroville, CA 95965-3375
(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 County

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) 488-3246

Glenn

516 W. Sycamore Street
2nd Floor
Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-6414

Humboldt

3033 H Street, Room 20
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-7481

Imperial

940 West Main Street
Suite 202
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 482-4226

Inyo

P.O. Box 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) 582-3211x-4401

Lake

255 N. Forbes Street
Room 209
Lakeport, CA 95453-4748
(707) 263-2372

Lassen

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

Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650-8350
(562) 466-1310

Madera

200 West 4th Street, 1st Floor
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-7720

Marin

P.O. Box E
San Rafael, CA 94913
(415) 499-6456

Mariposa

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

Mendocino

501 Low Gap Road, Rm 1020
Ukiah, CA 95482
(707) 463-4371

Merced

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

Modoc

204 S. Court Street
Alturas, CA 96101-0131
(530) 233-6200

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 Street, Suite 256
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 253-4321

Nevada

950 Maidu Avenue
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, Rm 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) 636-4019

San Bernardino

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

San Diego

5201 Ruffin Road Suite I
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 565-5800

San Francisco

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

San Joaquin

212 N. San Joaquin Street
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 468-2885

San Luis Obispo

1055 Monterey Street, 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 159
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 568-2200

Santa Clara

1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. 2
San Jose, CA 95112
(866) 430-VOTE (8683)

Santa Cruz

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

Shasta

1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 225-5730

Sierra

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

Siskiyou

510 N. Main Street
Yreka, CA 96097
(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
(530) 527-8190

Trinity

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

Tulare

5951 S. Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 733-6275

Tuolumne

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

Ventura

800 S. Victoria Ave, L-1200
Ventura, CA 93009-1200
(805) 654-2781

Yolo

625 Court Street, Room B05
Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 666-8133

Yuba

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