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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

17 PATRICK ALLEN CANNAVAN, on
18 behalf of himself and all other similarly
19 situated,

Plaintiffs,

20 vs.

21 COUNTY OF VENTURA, VENTURA
22 COUNTY SHERIFF BILL AYUB, and
23 DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.:

CLASS ACTION

**VERIFIED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND
DECLARATORY RELIEF**

1. VIOLATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT
RIGHT TO VOTE (42 U.S.C. § 1983/28
U.S.C. 2241)
2. VIOLATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION
CLAUSE UNDER FOURTEENTH
AMENDMENT, ONE PERSON, ONE
VOTE (42 U.S.C. § 1983/28 U.S.C. 2241)
3. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA
CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE II,
SECTION ONE (RIGHT TO VOTE))
4. DECLARATORY RELIEF (28 U.S.C. §§
2201 AND 2202)
5. DECLARATORY RELIEF (CAL. CODE
CIV. PROC. § 1060)

IMMEDIATE RELIEF SOUGHT

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY
RELIEF**

1. Voting in a federal election is protected through the federal constitution as an expression of a person’s First Amendment Rights, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Persons not convicted of felonies who reside in jail have rights under the federal constitution and the state constitution, CA. Constitution Article II, Section I, to vote. *See* <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/who-can-vote-california/voting-rights-californians>.

2. The California Secretary of State, who is in charge of California State elections, explicitly states that, “Persons with a criminal history who can register to vote in county jail: serving a misdemeanor sentence,” “a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote.” *See* <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/who-can-vote-california/voting-rights-californians>. *See*, Exhibit A, “Voting Rights, Persons with Criminal History,” by the Secretary of State. Further, the Secretary of State states, “If you are in jail, you are entitled to receive a voter registration card if you are eligible to vote.” *Id.* Finally, the Secretary of State states, “You may also apply to register to vote on the Secretary of State website RegisterTo/vote.ca.gov. Your voter registration application must be received or post marked at least (15) days before Election Day to be eligible to vote in that election. In elections coordinated by a county elections official, you can ‘conditionally register and vote provisionally at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.’” *Id.*

3. Plaintiff Patrick Allen Cannavan is an individual held at the Ventura County Todd Road Facility, located in Santa Paula, CA. As alleged in more detail below, he has requested his ballot, and the County Jail is obligated to provide him a ballot, allow him to timely vote, and deliver the ballot to the Ventura County Registrar. He is eligible to vote as he is over 18 and does not have a criminal record. They have not provided him a ballot despite his request, and have informed him he will not receive a ballot. As discussed below, this violates his First Amendment Right and Right to

1 Equal Protection under the United States Constitution, and his Right to Vote under
2 Article II, Section 1 of the California Constitution. If he is not allowed to vote, he will
3 suffer irreparable harm.

4 4. Plaintiff has spoken to other inmates at the VCJ, who have been similarly
5 denied their right to vote, and he estimates that there are at least 100 inmates who have
6 requested their ballots, eligible to vote and are being denied their ballots. If they are not
7 allowed to vote, they will suffer irreparable harm. Thus, Plaintiff requests that this court
8 certify this class to represent all eligible voters in Ventura County Jail. Beside the Todd
9 Road Facility in Santa Paula, there is the Main Jail on Victoria Avenue, the East-Ventura
10 County Jail, on Olsen Road in Thousand Oaks, and the Ventura County Jail, Honor
11 Farm, Ojai California. Each facility houses persons either with misdemeanors or are
12 pre-trial detainees who have not been convicted of an offense, who are eligible to vote
13 and are part of the proposed class.

14 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

15 5. This is a civil rights action arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, 22 U.S.C.
16 § 2241, and 28 U.S.C. § 2201, *et seq.*, as well as the First and Fourteenth Amendments
17 to the United States Constitution.

18 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331
19 and 1343(a), 28 U.S.C. § 2241

20 7. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of
21 the events and omissions giving rise to these claims occurred and continue to occur in
22 this district.

