

**This brochure explains  
how to restore your right to  
vote in California if you have  
been convicted of a felony.**

**It provides important  
information on:**

**Your Right to Vote**

**Registering to Vote**

**Your Voter Information Pamphlet  
and Sample Ballot**

**Voting at Your Polling Place  
on Election Day**

**Absentee Voting (Voting by mail)**

**Multilingual Voter Services**

If you have more questions about restoring your right to vote or about voting in general, please contact the San Francisco Department of Elections.

ENGLISH: (415) 554-4375

CHINESE: (415) 554-4367

SPANISH: (415) 554-4366

[www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election)



The San Francisco Department of Elections conducts all federal, state and local elections in the City and County of San Francisco.

The Department of Elections can help you register to vote, change the address at which you are registered to vote, request an absentee ballot, find out the location of your polling place, and learn the status of your provisional ballot.

The Department of Elections also produces the voter information pamphlet for each election, which contains information about each election's candidates and ballot measures.

# YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

## A Voting Guide for Ex-Offenders

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## Your Right to Vote

California law allows you to register to vote if you are:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of California
- 18 years of age on or before election day
- Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

Ex-offenders (persons who have been convicted of a felony but who have completed prison term or parole) may register and vote.

## Registering to Vote

In order to regain your right to vote, you need to complete a voter registration form. No other documentation is needed.

To get a voter registration form:

- Call the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375 and request that one be mailed to you
- Fill out or download one at [www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election)
- Pick one up at the Department of Elections in City Hall, the County Clerk's office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, or at public libraries and post offices throughout San Francisco

Once the Department of Elections receives your completed form, you will receive a card in the mail as proof of your voter registration.

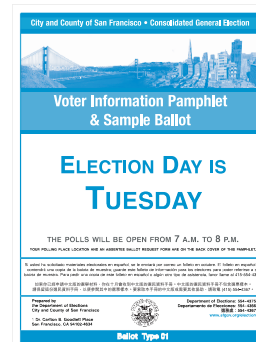
## Registration Requirements

You can register to vote at any time. However, you **MUST** be registered at least 15 days before an election to vote in that election.

When registering to vote you **MUST** provide a California driver's license or California identification number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not include this information, you may be required to show identification when you vote.

## Your Voter Information Pamphlet and Sample Ballot

Prior to each election, the Department of Elections mails you a Voter Information Pamphlet containing a Sample Ballot. The Voter Information Pamphlet provides important information about the upcoming election.



When you register to vote you can request to have a Voter Information Pamphlet in Chinese or Spanish automatically sent to you before every election.

## Multilingual Voter Services

The Department of Elections provides voter services and official printed election materials in English, Chinese, and Spanish.

Additionally, telephone assistance in Chinese and Spanish is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Telephone Assistance in Chinese: (415) 554-4367

Telephone Assistance in Spanish: (415) 554-4366

## Voting at Your Polling Place on Election Day

On election day, polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

To find the location of your polling place:

1. Look on the back cover of your Voter Information Pamphlet
2. Visit [www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election)
3. Call the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375

**IMPORTANT!** The location of your polling place may change from one election to another, so always check before going to the polls to vote.

## Voting by Absentee Ballot (Voting By Mail)

When you register to vote, you can request to have an absentee ballot automatically sent to you for every election by becoming a Permanent Absentee Voter.



You can also request an absentee ballot by completing and returning an Absentee Ballot Application. Applications are available:

1. On the back cover of your Voter Information Pamphlet
2. Online at [www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election)
3. At the Department of Elections in City Hall

**IMPORTANT!** You must submit your absentee ballot application to the Department of Elections no later than 7 days before an election, or an absentee ballot cannot be mailed to you.