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EXPANDING VOTER AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS (ITEM NO. 13, AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018)

On February 13, 2018, a motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl instructed the Director of the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) to collaborate with other agencies and stakeholders to develop recommended actions to increase civic engagement for justice-involved populations. As the motion discusses, civic engagement and voting are the cornerstones of democracy, and reduce crime and recidivism. Possession of a valid identification card enhances the employability of inmates released from county jail, facilitates the collection of right-to-work documents, and reduces recidivism. The motion's specific instructions are outlined below.

1. The motion instructed the Director of ODR to collaborate with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC), the Interim Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, Chief Probation Officer, the Sheriff, the Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel, and relevant community stakeholders, to develop a Countywide Plan for voter education and registration of eligible justice-involved individuals, both current and former, due to the Board in 90 days, that builds on the RR/CC's "Voting While Incarcerated" program and includes:
 - a. Public education and outreach campaigns to address misperceptions about voter eligibility and to promote civic and electoral engagement as part of the reentry process for justice-involved youth and adults;

- b. A role for community-based organizations in the Countywide Plan focused on voter education, outreach and registration; and
 - c. Recommendations for ongoing funding and staffing needs required to implement these efforts, including use of the Inmate Welfare Fund.
2. The motion instructed the Director of ODR, in collaboration with the RR/CC, Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, and other key stakeholders, to report back in writing within 90 days with recommended actions to develop and standardize procedures for providing and tracking the distribution of vital records, including birth certificates and state-issued identification cards, to justice-involved youth and adults in the County, as part of the reentry process.

This memorandum and accompanying attachments serve as a response to this Board motion. The voter registration section of this memorandum begins by outlining existing public education and outreach campaigns in Los Angeles County that promote civic and electoral engagement, and then presents a proposed Countywide Plan that includes additional activities for voter education and registration of eligible justice-involved individuals. The vital records section of this memorandum presents current efforts to provide and track the distribution of vital records, and then recommends additional actions to increase access to vital records for justice-involved youth and adults.

Voter Registration

Status of Current Education and Outreach Campaigns to Promote Civic and Electoral Engagement

ODR convened the County agencies and stakeholders listed in the motion, including relevant community stakeholders. During these meetings, the parties discussed ongoing efforts within the County to promote civic and electoral engagement as part of the reentry process for justice-involved youth and adults. The efforts are described in detail below. Please note that they are limited to those reported by the agencies and stakeholders that were convened and, therefore, are not exhaustive of all efforts in the County.

Current Voter Education and Registration Efforts

- *Voting While Incarcerated Program.* The RR/CC runs a Voting While Incarcerated program, which partners with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)

and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) along with other interested community organizations to provide voter registration, civic engagement, and voting opportunities to eligible voters in LA County jails. The RR/CC's role is to provide logistical support, subject matter expertise, voter registration and education materials, ballot preparation, training, and tracking. The RR/CC created a one-page Voting While Incarcerated information sheet (See Attachment 1) that describes voting rights for justice-involved people in the County. The LASD's role is to facilitate entry into County jails for organizations and volunteers that conduct voter education and registration. The role of the ACLU and other Community Based Organizations (CBOs) is to actively conduct voter education and registration inside jail facilities, as described below.

Figure 1 shows data on inmate voting in LA County jails from the November 2016 election. Of the 831 ballots that were issued, 572 people, or 69 percent, voted successfully.

Figure 1. Inmate Voting in LA County Jails, November 2016

Ballots Issued	Returned	Voted Successfully	Challenged	Reasons for Challenge
831	713	572	141	Voided Ballot (132) No Signature (3) Address Wrong (1) Challenged Signature (1) No/Two Ballot(s) (1) Too Late (1) Undeliverable (1) X-2008 NP Crossover (1)

- *Unlock the Vote Campaign.* The Unlock the Vote Campaign is a voter education and registration campaign that was started by the ACLU of Southern California in partnership with other community partners. Since February 2018, the ACLU and its community partners have been visiting the jails in LA County to conduct voter registration and education with people who are incarcerated. The ACLU meets with people in the jails and describes the electoral and voter registration process, eligibility requirements, distributes their Unlock the Vote brochure (See Attachment 2), and answers questions. In addition, the campaign also conducted voter education and registration with people waiting in the visitor's line. In order to

improve future efforts, the ACLU is collecting data on education levels, the percentage of people who are re-registering compared to those who are first-time registrants, reasons people in jails think they are not eligible to vote, and other data points. The RR/CC supports the campaign by providing logistical support, subject matter expertise, and voter registration materials. In early 2018, the RR/CC trained over 150 volunteers from a variety of organizations to do voter registration inside the jails. The Sheriff supports the campaign by facilitating entry into County jails and providing mandated training for all volunteers who come into the jails.

