

Have a Criminal History?

**You May Still Be Eligible to
Register and Vote!**



**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**

Voter Eligibility Checklist

State law allows you to vote if you are:

- 1) a United States citizen* and a resident of California
- 2) at least 18 years old on Election Day
- 3) not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 4) **not currently serving a state or federal prison term for conviction of a felony.**

This means you **CAN** vote in the next election if you are otherwise eligible and:



In county jail serving a misdemeanor sentence, because jail time is a condition of probation, serving a felony jail sentence, or awaiting trial, or



On parole, probation, mandatory or post-release community supervision, federal supervised release, or under a juvenile wardship adjudication.

However, it also means you **CANNOT** vote in the next election, if you are:



Currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony in state prison, federal prison, county jail, or other correctional facility.

**Under local law, certain non-citizen residents of San Francisco may vote in local School Board elections. For more information, please go to sfelections.org/NCV or contact the Department of Elections.*

Finished Serving Time for a Felony? Restore Your Right to Vote Now!

1 Register to Vote

You can do it either online at registertovote.ca.gov or by filling out a paper voter registration form (available at libraries and many local government offices, or through mail by contacting the Department of Elections). You may use the Voter Eligibility Checklist on the previous page, visit restoreyourvote.sos.ca.gov, or contact the Department of Elections to confirm your eligibility.

The deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day. If you miss the deadline, you can still register and vote in person at the City Hall Voting Center or at a polling place.

2 Get Your Ballot

Approximately one month before every election, the Department of Elections automatically mails ballots to all locally registered voters. Up through Election Day, any voter can also access and mark a ballot online at sfelections.org/access, or pick up a ballot or authorize someone else to pick up a ballot for them at the City Hall Voting Center. On Election Day, any voter may receive a ballot at a polling place.

3 Cast Your Ballot

If you vote by mail, you can cast your mailed ballot by sealing it in the postage-paid return envelope sent with your vote-by-mail packet and returning it by mail or by hand delivering it to the City Hall Voting Center or to any polling place or ballot drop box. If you vote in person instead, an elections worker at a polling place or the City Hall Voting Center will provide guidance on how to cast your ballot. Visit sfelections.org/waystovote for more information.

Know Someone Detained in a County Jail? Help Them Learn How to Vote!

Staff at the Department of Elections regularly work with staff at San Francisco county jails to share information with local detainees about how to register to vote and receive official election materials, including ballots. You may suggest to your friend or family member to ask the Deputy Sheriff assigned to their unit about voting in elections while in jail or call Prisoner Legal Services at (415) 558-2472.

Want to Earn Money? Consider Being a Poll Worker!

Join San Francisco's poll worker team and earn up to **\$295** (bilingual speakers receive bonuses)! To learn more about helping voters at a neighborhood polling place on Election Day, go to sfelections.org/pollworker.



To apply to serve as a poll worker, go to sfelections.org/PWA or contact the Department of Elections.

Questions?

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