



COUNTY OF KINGS ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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YOUR VOTING RIGHTS WHILE INCARCERATED

Eligibility Requirements

You can register and vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California
- 18 years or older on Election Day
- Not currently in state or federal prison for the conviction of a felony
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

You can register and vote with a criminal history if you are:

- In county jail:
 - Serving a misdemeanor sentence (a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote)
 - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
 - 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

You **cannot** register and vote with criminal history if you are:

- Currently serving a state or federal prison felony sentence in a county jail or other correctional facility*

*California [Penal Code section 2910](#) allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house felons in a county jail or other correctional facility. A person serving a state prison sentence who is housed in a local jail or other facility under these circumstances is not allowed to register and vote. For more information, please visit CDCR's website <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/realignment/index.html>.

NOTE: Once you have finished serving your term, your right to vote is restored; however, you must still re-register to vote by filing out a paper registration card or by visiting www.registertovote.ca.gov and completing the form online.



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Voting in Kings County

If you're in County Jail:

At the start of each election cycle, the Kings County Elections Department will provide voting information and election materials to the Kings County Jail. Kings County Jail staff will distribute the election materials to any interested individuals.

Materials will include:

1. Voter Sign-Up Sheet
2. Voter Registration Applications
3. Inmate Application for a Vote-by-Mail ballot
4. Inmate Eligibility Form

Completion of all necessary documents will ensure successful voting for any eligible inmate voters.

Questions

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

What if my name changes?

Any change to your name will require you to re-register.

What if my home or mailings address changes?

Any change to your address(s) will require you to re-register.

What if my party preference changes?

If you wish to select a new party that will require you to re-register.

What if I am released from custody?

If you requested a Vote-by-Mail ballot but you are released from custody, you can still vote. Just go to any Vote Center located in Kings County and vote in person.