Figure 2 shows a snapshot of data collected by the ACLU on the Unlock the Vote Campaign from February to May 2018. During those few months, 1,640 people in the LA County jails were registered to vote, 52 percent of whom were first-time registrants.

Figure 2. Unlock the Vote Campaign Voter Registration in LA County Jails, February – May 2018

Total number registered	1,640
Percent first-time registrants	52%
Top reasons why people in jails thought they were not eligible to register	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Past felony 2) Probation violation 3) Didn't know they could vote in jail
Top reasons why people who were eligible did not register	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They felt like their vote wouldn't count 2) The process was too confusing and overwhelming due to a lack of education about voting and elections

LA County Sheriff's Department efforts

- *Sheriff shares information about voting eligibility in jails.* The Voting While Incarcerated information sheet, which outlines specifically who is eligible to vote and who is not, is posted in every jail facility. The Sheriff's Department also broadcasts an educational video about voting in inmate housing locations, and trains custody personnel about voting rights.
- *Sheriff facilitates entry into County jails.* LASD processes over 300 requests from volunteers for security clearance to enter jails. Once volunteers are cleared for

entry, LASD provides escorts of all volunteers conducting voter education and registration in jails, including the ACLU, A New Way of Life, and other CBOs.

- *Sheriff conducts registration and provides Vote-by-Mail applications in jails.* The Sheriff's Department provides Inmate Request Forms so that people incarcerated in jails can request voter registration forms and Vote-by-Mail applications (for the latter, registrants must pay for postage) anytime while in custody; thus, those who have access to their driver's license or social security numbers are able to register to vote year-round.
- *Sheriff designates voting coordinator at each facility.* The Sheriff's Department assigns a voting coordinator to accompany CBOs while they conduct voter registration in jails and be a point person for logistical issues and requests.
- *Sheriff distributes and collects ballots.* In advance of upcoming election days, the Sheriff's Department obtains ballots from the RR/CC and hands them out to people in jail. After ballots have been filled out, the Sheriff collects them in sealed boxes and returns them to the RR/CC.

LA County Probation Department efforts

- *Freedom Schools Summer Program.* The Probation Department, in partnership with the Second Supervisorial District, the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), offers all youth at participating camps an opportunity to participate in the Freedom Schools summer program. The six-week Freedom Schools summer program will take place at Camp Afflerbaugh, Camp Scott, and Camp Rockey during the 2018 summer session. The Freedom School program targets youth literacy and creates a culture of learning and respect. The essential components of the Freedom School's summer program are civic engagement and social action. During this program, students learn about the influence that they have through their vote and by working and communicating with elected officials. This year will be the sixth consecutive year that Freedom Schools is offered for students in Probation camp, and there are approximately 100 students currently enrolled for 2018.
- *Youth voter registration inside Probation's residential facilities.* Starting in 2016, the Probation Department's Education Services/Operation READ unit has

partnered with the RR/CC to register and pre-register youth in Probation's residential facilities. This program is part of a countywide initiative to better engage youth regarding civic responsibility and voter education. As part of this initiative, the RR/CC has trained the Probation Department's Education Services/*Operation READ* staff at all juvenile facilities to educate youth about civic responsibility, assist youth in pre-registration, registration, and casting ballots if they are 18 and older and eligible. Youth entering Probation's registration facilities are educated in civic responsibility and provided with an opportunity to register/pre-register to vote. To date, Probation staff have assisted over 800 youth in the voter registration process, 47 eligible youth have cast vote by mail ballots during recent general, local, and countywide elections. Probation staff attend annual refresher trainings with the RR/CC to stay up-to-date on any changes in the youth voter registration process.

