



Know your voting rights in the Los Angeles jail system.

This brochure is designed to help you prepare for Election Day, including information on who can vote, registration, and voting from a Los Angeles County jail facility.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

JUNE 5, 2018

Statewide Direct Primary Election

ELECTION DAY is TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018.

- Last day to register to vote is Monday, May 21, 2018.
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot is Tuesday, May 29, 2018.
- This election includes the following contests: Sheriff and several others. If you register to vote, you will receive additional materials about the races and candidates.

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

General Election

ELECTION DAY is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

- Last day to register to vote is Monday, October 22, 2018.
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot is Tuesday, October 30, 2018.
- This election includes the following contests: Governor, State Senator, ballot initiatives and several others. If you register to vote, you will receive additional materials about the races and candidates.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Can I vote while I am in county jail?

You **CAN** vote while in county jail if you are:

- 18 years of age or older, **and**
- a citizen of the United States, **and**
- awaiting trial or on trial for any crime, **or**
- in jail for a misdemeanor conviction, **or**
- in jail on a probation violation, **or**
- in jail on felony probation, **or**
- serving a county jail sentence under Realignment (AB 109).

The only time you **CANNOT** vote while in county jail is when you are:

- in jail awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison for a felony conviction, **or**
- in jail for a parole violation, **or**
- serving a state prison sentence under a contract with a county jail, **or**
- currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

*If you are not sure of your custody status or what type of sentence you are serving, please check with your parole or probation officer or complete and submit an Inmate Request form requesting the information.

In California, you always keep your right to vote unless you are currently serving a state or federal prison sentence or currently on parole.

HOW DO I REGISTER FROM JAIL?

Voting Procedure and Materials

Per the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Title 15 Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities Article 6, Inmate Programs and Services §1071- Voting:

The facility administrator of a Type I (holding sentenced inmate workers) II, III or IV facility shall develop written policies and procedures whereby the county registrar of voters allows qualified voters to vote in local, state, and federal elections, pursuant to election codes.

You must register to vote at least 15 days before Election Day.

Please follow the steps listed below if you would like to vote:

- Complete an Inmate Request form requesting information and materials by checking the "Voting Information" box.
- The voting coordinator will contact you.
- Fill out your Voter Registration Card and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application. Include your booking number on each. Return both to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.
- When you receive your ballot, mark your choices and return to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.
- You can find out if your vote-by-mail ballot arrived at the county elections office, if your ballot was counted, and, if not, the reason why it was not counted by calling (800) 815-2666.

The ACLU SoCal Jails Project will also have volunteers go inside the L.A. County jails to register individuals who are incarcerated to vote.

>>Federal law requires that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk provide translated election materials and bilingual support in **English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian/Khmer, and Tagalog/Filipino**. LA County also provides support in Hindi, Japanese, Thai, Farsi, Armenian, and Russian. If you wish to receive your voting materials in a language in addition to English, please detail so on your **Inmate Request form and Voter Registration Card**.

>>If you are not a resident of Los Angeles County, you can still send a request for materials to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. The L.A. County Registrar-Recorder will ensure that the request is sent to the appropriate county elections office.

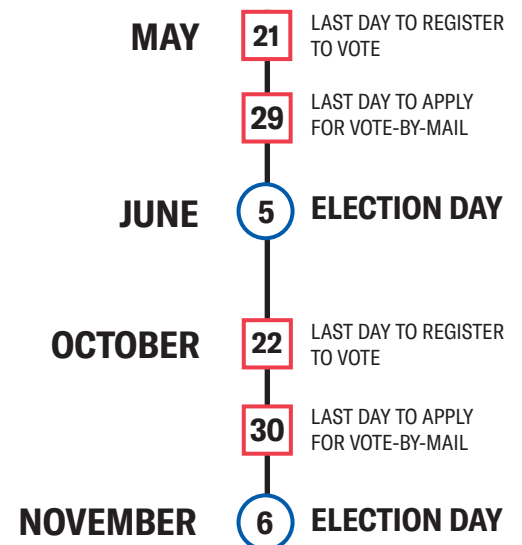
HOW DO I REGISTER IF I'M NO LONGER IN CUSTODY?

You must re-register to vote when you are released from custody. There are a few ways to re-/register to vote after your release:

- You can register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov
- You can pick up a paper registration form at the DMV, post office, public library, or your county elections office. Complete the form, sign it, and drop it in the mail.
- You can call **1-800-345-VOTE (8683)** and ask for a registration form to be mailed to you.

