

Voting Rights of System-Impacted Youth

Get ready for the CA Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024!

Youth Vote, Youth Voice!

"You wouldn't let your grandparents pick your playlist. Why would you let them pick your representative who's going to determine your future?"

~ Barack Obama

Important Deadlines



Register by Feb. 20, 2024*

Register online at: registertovote.ca.gov. Check your registration status at: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/. Some exceptions to the Feb. 20 deadline may apply. Call the Voter Hotline listed below for help.



Make sure you receive your vote-by-mail ballot by Feb. 27, 2024

If you select to vote by mail when you register, your ballot will be mailed automatically to you. Track your vote-by-mail ballot at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot>. If you don't receive your ballot, contact your county elections office no later than Feb. 27, 2024. This is the last date to request a ballot.



Vote by March 5, 2024

Presidential Primary Election Day! To vote by this day, make sure you:

1. Vote in person
2. Put your vote-by-mail ballot in the mail
3. Return your vote-by-mail ballot to a ballot drop box or
4. Return your vote-by-mail ballot in person.

Am I eligible?

Young people in California can vote in the primary if they are:

- A U.S. citizen and California resident
- 18 years old or older on Election Day
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for an adult felony conviction

What about juvenile justice system involvement?

Did you know that youth in the juvenile justice system can vote? Juvenile adjudications don't impact your voting rights, ever!

The Probation Dept. is legally required to identify voting-eligible youth and assist with registration.

(Elec. Code § 2105.7)

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How do primary elections work in CA?

All candidates for voter-nominated offices are listed on one ballot and only the top two vote-getters in the primary election – regardless of party preference – move on to the general election. The political party you choose when you register determines the candidates who appear on your ballot. The 2024 primary will include both presidential and U.S. Senate candidates. For more information about primary voting, see the yellow Voting Resource box on the right.

What do I do if my address changes?

If you move, you should re-register to vote before the registration deadline (Feb. 20, 2024). If you move within 14 days of the election, you can vote at your old polling location, but you'll want to re-register with your new address ASAP. You can update your address online or by submitting a paper voter registration application.

What if I don't have ID?

You'll need either your California ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) in order to register to vote. You can ask your public defender, probation officer, or family to help find your SSN.

"You think you can't change the world? You can. YOUTH OF AMERICA, WE NEED YOU. This is your chance. Get out there and VOTE. Our lives depend on it."

~ Chadwick Boseman



Voting Resources

- **Secretary of State's Voter Guide:**
 - <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov>
- **League of Women Voters Voter Toolbox:**
 - <https://lwvc.org/elections>
- **Disability Rights California's Voter hotline:**
 - **1-888-569-7955**
- **Find your in-person polling place:**
 - www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place
- **CA Secretary of State's Guide to Voting:**
 - <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov//outreach/pdf/guide-to-voting.pdf>
- **No-Party-Preference voting information:**
 - <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/no-party-preference>