- *Youth Voice: Youth voter information seminars in Probation's Residential Centers.* Creative Acts is an organization with the goal of addressing social justice issues through the Arts. Creative Acts collaborated with Probation Education Services/*Operation READ* to hold seminars in all of the juvenile camps and halls in Los Angeles County in May 2018. Through the transformative power of the Arts, youth learned about the power of their collective voice and the importance of their vote. During the seminar, youth were provided with an official voter information guide. The seminars concluded with a display of the student's art inside of every residential facility. This program compliments the Probation Department's ongoing youth voter registration initiative.

Figure 3. Artwork Related to Voting and Civic Engagement by Detained Youth in Probation Programs



- *Signage at Probation Area Offices.* The Probation Department currently posts signs about voter registration in area offices.

Other voter registration efforts

- *A New Way of Life, Shields for Families, League of Women Voters, and other CBOs conduct voter education and registration inside the jails.* A New Way of Life also created a video to screen in the jails as well as to use for training Community Based Organization staff who do voter education and registration in jails, which provides information about voter eligibility.
- *Public Defender's Office Webpage.* The Public Defender's Office currently maintains a Frequently Asked Questions section on its public-facing webpage that includes the question, "Can I still vote if I have a criminal conviction or I am in custody?" This section contains information about voting rights for justice-involved people.

Recommended Countywide Plan for Voter Education and Registration of Eligible Justice-involved Individuals

ODR, along with the County agencies and stakeholders listed in the motion, recommends the continuation of the current voter education and registration efforts as well as additional activities leading up to the November 2018 election. The following recommendations were either developed by the County agencies collaborating on this report or represent activities that are already planned or in progress. This Board motion instructed the Countywide Plan to include a role for CBOs and recommendations for ongoing funding and staffing needs to implement the Plan, including the use of the Inmate Welfare Fund. These are both incorporated into the recommendations below.

Recommendations for Voter Education and Registration for All Justice-Involved People

- *Create a voter engagement taskforce to strategize and guide all voter education and registration efforts for justice involved residents in the County, leading up to the November 2018 election.* This taskforce should be convened by ODR and include all of the County agencies and community stakeholders that contributed to this report, as well as other relevant agencies and organizations. Additional members of the taskforce will be identified prior to the first convening of the taskforce. The two main goals of the taskforce would be to:

- 1) Register 10,000 justice-involved LA County citizens in advance of the November 2018 general election
 - 2) Create marketing materials, such as posters, websites, and other public service announcements, regarding the value of civic engagement and voter rights for justice-involved people
 - 3) Identify potential funding sources for many of the recommendations in this report
- *All agencies and stakeholders who work with justice-involved populations in the County, both in and out of custody, should print the Voting While Incarcerated information sheet developed by the RR/CC and the Unlock the Vote brochure developed by the ACLU and use them to inform justice-involved populations. Utilize and distribute this information sheet to engage, educate, and register justice-involved populations throughout the County. Specifically, we recommend that the following agencies use this information with their clients:*
 - The Office of Diversion and Reentry
 - The Public Defender
 - The Alternate Public Defender
 - Probation
 - Sheriff

Funding is required to translate and print these materials in multiple languages, include forms in agency materials and/or interviews, and conduct monitoring to ensure that agencies are distributing materials as intended. The voter engagement taskforce should determine how to fund these efforts.

Recommendations for Voter Education and Registration in Jails

- *Complete video about voting and civic engagement.* The RR/CC is creating an educational video about voting rights targeted for release in Summer 2018, that is intended for those incarcerated inside County jails and will be screened by LASD. For future iterations, it is recommended that the videos include justice-involved individuals and be available in multiple languages.
- *Expedite voter registration in jails by allowing official jail booking profiles or a "custody ID card" to satisfy ID requirement.* The RR/CC will work with the Office of

the California Secretary of State to explore whether a jail booking profile or a "custody ID card" will satisfy the Elections Code requirement for identification, so that eligible voters in jail can register to vote and receive a ballot regardless of the barriers they face in accessing other forms of identification.

