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Your Voice Counts

Information on Voting with a Criminal Record in California:

Use your right to vote to weigh in on important issues in the November election. A past conviction does not bar you from voting in California.

Some Issues on the 2022 Ballot:

Should California...

...include reproductive freedom in the state constitution? (Proposition 1)

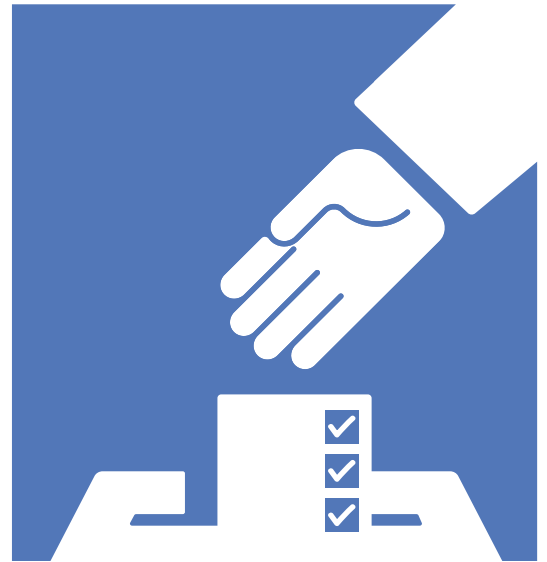
...legalize sports betting at American Indian gaming casinos and licensed racetracks? (Proposition 26)

...require funding for K-12 public schools, including charter schools, for art and music education? (Proposition 28)

...increase taxes on personal income above \$2 million by 1.75% and dedicate the revenue to programs for zero-emission vehicles and wildfire prevention? (Proposition 30)

...continue to ban the sale of flavored tobacco? (Proposition 31)

Counties have ballot measures too!



This November California voters will elect

In state races:

US Senator
US Representative California
Governor Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Treasurer
California Attorney General

In local races:

Sheriffs, District Attorneys,
Mayors, County Supervisors,
City Council members and more

Want to know more about the issues?

sos.ca.gov/elections
vote411.org



Can I vote while I am on probation?

Yes! You can vote while you are on probation, regardless of whether your conviction is a felony or misdemeanor.

Can I vote if I have been to state prison in the past?

Yes! You can vote so long as you are not currently in state or federal prison.

Can I vote while on mandatory supervision (MS) or post-release community supervision (PRCS) for a felony conviction?

Yes! The *Scott v. Bowen* lawsuit in 2015 made it clear that people on MS or PRCS can vote now.

How do I register to vote?

You can:

- Pick up a registration form at the DMV, post office, or your local county elections office.
- Call the Secretary of State toll-free at (800) 345-8683 to ask them to mail you a ballot.
- Register online with the Secretary of State at <http://registertovote.ca.gov>

Re-register to vote if you have moved or changed your name.

The deadline to register to vote is
Monday, October 24!

Can I vote if I have a misdemeanor?

Yes! A misdemeanor conviction does not affect your right to vote.

Can I vote if I have a felony?

Most likely Yes! A past felony conviction does not affect your right to vote. If you were sent to prison, once you are released, you can register to vote.

Can I vote while I am in county jail?

Most likely Yes! The only people who cannot vote while in county jail are those who are:

- serving a state prison sentence
- OR
- awaiting transfer to state prison.

How do I vote?

In California, you can vote in two ways:

Vote By Mail:

Make sure to apply for your mail-in ballot before **November 1**. Ballots must be received by your county election official or postmarked by **November 8**.

Vote at a Polling Place:

Once you are registered to vote, you can vote at your local polling place on Election Day. Your polling place should be listed on the sample ballot you receive in the mail once you are registered to vote. You can also call your county elections office to find out where you vote:

In Santa Clara County:

Registrar of Voters 1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. 2 San Jose, CA 95112

Hours: **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Phone: **(408) 299-8683**

E-mail: registrar@rov.sccgov.org

Website: www.sccvote.org

Can I vote while I am in state or federal prison?

Not in this election: people cannot vote while serving a prison sentence. Once you are out, your voting rights are automatically restored. Just re-register to vote so your current address and eligibility are on record.

Everyone who votes must be a US citizen and at least 18 years old.

When is Election Day?

**Tuesday,
November 8**

Polling places are open

7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Where can I find more information on voting in California?

Call the California Secretary of State
1-800-345-8683 (English)
1-800-232-8682 (Spanish)
1-800- 339-8163 (Vietnamese)

For more information please visit the Secretary of State website:

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/who-can-vote-california/voting-rights-californians/

Or visit www.letmevotega.org