

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 serving a state or federal prison term 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 a local detention facility:
 - 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 parole
- 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 serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony imprisoned in:

- State prison
- Federal prison
- A local detention facility*

NOTE: Once you have finished serving your term, your right to vote is restored; however, you must register online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](#) or by filling out a paper voter registration card.

*California Penal Code section 2910 allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house felons in local detention facilities. A person serving a state prison sentence who is housed in a local detention facility under these circumstances is not allowed to register and vote. Additionally, a person in a local detention facility who is awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison following a felony conviction is not allowed to register and vote.

QUESTIONS

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



California Secretary of State

Tel 916.657.2166 | Fax 916.653.3214 | [www.sos.ca.gov](#)

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 and you are eligible to vote, you are entitled to receive a voter registration card.

You may also apply to register to vote on the Secretary of State's website [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg). 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 or polling location after the 15-day voter registration deadline. For more information, please go to the Secretary of State's webpage on same day voter registration and voting (<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-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 information below for state and local elections office contact information.

VOTE BY MAIL

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election.

If you are not registered to vote at your current home address, you may register or re-register to vote on the Secretary of State's website [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg). If you use a separate mailing address, you should include this address in your registration application.

RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

If you are released from custody before you receive your vote-by-mail ballot, you can still vote. Just go to a polling location in the county where you are registered to cast your ballot; you may be asked to vote a provisional ballot. For more information about provisional ballots, please go to the Secretary of State's webpage on provisional voting (<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/provisional-voting>).

If you change your name, home address, mailing address, or party preference you must complete a new voter registration card. However, within the 14 days before an election, instead of re-registering, you can submit a written request to your county elections official to change your address or party preference.

RESOURCES

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

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE VOTER HOTLINES

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

CALIFORNIA COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICES

ALAMEDA

1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-6973

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) 552-3400

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) 464-7216

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

325 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
(800) 815-2666

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
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

1127 1st Street, Suite E
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 253-4321

NEVADA

950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 210
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 205
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) 468-8683

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 St., Room 310
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(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

311 Fourth Street, Rm 201
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 96093-1215
(530) 623-1220

TULARE

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

TUOLUMNE

2 S. Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370-4618
(209) 533-5570

VENTURA

800 S. Victoria Avenue,
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