- *Continue conducting voter education and registration inside the LA County jails and recruiting volunteers to join their effort. The ACLU will:*
 - Recruit volunteers to assist with the education and registration work
 - Continue working with the RR/CC and LASD for training and clearances
 - Co-chair a new ad-hoc Voter Engagement Committee along with Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP), to actively recruit volunteers and CBOs to assist with voter education and registration work for people who are incarcerated as well as with the reentry population
- *Develop voter education curriculum.* ACLU is working with LASD to develop a new voter education curriculum to further engage the incarcerated population about their eligibility, basic elections and civics, and information about upcoming elections.
- *Increase access to government documents during jail intake.* The Sheriff's Department will explore options to provide access to driver's license numbers and social security numbers to people entering jails.
- *Train jail staff.* The Sheriff's Department will train all staff who interact with people in jails to offer basic information regarding voter eligibility and registration forms.
- *Expedite the clearance process for CBOs entering jails to conduct voter education and registration.* CBOs have given the feedback that the process for obtaining clearance to enter jails is difficult and cumbersome. The Sheriff's Department will assess the possibility for expediting the process.

Funding and staffing are likely required for all above recommendations on voter education and registration in jails. Given that civic engagement is related to the benefit, education, and welfare of people confined within the jail, the Sheriff's Department will explore the possibility of the Inmate Welfare Fund providing financial assistance.

Recommendations for Voter Education and Registration in the Community

- *The Office of Diversion and Reentry will include voter education and registration in the menu of services that ODR programs provide.*
 - ODR and its contracted providers will utilize the Voting While Incarcerated form to help inform reentry clients of their voting rights. Reentry programming includes wraparound case management and systems navigation services to adult probationers and justice involved populations.
 - ODR and its contracted providers will utilize the Voting While Incarcerated form to help inform Community Reentry Center clients of their voting rights. ODR is currently planning LA County's first Community Reentry Center, which will provide a wide range of supportive services to adults on probation, as well as the community at large. The first Center, which is set to open in March 2019, will provide voter education and registration, as well as information about how to obtain vital records.
- *The RR/CC will complete videos about voting and civic engagement and tailor them to various justice involved audiences.* The RR/CC will adapt their educational video about voting rights to one targeting justice-involved individuals outside of the jail that will be screened in probation offices and other locations. It is recommended that the videos include justice-involved individuals.
- *The RR/CC and the Probation Department will plan and implement programs to expand voter registration among adult probationers.* The RR/CC, ACLU, and the Probation Department are developing a plan to increase voter education and registration for the approximately 40,000 adults in Los Angeles County currently on probation supervision. Some of these active engagement activities will take place in the adult field offices.
- *The Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender will:*
 - Add Voting While Incarcerated information sheet to existing public facing webpage. This webpage currently includes information about voting rights for people with justice involvement. This information should be posted in multiple languages.

- Post an information sheet about voter eligibility for justice-involved populations on their internal webpage, so that all staff will be aware of state laws around eligibility.
 - Collaborate with ACLU staff to train staff on how to register to vote those justice-involved people who are incarcerated and those who are not.
 - Obtain registration forms from the RR/CC so that staff can facilitate voter registration for justice-involved people who they encounter in person at their offices.
 - Conduct voter registration using registration forms obtained from the RR/CC at existing outreach/record clearing events, such as the Prop 47 training and outreach events. To date, the Public Defender's office has participated in over 130 outreach/record clearing events designed to help people get their past felony/misdemeanor convictions reduced or dismissed. These convictions from the past often serve as barriers to obtaining housing, employment, and education.
- *The Probation Department will educate clients and staff about voting rights by:*
 - Developing a voter registration fact sheet for clients and staff;
 - Updating signage at Area Probation Offices;
 - Providing links to voting eligibility information on the Probation Department's internal and external websites;
 - Working with the RR/CC and the ACLU to develop educational videos to display at Probation facilities/offices and other voter education activities;
 - Inviting CBOs to Area Probation Offices to provide education, and assist in the voter registration/preregistration process; and
 - Training probation officers to proactively and systematically offer basic information regarding voter eligibility and registration forms.
 - The Probation Department will continue working with stakeholders to identify Probation staff to serve as voter registration liaisons as well as explore options for the Probation Department to become a partner of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Program.
 - *CBOs will conduct voter registration within their networks of justice-involved people.* Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP) will conduct voter education and registration among reentry voters at general meetings that they host on a bi-monthly basis, at their monthly expungement clinics with the Public Defender's Office, and will utilize their faith-based network to support voter

registration and education efforts with participating agencies and congregations. In May 2018, LARRP launched an Ad-Hoc Voter Engagement Committee that seeks to enhance and expand current voting efforts and increase coordination with the County and other groups.