23 8. Declaratory relief is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, and Cal.
24 Civ. Proc. § 1060.

25 PARTIES

26 9. Plaintiff Patrick Allen Cannavan is a 56-year-old male who currently
27 resides in Ventura County, California. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Mr.
28 Cannavan has been in the custody of the Todd Road Facility located in Santa Paula, CA

1 in Ventura County, California. He has been deprived of his constitutional right to vote.

2 10. Defendant Ventura County (“County”) is a public entity organized and
3 existing under the laws of the State of California. The Ventura County Sheriff’s
4 Department (“VCSD”) is, and at all times alleged herein, was an agency of the County
5 of Los Angeles. Defendant County controls and operates the Ventura County’s jails via
6 the VCSD and Sheriff Bill Ayub. The County is responsible for the custody and care of
7 all persons detained or incarcerated in the County’s jails, and it currently has immediate
8 custody over Plaintiff Patrick Cannavan(hereinafter “Plaintiff”) and other putative class
9 members. Ventura County, through the VCSD, maintains and operates the following
10 detention and correctional facilities: Ventura County Main Pre-Trial Detention Facility
11 located on Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA, Todd Road Facility located on Todd Road,
12 Santa Paula, CA, Ventura County Jail Honor Farm, Ojai, CA, and East Ventura County
13 Jail, Thousands, Oaks, Ca. This complaint and request for an emergency temporary
14 restraining order and preliminary injunction covers all detainees in these four facilities
15 eligible to vote.

16 11. Defendant Sheriff Bill Ayub is the Sheriff of the Ventura County Sheriff’s
17 Department and is being sued in his official capacity. As the Sheriff, Defendant Ayub
18 has immediate custody of Plaintiff, and all people incarcerated in County facilities.
19 Defendants Ayub is a policymaker for the County, and is responsible for developing,
20 administering, and enforcing County policies, including those relating to ensuring all
21 detainees eligible to vote can exercise their fundamental rights to vote.

22 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

23 12. There is a state and federal election set for November 3, 2020, perhaps one
24 of the most consequential elections in the history of this country. Not only are federal
25 offices including president and congressman are on the ballot, important California
26 propositions are on the ballot that are impactful on a population in jail facing charges,
27 such as Proposition 25, concerning cash bail, Proposition 20, concerning a roll back of
28 prison reforms including Proposition 47 which classified some felonies as

1 misdemeanors, such as drug possession, which is of immediate concern to pre-trial
2 detainees facing criminal charges and how to resolve them, and Proposition 17, restoring
3 the voting rights of people convicted of felonies who are on parole.

4 13. As alleged herein, Plaintiff and putative class members who are eligible to
5 vote have been denied their right to vote by Defendant County and Defendant Sheriff
6 Ayub.

7 14. Plaintiff Patrick Allen Cannavan is currently incarcerated at the Todd Road
8 Facility, part of the VCJ. He is a resident of Ventura County and has been incarcerated
9 pre-trial at VCJ for 839 days or two years and three months approximately, awaiting trial
10 on felony charges.

11 15. He is eligible to vote, as he is over 18 years old, and does not have a felony
12 conviction. He applied for an absentee ballot and has been requesting an absentee ballot
13 from officials at the Ventura County Jail since June 3, 2020. He was informed by jail
14 officials on numerous occasions that they would get him an absentee ballot, so he could
15 vote in time for the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 election.

16 16. Sheriff officials told him that they made a mistake and would not be able to
17 get him an absentee ballot and deliver it to the county registrar so his vote would be
18 counted on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 election. He will suffer irreparable harm and
19 damages if he is not allowed to vote on November 3, 2020.

