

Multilingual Voting Material

Registered voters have the right to receive their election material in one of six languages other than English.

In accordance with federal and state law, Los Angeles County provides election material in the following languages: [Chinese](#), [Japanese](#), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog / Filipino](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

Why Vote ?



- ◆ Many inmates are not aware of the fact that they may be eligible to register and vote in California elections.
- ◆ There are issues on the election ballot that may affect inmates and their families. Inmates are encouraged to exercise their voting rights to express opinions on those issues.
- ◆ Contrary to popular belief, persons who have been convicted of a felony in California may be eligible to register and vote after they have served their sentence and are no longer on parole.

Check List



- Submit an Inmate Request Form
- Complete a Voter Registration Card, if necessary
- Complete an application for a Vote By Mail Ballot, if necessary
- Get to know the candidates and issues
- Make your voice heard: ***VOTE!***



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Guide to Inmate Voting



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Voter Registration Requirements

If you are an inmate in a Los Angeles County Jail and want to register to vote, you must meet the criteria below:

- ◆ Be a citizen of the United States;
- ◆ Be a resident of Los Angeles County;
- ◆ Be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election;
- ◆ Have not been declared mentally incompetent by a Court.

You *may* register to vote in elections if you are an inmate:

- ◆ Awaiting or on trial for a criminal offense;
- ◆ Serving time for a traffic or misdemeanor offense;
- ◆ Serving time in a local jail as a condition of probation.

You *may not* register to vote in elections if you are an inmate:

- ◆ Convicted of a felony offense and sentenced to serve time in a State prison;
- ◆ On parole as a result of a felony conviction.



How to Register to Vote

You may register to vote by completing a Voter Registration Card/Affidavit. Registration Cards may be obtained by using an Inmate Request Form. Under "Other" on this form write **Voter Registration Card**. When filling out the card, use your permanent/home residence address. You may register with one of six qualified political parties: American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, Republican.

Once the Voter Registration Card has been processed, a postcard will be mailed to your home/residence address stating that you are now registered. You may register to vote at any time, but to be eligible for an upcoming election you must register *fifteen (15) days* before that specific election.

Vote By Mail

You must be registered to vote before applying for a **Vote By Mail Ballot**. If you think you will be in custody on election day, you must request an Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot when you request your Voter Registration Card. Under "Other" write **Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot**. Use as your jail mailing address:

P.O. Box 86164
Terminal Annex / Booking #
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0164

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk must receive your Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot either at the same time as your Voter Registration Card **OR** after. Choose one of the following two options:

Option 1: Place the Voter Registration Card and the Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot **TOGETHER** in a stamped envelope and mail to:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Vote By Mail Unit
PO Box 30450
Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450



Option 2: Wait at least **ONE WEEK** after you mail your Voter Registration Card to mail your Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot. Place the application in a stamped envelope. Do not seal the envelope. Place it in the mail.

- ◆ A new **Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot** is required for every election.
- ◆ It is best to send your **Application** for a Vote By Mail Ballot at least 45 days prior to the election. Seven (7) days prior to an election is the last day to submit an application for a Vote By Mail Ballot.

- ◆ **Voted ballots** must be returned by mail and received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks on late ballots *are not* acceptable.
- ◆ Remember to sign the back of the Vote By Mail Ballot Return Envelope to ensure your vote is counted.

Release from Custody

If you send in an Application for a Vote By Mail Ballot, but are released before you receive your ballot, **you can still vote!** Just go to the polling place for your home address (if you don't know the location, you can check online at www.lavote.net) and say that you did not receive your Ballot and want to vote **PROVISIONALLY**.

Re-Registering to Vote

You should re-register* if you have:

- ◆ Changed your permanent address;
- ◆ Changed your name;
- ◆ Changed your political party;
- ◆ Completed a felony sentence and are not on parole;
- ◆ Completed parole.

When you are released from your custodial facility you should **re-register if your permanent address changes** so that election material can be mailed to you at the correct address. Otherwise, your election material may be sent to a custodial facility or returned to the County Elections Office as undeliverable mail.

* Be sure to include any prior registration information on the Voter Registration Card to assist with locating your record and preventing duplicate registrations.