Funding and staffing are likely required for many of the above recommendations for voter education and registration in the community, such as printing and distributing information sheets, producing educational videos about voting rights, translating materials into multiple languages, and conducting staff training to offer basic information regarding voter eligibility and registration. The voter engagement taskforce discussed above will determine potential funding sources for these recommendations.

Vital Records

Status of Current Efforts to Provide and Track the Distribution of Vital Records

ODR convened the County agencies and stakeholders listed in the motion, including relevant community stakeholders. During these meetings, participants discussed the ongoing efforts within the County to distribute vital records, including birth certificates and state-issued identification cards, to justice-involved youth and adults as part of the reentry process.

Stakeholders that work with justice-involved populations expressed a need for improved services providing vital records to justice-involved populations. As the Board motion describes, proper identification is needed to gain employment and housing, utilize transportation, and more. Upon reentry into society, many people are hindered by their lack of vital records.

The Board motion references a program that provides both birth certificates and state IDs during the reentry process. The program provided 2,117 birth certificates and 1,097 California ID cards in the County jails in 2017. Additional procedures and programs currently in place are described below.

Current Vital Records Programs in the Jails

- The Sheriff's Department's Community Transition Unit and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) have a MOU to facilitate inmate applications for California identification cards. This project gives inmates who have had a California

identification card in the last 10 years and are within 120 days from release the ability to pay the reduced fee of \$8 for a replacement identification card. When the IDs are received, they are booked into the inmate's property so they will have them upon release. Per the MOU, the following requirements must be met:

- The inmate has previously held a California driver's license or ID card.
- The inmate has a usable photograph on file with the DMV that is not more than ten years old.
- The inmate has no outstanding fees due for a prior California ID card.
- The inmate meets other requirements for issuance of an ID card provided by law.
- The inmate has provided and the DMV has verified all the following information:
 - The inmate's true full name
 - The inmate's date of birth
 - The inmate's social security number
 - The inmate's legal presence in the United States

Figure 4. California ID Cards Issued Annually by Sheriff's Department

Months	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Totals
January	0	13	87	124	77	301
February	0	5	98	75	45	223
March	0	18	54	66	184	322
April	0	22	109	45	162	338
May	0	11	149	111		271
June	0	39	20	149		208
July	12	33	79	85		209
August	12	54	132	114		312
September	0	40	63	63		166
October	66	41	122	140		369
November	8	138	128	41		315
December	6	38	55	52		151
Totals:	104	452	1,096	1,065	468	3,185

- The RR/CC and LASD have a MOU in place to provide birth certificates to justice-involved youth and adults without paying a fee. LASD orders birth certificates on

clients' behalf, and then RR/CC staff complete the request. LASD staff have been deputized to order birth certificates directly, which allows clients to obtain their birth certificate without a notary. The Inmate Welfare Commission Fund pays the \$28 fee for inmates in the County jail.

Figure 5. Birth Certificates Issued Annually by Sheriff's Department

Years	TOTAL REQUEST PROCESSED ANNUALLY	TOTAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ANNUALLY
2013	10	2
2014	133	109
2015	825	689
2016	2,255	2,080
2017	1,673	1,711
2018	1,347	712
TOTAL	7,191	5,303

- People incarcerated in jails can proactively request birth certificates through the Sheriff's Department's Community Transition Unit when Unit staff walk through the facilities.

