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MY VOICE. MY CHOICE.  
**MYVOTE**

**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.

California Penal Code section 2910 allows the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house felons in a county jail or other correctional facility. For more information, please visit CDCR's website [www.cdcr.ca.gov/parole/local\\_assistance\\_program/index.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/parole/local_assistance_program/index.html). 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)  
[www.sos.ca.gov](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 107  
Marysville, CA 95901-5273  
(530) 749-7855