20 17. Plaintiff is requesting, on his behalf and all eligible voters in the County
21 jail, that this Court order the County to 1) obtain his and all eligible voters in VCJ
22 custody absentee ballots immediately, 2) notify all inmates in VCJ who are have
23 requested an absentee ballot or are eligible to vote that they can vote in the November 3,
24 2020 election, 3) deliver an absentee ballot to Plaintiff and any inmates in VCJ who
25 have requested a ballot after being informed by VCJ officials that they can vote, no later
26 than Monday, November 2, 2020 so that Plaintiff and other VCJ detainees can fill out
27 their absentee ballot, and 4) after completion, deliver to the Ventura County Voter's
28 registrar his ballot and every other eligible VCJ detainee ballot no later than 5:00 p.m.

1 on November 3, 2020, so that all eligible VCJ detainees who desire to vote and fill out
2 an absentee ballot are timely counted in this year's election.

3 18. If this temporary restraining order is not granted, Plaintiff and all other
4 detainees who are eligible to vote will suffer irreparable harm as their fundamental rights
5 to vote will be violated. His and others equal protection rights will also be violated since
6 they are eligible to vote, and he should not be deprived of equal protection solely
7 because he and the other putative plaintiffs are currently being detained in jail.

8 19. Plaintiff is informed and believe that there are at least 100 other inmates in
9 VCJ who have requested ballots and are eligible to vote, but have not received their
10 ballots. He has not observed anyone at the Main Jail being able to fill out an absentee
11 ballot.

12 13 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

14 20. The named Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself and all others
15 similarly situated as a class action under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and
16 23(b)(2).

17 21. Plaintiff Patrick Allen Cannavan seeks to represent a class of all current
18 detainees in pretrial custody, at all County jails who, are eligible to vote in the
19 November 3, 2020 election.

20 22. This action is brought and may properly be maintained as a class action
21 pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This action satisfies the
22 requirements of numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequacy. Fed. R. Civ. P.
23 23(a).

24 23. Plaintiff is informed and believes that as of October 30, 2020 there are at
25 least 100 members of the class in VCJ who are eligible to vote and requested ballots,
26 which meets the numerosity requirement of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a).

27 24. Joinder of all members is impracticable, as all members are not
28 ascertainable at this time to be joined on such short notice. Counsel for Plaintiff and the

1 putative class were not informed of the deprivation of Plaintiff's and other putative class
2 members denial of their right to vote by failing to provide absentee ballots until October
3 29, 2020. Joinder is impracticable because the class members are numerous; the class
4 includes future, unknown members; and the class is fluid due to the inherently transitory
5 nature of pretrial incarceration. Certifying the class supports judicial economy.

6 25. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the class
7 respectively. The named Plaintiffs seek common declarative and injunctive relief
8 concerning whether Defendants' policies, practices, and procedures violate the
9 constitutional rights of the class members. These common questions of fact and law
10 include, but are not limited to:

- 11 1) Whether Defendants' practices in failing to timely provide absentee
12 ballots violate Plaintiff and the putative class members fundamental
13 rights to vote.

14 26. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the class members' claims, because each
15 putative class member who is eligible to vote in the November 3, 2020 election has not
16 been provided a ballot, so they are deprived of their fundamental right to vote. Plaintiff
17 and the putative class members' claims all arise from the same core of conduct by
18 Defendants, and are based on the same legal theories. All class members seek the same
19 declaratory and injunctive relief.

20 27. The Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the class because he shares
21 with them the same interest in voting in the 2020 election. There are no known
22 conflicts of interest among members of the proposed class, and the interests of the
23 named Plaintiff does not conflict with the class members.

24 28. Plaintiff is represented by counsel with experience and success in
25 litigating complex civil rights matters in federal court. The interests of the members of
26 the class will be fairly and adequately protected by the named Plaintiff and their
27 attorneys.

28 29. Because the putative class challenges Defendants' system as

1 unconstitutional through declaratory and injunctive relief that would apply the same
 2 relief to every member of the class, and Defendants have acted on grounds generally
 3 applicable to all proposed class members, certification under Rule 23(b)(2) is
 4 appropriate and necessary.