Current Vital Records Programs in the Community

- The Department of Health Services implements a variety of Intensive Case Management Services programs that assist clients in accessing vital records including Housing for Health, Whole Person Care, and ODR.
- The RR/CC and the Probation Department have a MOU in place to provide birth certificates to youth and adults under supervision without paying a fee. The Probation Department orders birth certificates on probation clients' behalf, and then RR/CC staff complete the request and either hold the documents for pick-up or mail them directly. Probation staff have been deputized to order birth certificates directly, which allows clients to obtain their birth certificate without a notary.
- The Probation Department currently assists probation youth who have transitioned from Camp to community with obtaining state-issued ID cards. If a youth needs an ID card, Probation staff or a designated, contracted Community-Based Organization will assist them in making an appointment with the DMV and transporting them there.

Recommended Actions to Develop and Standardize Procedures for Providing and Tracking the Distribution of Vital Records

LA County needs a systematic approach for providing vital records to justice-involved populations, which tracks each person in jail and on probation and automatically assists them in obtaining their vital records.

Recommendations for Providing Vital Records in Jails

- LASD will explore options to expand existing efforts to provide vital records for people in custody including the possibility of adding a vital records question during intake and linking them to appropriate resources to acquire those documents while in jail.

Recommendations for Providing Vital Records in the Community

- ODR's programs will include access to vital records in their menu of services.
- The Probation Department will continue pursuing a MOU with the DMV to provide adults and youth under community supervision a state-issued ID card. In December 2017, the DMV expressed that it was not willing to enter into a MOU for probationers out of custody.
- The Probation Department will also include a question for probation officers about vital records during orientation, and train them to work with their clients to obtain these records.
- The Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender will educate and assist clients on obtaining their vital records, e.g. birth certificates and state-issued identification cards, by directing them to the appropriate agencies and departments.

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Attachment 1

Voting While Incarcerated Information Sheet



VOTING WHILE INCARCERATED

Some Californians incarcerated in Los Angeles County Jails are still eligible to vote.

SUPERVISION STATUS	CAN I VOTE? (Note: You must also be age 18 or older by the next election day, a U.S. citizen, and a California resident)
Currently incarcerated in California state prison	NO
On California State parole	NO
On probation (informal or formal)	YES
Under post-release community supervision (PRCS)	YES
Under mandatory supervision	YES
Currently incarcerated in county jail	IT DEPENDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because jail time is a condition of your probation: YES Because you were sentenced to serve time in jail (not as part of a "split" sentence): YES Because of a felony sentence with a "split sentence" that combines jail and probation time on Mandatory Supervision: YES Because of an "AB 109" felony conviction with PRCS supervision to follow: YES Because of a parole violation: NO Because you have been convicted and sentenced of a felony and are awaiting to be transferred to federal or state prison: NO
Pending felony charge(s) (you're charged, but not yet convicted)	YES
Serving a sentence in jail or on probation due to a misdemeanor conviction.	YES

★ **ELECTION MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED BY THE JAIL FACILITY WHERE YOU ARE ASSIGNED**

1. Complete an Inmate Request form by checking the "Voting Information" box. You will be contacted by the voting coordinator. You must register to vote at least 15 days before Election Day.
2. Fill out the Voter Registration card and the Vote by Mail application. **Include your booking # on the Vote by Mail application.** Return both to the facility voting coordinator their designee, or provide your own postage and return by U.S. mail.
3. When you receive your ballot, mark your choices and return to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.

Completed voter registration forms, Vote-by-Mail applications and Vote-by-Mail ballots will be transported in a secure manner to and from the Registrar's office by deputy personnel or the US Postal Service.

★ **RELEASED FROM CUSTODY**

- Re-register to vote when you are released from custody.
- Registration forms are available at most public libraries and government offices or online at LAvote.net.
- If you are released before you receive your Vote-by-Mail ballot, go to a polling place on Election Day and request a Provisional Ballot.



VOTANDO MIENTRAS ESTÁ ENCARCELADO

Algunos Californianos que se encuentran encarcelados en las Cárcels del Condado de Los Angeles aún son elegibles para votar.

