



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

5 Facts About Voting with a Criminal History

Fact 1: Unless you are serving a felony prison term, your criminal history will not affect your right to vote.

You can register to vote if you are:

1. A resident of California and a U.S. citizen
2. At least 18 years old on or before Election Day
3. Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court, and
4. Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for conviction of a felony.

If you meet these four requirements, you can register and vote even if you are:

- awaiting trial, on parole, or on probation
- in jail serving a misdemeanor sentence
- in jail as a condition of probation
- serving a felony jail sentence
- on mandatory community supervision
- on post-release community supervision
- on federal supervised release
- under a juvenile wardship adjudication

Check your voter eligibility at sfelections.org/tools/criminalhistory or contact us at (415) 554-4375.

Fact 2: You can register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov or use a paper registration form.

Registration forms are available at public libraries and many government offices. You can also contact us to request a registration form by mail.

You can register and vote at the City Hall Voting Center or at any polling place on Election Day.

Fact 3: If you are experiencing homelessness, you can still register and vote.

You can provide a location such as cross-streets, a park, or a shelter as your home address on a registration form. You can also provide any mailing address to receive election materials.

- If you provide a mailing address, we will send your voter pamphlet and ballot to that address about one month before each election.
- You can also get a ballot in person at a voting site or at sfelections.org/access.

Fact 4: If you are unable to travel or vote by mail, you can get your ballot delivered and picked up.

You can let someone else pick up your ballot from the City Hall Voting Center. You can also let someone else to return your marked ballot for you. In an emergency, our staff can also deliver or pick up your ballot.

Fact 5: If you are currently serving a felony prison term, you can register to vote upon your release.

Your right to vote gets restored immediately after you finish your term.

Get work experience and earn up to \$295 while serving as a poll worker on Election Day. Go to sfelections.org/pollworker or contact us to learn more.

If you or someone you know lives in San Francisco, has a criminal history, and wants to vote, we can help! Call us at (415) 554-4375.