5 30. A class action is a superior means, and the only practicable means, by
 6 which the named Plaintiff and class members can challenge the Defendants'
 7 unconstitutional actions and obtain the necessary immediate declaratory and injunctive
 8 relief sought for themselves and all other members of the class.

9 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

10 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 **(42 U.S.C. § 1983: First Amendment Right to Vote)**

12 31. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in
 13 paragraphs 1 through 30 as if fully set forth in this Count.

14 32. The right to vote is the “fundamental political right, because [it is]
 15 preservative of all rights.” *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, 118 U.S. 356, 370 (1886).

16 “Undoubtably, the right of suffrage is a fundamental matter in a free and democratic
 17 society.” *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 561-62 (1964).

18 33. A prison official’s objective deliberate indifference to a substantial risk of
 19 harm to a prisoner awaiting trial violates the Fourteenth Amendment. *Gordon v. Cty. of*
 20 *Orange*, 888 F.3d 1118, 1124-25 (9th Cir. 2018).

21 34. And when a case “calls[s] upon” the Court “to consider the constitutionality
 22 of [a burden on the right to vote] as applied [. . . [t]here is no ‘litmus-paper test’ to
 23 answer the[e] question” of constitutionality. *Yan v. Kosinski*, 960 F.3d 119, 129 (2nd
 24 Cir. 2020), *quoting Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 789 (1983). Rather, the
 25 Court “conduct[s] a two-step inquiry that applies to election-related restrictions.” *Id.* In
 26 the first step, the Court evaluates the burden the restriction place on voters and in the
 27 second applies the sliding-scale, “*Anderson-Burdick* balancing test” if the restriction is
 28 not severe and “the more familiar test of ‘strict-scrutiny if the restriction is severe. *Id.*

35. The burden on detainees who are dependent on County officials to obtain their ballots for them, and County defendants' failure to do so, is severe because Plaintiff and putative class members are detained and cannot obtain absentee ballots on their own, and Defendants failure to do so causes the ultimate sanction, preventing Plaintiffs from voting. Thus, the deprivation is severe and subject to strict scrutiny. Where the County Defendants are in a position to obtain absentee ballots and fail to do so without justification, there is no compelling interest achieved by not honoring Plaintiffs' fundamental rights to vote and therefore unless they provide ballots immediately to all eligible detained voters in Ventura County custody, they will have irreparably caused damage to Plaintiffs.

36. As a result of Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiffs are suffering irreparable injury and are entitled to injunctive relief.

37. Accordingly, Defendants, as supervisors, direct participants, and policy makers for Los Angeles County, have violated the rights of the Class under First Amendment.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(42 U.S.C. § 1983: Equal Protection and One Person/One Vote)

38. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 37 as if fully set forth herein.

39. The principle of "one person, one vote" requires that courts seek to "[e]nsure that each person's vote counts as much, insofar as it [i]s practicable, as any other person's" *Hadley v. Junior Coll. Dist. Of Metro. Kan. City*, 397 U.S. 50, 54 (1970) .

40. And the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment requires "that all persons similarly situated [] be treated alike." *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Ctr.*, 473 U.S. 432, 439 (1985). Indeed, "[a]n early case in our one person, one vote jurisprudence arose when a State accorded arbitrary and disparate treatment to

1 voters in is difference counties [and t]he [Supreme] Court found a constitutional
 2 violation. *Bush v. Gore*, 531 U.S. 98, 107 (2000), *describing Gray v. Sanders*, 372 U.S.
 3 368 (1963).

4 41. The Supreme Court has also already ruled that, once absentee voting is part
 5 of the scheme for elections, all absentee votes must have similar guarantees that their
 6 votes count as much as possible, the same as any other person's. *O'Brien v. Skinner*,
 7 414 U.S. 524, 530 (1974).

