

## Voting Rights for Santa Clara County Voters Detained in Jail



As of 2021, the law has been updated allowing individuals on parole who meet all other eligibility the right to vote.

Individuals convicted of a felony are ineligible to vote **only** while serving their state or federal sentence in a prison, jail, or other correctional facility. Your right to register and vote is automatically restored upon completion of your sentence.

### **You Can Register to Vote if you Are:**

- A United States citizen
- A resident of California
- 18 years old or older on or before the Election Day
- Not currently imprisoned for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not found mentally incompetent by a court of law

### **YES! You Can Vote if you Are:**

- In county jail serving a misdemeanor sentence
- In county jail because jail time is a condition of probation
- On probation
- On parole
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision

### **You Cannot Vote 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\*

\*If you were serving a state or federal prison sentence your right to vote is automatically restored when you complete your state or federal prison sentence. Simply complete a Voter Registration Application online at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov) or by completing a paper Voter Registration Application card. You may call our office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) to request a Voter Registration Application card be mailed to you.

### **How to Register to Vote:**

Request a Voter Registration Application card from the Jail Voting Coordinator. You may also apply to register to vote online at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov).

Your Voter Registration Application card must be received or postmarked at least fifteen (15) days before Election Day. After registering to vote, you will be mailed a ballot 29 days before the election date in which you are eligible to vote.

### **Voting by Mail:**

If you are already registered to vote and have not received your vote by mail ballot, you may request a Vote by Mail Ballot application from your Jail Voting Coordinator. Complete and return the Vote by Mail Ballot form to the Jail Voting Coordinator at least 7 days before the election to receive your ballot.

If you change your name or party preference you must complete a new Voter Registration Application card. You may request a Voter Registration Application card from the Voting Jail Coordinator.



**Emergency Ballot Delivery Program:**

If you have not received your Vote by Mail ballot by in the mail, the Emergency Delivery program allows you to request a ballot up to 7 days before the election. The Jail Voting Coordinator can complete a “Facility Coordinator Application” and request a ballot on your behalf.

After the 7-day period, a coordinator will have to come into the office to pick up a ballot. For more information, ask your Jail Voting Coordinator about the Emergency Ballot Delivery Program.

**After You Are Released from Custody:**

If you requested a Vote by Mail ballot but are released from custody before you receive your ballot, you can still vote. Vote in person at any Vote Center or the Registrar of Voter’s Office. You may also call our office at (408) 299-VOTE (8683) or visit our website at [sccvote.org](http://sccvote.org) to request a reissue ballot.