*If you requested a vote-by-mail ballot from jail 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.

TIMELINE



2018 IMPORTANT DATES

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NOVEMBER	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

YOUR VOTE MATTERS.



WHY

21st Century Disenfranchisement

Sadly, since 2008, states across the country have passed measures making it harder for Americans to vote—especially people of color, the elderly, students, the poor, and people with disabilities.

These measures include voter ID laws, cuts to early voting, purges of voter rolls, and ongoing “felony disenfranchisement,” the stripping away of a person’s right to vote because of a criminal conviction.



HOW

The June 2018 direct primary election and November 2018 general election include the following races, among others:

Sheriff

The sheriff runs the county jails, and is also in charge of enforcing the law throughout the county, just like a chief of police. Deputies arrest and detain suspects and patrol the county.

Local and State Initiatives and Bonds

Initiatives can have a dramatic impact on our lives. Citizens or the state legislature can put a measure on the ballot for the people to vote on. If they’re passed, they become law. They can change the tax system and the criminal justice system, including upholding or ending the death penalty or sentencing guidelines. Bonds ask voters to decide how public money will be spent and can have a positive or negative effect on your community.

“Why Your Vote Matters,” ACLU of California Let Me Vote Campaign, accessed October 1, 2017, <https://www.letmevoteca.org/portfolio/brochure/>

TIPS FOR COMPLETING VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS

ITEM 1: Voter declaration. You must mark “yes” or “no” to the question of whether you are a United States citizen and if you will be 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you are NOT a U.S. citizen, you CANNOT register to vote. Do not complete the Voter Registration Card.

ITEMS 2, 3, and 4: Your full name should match your CA driver’s license (CDL)/CA identification card (ID Card).

ITEMS 5 and 6: This should be your “Residential” address. Your residence is the place where you usually stay or return to. For voting purposes, you can have only ONE residence. P.O. boxes and business addresses are NOT valid here. Your home address will determine your voting jurisdiction.

ITEM 7: If you do not have a street address, you can give an exact description of where you live in this field. For the election officials to decide where you should vote, you have to describe where you usually stay or return to. This can be cross streets, a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place that you usually return to. If you are experiencing homelessness outside of jail please include an exact description of where you usually stay or return to. For example: “W. Civic Center Drive and N. Ross Street.”

ITEMS 8 and 9: You must complete this section if you want to receive election mail at a different address other than your residential addresses. If you are incarcerated at a Los Angeles County jail facility, you should include the address of the jail facility you are currently housed in unless you will be released before the June 5th and/or November 6th election. You **MUST** include your Booking Number in Item 8 (e.g. BK# 1234567).

ITEM 12: CA driver license/ID card number OR last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you have been issued a CA driver license or an identification card, you **MUST** list the number. If you do not have either a CA driver license or an identification card, you **MUST** list the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of the above, you can still register to vote. Just leave the field blank.

ITEM 15: There can be only ONE mark in Item 15 with NO CORRECTIONS or ALTERATIONS. A new Voter Registration Card must be filled out if an error is made.

ITEM 18: This item **MUST** contain your signature/mark/signature stamp. Please include the date of signing.

OPTIONAL SURVEY: If you are interested in serving as a poll worker, please complete Item A. If you would like to disclose your ethnicity/race, please complete Item B. To receive state materials in another language, mark the language preference box under Item C. If no box is checked, voter materials will be provided in English only.

GREEN BOX: If someone helped you fill out your Voter Registration Card (put pen/pencil to paper), the person must complete the box. If they only answered questions or checked if your Voter Registration Card was complete, they do not need to complete the box.

ISSUES

If you experience any problems requesting or obtaining voting materials, registering to vote or casting a ballot you should:

Contact the California Secretary of State Investigative Services.

California Secretary of State Investigative Services
1500 11th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
English: (916) 657-2166 or (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

Contact the ACLU SoCal Jails Project.

ACLU SoCal
ATTN: Jails Project
1313 W. 8th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 977-9543

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California (ACLU SoCal) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to defending the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the Constitution and our nation’s civil rights laws.

The ACLU SoCal does not endorse or oppose any candidate or party, but we believe that no civil right is more important in our democracy than the right to vote.