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 2018 Ballot

Should cities and counties be allowed to enact rent control if they vote to? (Proposition 10)

Should gas taxes be repealed or increased to fund transportation? (Proposition 6)

Should we approve bond measures to finance housing for low-income people and veterans? Should we approve bond measures to support non-profit hospitals that serve children with special needs from low-income families? (Propositions 1, 2, 4)

Should all eggs sold in California be from cage-free hens? Should sale of meat from calves and pigs kept in cages below a specific number of square feet be banned? (Proposition 12)

Should daylight saving time become permanent? (Proposition 7)

Counties have important ballot measures too!

This November California voters will elect

In state races:
US Senator
California Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Treasurer
California Attorney General

In local races:
Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Mayors, County Supervisors, City Councilmembers and more

Want to know more about the issues?
voterguide.sos.ca.gov
vote411.org

(Turn over for more information)
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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 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 and complete parole, 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
- currently on parole
- awaiting transfer to state prison.

How do I register to vote?
There are a number of ways you can register to vote:
- Pick up a registration form at the DMV, Post Office, or your local county elections office. To receive a voter registration application by mail from the Secretary of State, call the toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-8683.
- Register online with the Secretary of State at http://registertovote.ca.gov

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

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

Remember:
On Probation? Off Parole?
You have the right to vote!

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

When is Election Day?
Tuesday, November 6
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)
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.letmevoteca.org

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 October 30. Ballots must be received by your county election official or postmarked by November 6.

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

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 22!