8 42. Plaintiffs are dependent on absentee ballots since they are detained against
 9 their will on jail, and particularly dependent on official actors, Defendant Sheriff and
 10 County, to ensure that their votes will counts as much as possible, the same as any other
 11 person's. Without being provided their ballots by the County, they will not be able to
 12 vote at all, and they are "simply not allowed to use the absentee ballot and are denied
 13 any alternative means of casting their vote," and thus the Defendants' actions are
 14 unconstitutional. *O'Brien v. Skinner*, 414 U.S. 524, 430 (1974)(failure to provide
 15 absentee voter registration to people held in jail awaiting trial is unconstitutional).

16 43. Under the *Obrien v. Skinner* rule, the Defendants have violated Plaintiffs'
 17 rights, the Plaintiffs are more than likely to succeed on the merits, they will be
 18 irreparably harmed, thus injunctive and declaratory relief must issue immediately before
 19 the election by November 2, 2020, so that Plaintiffs are provided absentee ballots by
 20 November 2, 2020, and the Defendants collect those ballots and ensure they are timely
 21 delivered to the County Registrar by November 3, 2020.

22 23 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **Violation of California Constitution Art. II § 1**

25 **(Violation of Right to Vote under California Constitution)**

26 44. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in
 27 paragraphs 1 through 43 as if fully set forth herein.

28 45. Defendants owe Plaintiffs a duty under Article II, section 1 of the California

1 Constitution, which guarantees eligible voters their fundamental rights to vote under the
2 California Constitution, which guarantees Plaintiffs to vote by absentee ballot.

3 46. By the conduct described herein, Defendants violated these rights
4 guaranteed to Plaintiffs. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants' conduct,
5 Plaintiffs suffered a loss of their constitutional rights and are entitled to injunctive and
6 relief.

7 47. Defendants have been and are aware of all the deprivations complained of
8 herein, and have condoned or been deliberately indifferent to such conduct.

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10 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
11 **(Declaratory Relief: 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 AND 2202)**

12 48. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in
13 paragraphs 1 through 47 as if fully set forth herein.

14 49. There is an actual controversy between Plaintiffs and Defendants
15 concerning their respective rights and duties in that Petitioner contends that the acts of
16 Defendants, as described herein, are in violation of federal and state law, and Defendants
17 contend in all aspects to the contrary.

18 50. Plaintiffs are entitled to a legal declaration of their rights and Defendants'
19 obligations under applicable federal and state law as alleged in this petition/complaint.

20 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
21 **(Declaratory Relief: CAL. CODE CIV. PROC. § 1060)**

22 51. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in
23 paragraphs 1 through 50 as if fully set forth herein.

24 52. There is an actual controversy between Plaintiffs and Defendants
25 concerning their respective rights and duties in that Petitioner contends that the acts of
26 Defendants, as described herein, are in violation of federal and state law, and Defendants
27 contend in all aspects to the contrary.

28 53. Plaintiffs are entitled to a legal declaration of their rights and Defendants'

obligations under applicable federal and state law as alleged in this petition/complaint.

Plaintiffs request relief, as set forth below.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

54. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the Class Members respectfully request that the Court:

- A. Certify this case as a class action and certify the proposed classes and subclasses;
- B. Enter a declaratory judgment that Defendants violated Named Plaintiff's and Class Members' constitutional rights by failing to provide absentee ballots so that they can vote absentee in the November 3, 2020 election.
- C. Enter an emergency temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction requiring Defendants, in County jails to do the following:

That this Court order the County to 1) obtain Plaintiff's and all eligible voters in VCJ custody absentee ballots immediately, 2) notify all inmates in VCJ who have requested an absentee ballot or are eligible to vote that they can vote in the November 3, 2020 election, 3) deliver an absentee ballot to Plaintiff and any inmates in VCJ who have requested a ballot after being informed by VCJ officials that they can vote, no later than Monday, November 2, 2020 so that Plaintiff and other VCJ detainees can fill out their absentee ballot, and 4) after completion, deliver to the Ventura County Voter's registrar Plaintiff's ballot and every other eligible VCJ detainee ballot no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020, so that all eligible VCJ detainees who desire to vote and fill out an absentee ballot are timely counted in this year's election.

