

Voting Rights of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System in CA

Get ready for the General Election on November 5, 2024!

Important Deadlines



Register to vote by Oct. 21, 2024

Submit a paper application or register online at: www.registertovote.ca.gov.

After Oct. 21, register in person at your County Elections Office or at any open polling place or Vote Center up to or on Election Day.

Check your status: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>



Make sure you receive your vote-by-mail ballot by Oct. 29, 2024

All voters registered by Oct. 21 will automatically receive a ballot by mail. Track your ballot at: <https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov>.

If you don't receive a ballot, contact your County Elections Office by Oct. 29, the last date to request a ballot to be mailed to you. After this date, you can vote in person, as detailed below.



Vote by Nov. 5, 2024 – Election Day!

Choose the voting option that works best for you:

- **Vote in person** at a polling place or Vote Center. Vote Centers open prior to Election Day for early voting. All locations are open from 7am-8pm on Election Day, Nov. 5, 2024.
- **Put your ballot in the mail.** Postage is not required. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 5 and received by Nov. 12 to be counted.
- **Drop off your ballot** in a ballot drop box or at any open voting location on or before 8pm on Nov. 5.

For mail-in or drop-off ballots, remember to sign the back of the envelope!

Scan this code for quick access to all links on this flyer.



Am I eligible to vote?

Young people in California can vote if they are:

- A U.S. citizen and CA resident
- 18 years old or older on Election Day (11/5/24)
- Not currently in a state or federal prison for an *adult felony conviction*
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

(Elec. Code § 2101)

What about juvenile justice involvement?

Juvenile cases have no impact on voting rights, ever!

For youth who are inside a juvenile facility, the Probation Dept. is required to identify voting-eligible youth and assist with registration.

(Elec. Code § 2105.7)

Need help?

Call the Secretary of State Voter Hotline at 800-345-VOTE (8683)

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I missed the online registration deadline. Can I still vote?

If you miss the Oct. 21 online registration deadline, you can still register to vote in person at either your County Elections Office or at any open polling place or Vote Center up to and including Election Day. You can also vote a provisional ballot at the same time. Once your registration is reviewed and accepted, your ballot will be counted.

What if my address changes?

If you move, re-register before the registration deadline (Oct. 21, 2024). If you move within 14 days of the election, re-register in person as described above.

What if I don't have ID?

The registration form asks for either a California ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). You can ask your attorney, probation officer, or a family member to help find your SSN.

If you register without ID, you will have to show an accepted form of ID the first time you vote. You can use any unexpired photo ID or a non-photo document with your name and address.

Do I have to vote on everything on my ballot?

No, you don't have to vote on everything on your ballot in order for it to be counted. If you are unsure about any part of your ballot, you can choose to skip that part.

"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

- League of Women Voters, Easy Voter Guide, <https://lwvc.org/elections>
- Vote411, <https://www.vote411.org/>
- Rock The Vote, <https://www.rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/california/>
- VoteRiders, <https://www.voteriders.org/states/california/>
- Disability Rights California's Voter hotline: 1-888-569-7955
- CA Secretary of State's Voting Guide, <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/outreach/pdf/guide-to-voting.pdf>