



Voting Rights for Californians with Criminal Convictions or Detained in Jail or Prison

Eligibility Requirements

You can register to vote if you are:

- A citizen of the United States of America;
- A resident of California;
- At least 18 years of age or older on or before election day;
- Not in prison, on parole, serving a state prison sentence in county jail, serving a sentence for a felony pursuant to subdivision (h) of Penal Code section 1170, or on post release community supervision; and
- Not found mentally incompetent by a court of law.

Criminal Justice Realignment Act

In 2011, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed the Criminal Justice Realignment Act (CJRA). Under [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. CJRA has caused some confusion about voting rights among people who have criminal convictions. Below is a chart of who is eligible and who is not eligible to register to vote in California.

Not Eligible

- ✓ In state prison.
- ✓ In county jail serving a state prison sentence.
- ✓ In county jail serving a felony sentence under Penal Code section 1170(h).
- ✓ On parole, mandatory supervision, or post release community supervision.

Eligible

- ✓ In county jail serving a misdemeanor sentence. A misdemeanor *never* affects your right to vote.
- ✓ In county jail because jail time is a condition of probation.
- ✓ On probation.
- ✓ Done with parole, mandatory supervision, or post release community supervision. Your right to vote is *automatically* restored when parole or supervision is done.

If you have questions about your voting rights, please contact your parole or county probation office.

How to Register to Vote

You may request a voter registration form from the Secretary of State or your county elections office. 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. Voter registration forms and voting materials are available in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. If you are in jail, you are entitled to receive a voter registration form if you are eligible to vote. 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 form.

Registration forms are available at most public libraries, government offices, and online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Resources

For more information contact your county elections office (see attached roster) or the California Secretary of State:

**California Secretary of State
Elections Division**
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
elections@sos.ca.gov
www.sos.ca.gov

Voter Hotlines

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

California County Elections Officials

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

25 County Center Drive
Suite 110
Oroville, CA 95965-3361
(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) 600-8683

Glenn

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

Humboldt

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

Imperial

940 W Main Street,
Suite 206
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 482-4226

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) 582-3211x-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 West 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637
(559) 675-7720

Marin

P.O. Box E
San Rafael, CA 94913-3904
(415) 499-6456

Mariposa

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

Mendocino

501 Low Gap Road,
Room 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
(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 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,
Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971
(530) 283-6256

Riverside

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

Sacramento

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

San Benito

440 Fifth Street, Room 206
Hollister, CA 95023-3843
(831) 636-4029

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

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
(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 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370-4696
(209) 533-5570

Ventura

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

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