1 D. Enter an order and judgment granting reasonable attorneys' fees and costs
2 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988 or as otherwise authorized by law;

3 E. Order such other and further relief as this Court deems just, proper, and
4 equitable.

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6 Respectfully Submitted,

7 Dated: OCTOBER 30, 2020

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10 By: ~~/s/ David S. McLane~~_____

David S. McLane

11 Attorneys for Petitioners/Plaintiffs

12 Dated: OCTOBER 30, 2020

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15 By: ~~/s/ Brian A. Vogel~~_____

Brian A. Vogel

16 Counsel for Plaintiff, David S. McLane, verifies the allegations in this Complaint and is
17 informed and believes the allegations are true and correct to the best of his knowledge
18 based on information provided by Plaintiff and Co-counsel Brian S. Vogel, and the
19 declarations submitted concurrently herewith as well as the Secretary of State website.

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21 Dated: OCTOBER 30, 2020

By: ~~/s/ David S. McLane~~_____

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EXHIBIT A

VOTING RIGHTS

Persons with a
Criminal History



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You can register to vote and vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court (for more information, please see [Voting Rights: Persons Subject to Conservatorship](#)).

PERSONS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY WHO CAN REGISTER AND VOTE:

- In county jail:
 - Serving a misdemeanor sentence (a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote)
 - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
 - Serving a felony jail sentence
 - Awaiting trial
- On probation
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication

PERSONS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY WHO CANNOT REGISTER AND VOTE:

- Currently imprisoned in:
 - State prison
 - Federal prison
- Currently serving a state prison felony sentence in a county jail or other correctional facility*
- Currently on parole with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Once you are done with parole your right to vote is restored, but you must re-register online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](#) or by filling out a paper voter registration card.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Under the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment Act (Realignment) and specifically California Penal Code section 1170(h), low-level felons are sentenced to county jail and/or supervision by the county probation department instead of state prison. Realignment has caused some confusion about voting rights among people who have criminal convictions. The chart above provides an explanation of who can and who cannot register to vote in California.

*California Penal Code section 2910 allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house felons in a county jail or other correctional facility. A person serving a state prison sentence who is housed in a local jail or other facility under these circumstances is not allowed to register and vote.

QUESTIONS

If you are unsure of what type of sentence you are serving, ask your probation officer, parole officer, or staff at your correctional facility.



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HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

You may request a voter registration card from the Secretary of State or your county elections office. If you are in jail, you are entitled to receive a voter registration card if you are eligible to vote.

You may also apply to register to vote on the Secretary of State's website RegisterToVote.ca.gov. Your voter registration application must be received or postmarked at least fifteen (15) days before Election Day to be eligible to vote in that election. In elections conducted by your county elections official, you can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline. For more information please go to the Secretary of State's webpage on conditional registration and voting (www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/) or contact your county elections official.

Voter registration cards and voting materials are available in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Voter registration cards are available at most public libraries and government offices. See the attached list for state and local elections office contact information.

VOTE BY MAIL

If you are already registered to vote at your current home address, you may request a vote-by-mail ballot application by contacting your county elections office. Once you receive your vote-by-mail ballot application, you must complete and return it to your county elections office at least seven (7) days before Election Day.

If you are not registered to vote at your current home address, you may register or re-register to vote and request a vote-by-mail ballot on the Secretary of State's website RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

If you requested a vote-by-mail ballot but are released from custody before you receive your ballot, you can still vote. Just go to the polling place for your home address or any polling place in the county where you are registered and vote a provisional ballot.

If you change your name, home address, mailing address, or party preference you must complete a new voter registration card.

RESOURCES

For more information contact your county elections office or the California Secretary of State:

VOTER HOTLINES

English	(800) 345-VOTE (8683)
Español / Spanish	(800) 232-VOTA (8682)
Chinese / 中文	(800) 339-2857
Hindi / हिन्दी	(888) 345-2692
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