ESTATUS DE SUPERVISIÓN	¿PUEDO VOTAR? (Aviso: Además debe tener la edad de 18 años o más antes del proximo día de elección, ser ciudadano de EE.UU., y residente de California)
Actualmente encarcelado en una prisión estatal de California	NO
En libertad bajo palabra (parole) en el Estado de California	NO
En libertad condicional (probatoria, ya sea informal o formal)	SÍ
Bajo supervisión comunitaria tras ser puesto en libertad (PRCS)	SÍ
Bajo supervisión obligatoria	SÍ
Actualmente encarcelado en una cárcel del condado	<p>DEPENDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debido a que una condición para su libertad condicional es pasar tiempo en la cárcel: SÍ • Debido a que fue sentenciado a pasar tiempo en la cárcel (no como parte de una sentencia "dividida"): SÍ • Debido a una sentencia por delito grave con una "sentencia dividida" que combina tiempo en la cárcel y libertad condicional bajo Supervisión Obligatoria: SÍ • Debido a una condena por delito mayor de "AB 109" con supervisión PRCS a seguir: SÍ • Debido a una violación a la libertad bajo palabra: NO • Debido a que usted ha sido condenado y sentenciado por un delito grave y está en espera de ser trasladado a una prisión federal or estatal: NO
Cargo(s) pendiente(s) por delito grave (se le imputaron cargos, pero aún no ha sido condenado)	SÍ
Cumpliendo una sentencia en la cárcel o en libertad condicional debido a una condena por un delito menor.	SÍ

★ **MATERIALES ELECTORALES SON PROPORCIONADOS POR EL CENTRO DE DETENCIÓN DÓNDE USTED ESTÁ ASIGNADO**

1. Llene un formulario de Petición del Recluso y marque la casilla que indica "Información para Votar". El coordinador de votación se pondrá en contacto con usted. Deberá inscribirse para votar por lo menos 15 días antes del Día de la Elección.
2. Llene la tarjeta de Inscripción del Elector y la solicitud de Voto por Correo. **Incluya su número de registro en ambos documentos.** Devuelva ambos documentos al coordinador de votación del centro de detención o a la persona designada, o proporcione su propia estampilla y envíelos por correo de EE.UU (U.S. mail).
3. Cuando reciba su boleta electoral, marque sus opciones y devuélvala al coordinador de votación del centro de detención o a la persona designada.

Los formularios de inscripción del elector, las solicitudes de Voto-por-Correo y las boletas electorales de Voto-por-Correo serán transportadas hacia y desde la oficina del Registro Civil por el personal delegado o el Servicio Postal de EEUU de una manera segura.

★ **HA SIDO PUESTO EN LIBERTAD**

- Vuelva a inscribirse para votar cuando sea puesto en libertad.
- Formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la mayoría de las bibliotecas públicas y oficinas gubernamentales o en línea en LAvote.net.
- Si es puesto en libertad antes de que reciba su boleta electoral de Voto-por-Correo, acuda a un lugar de votación el Día de la Elección y solicite una Boleta Electoral Provisional.

Attachment 2
Unlock the Vote Brochure



Know your voting rights in the Los Angeles jail system.

This brochure is designed to help you prepare for Election Day, including information on who can vote, registration, and voting from a Los Angeles County jail facility.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

JUNE 5, 2018

Statewide Direct Primary Election

ELECTION DAY is TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018.

- Last day to register to vote is Monday, May 21, 2018.
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot is Tuesday, May 29, 2018.
- This election includes the following contests: Sheriff and several others. If you register to vote, you will receive additional materials about the races and candidates.

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

General Election

ELECTION DAY is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

- Last day to register to vote is Monday, October 22, 2018.
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot is Tuesday, October 30, 2018.
- This election includes the following contests: Governor, State Senator, ballot initiatives and several others. If you register to vote, you will receive additional materials about the races and candidates.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Can I vote while I am in county jail?

You **CAN** vote while in county jail if you are:

- 18 years of age or older, **and**
- a citizen of the United States, **and**
- awaiting trial or on trial for any crime, **or**
- in jail for a misdemeanor conviction, **or**
- in jail on a probation violation, **or**
- in jail on felony probation, **or**
- serving a county jail sentence under Realignment (AB 109).

The only time you **CANNOT** vote while in county jail is when you are:

- in jail awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison for a felony conviction, **or**
- in jail for a parole violation, **or**
- serving a state prison sentence under a contract with a county jail, **or**
- currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

*If you are not sure of your custody status or what type of sentence you are serving, please check with your parole or probation officer or complete and submit an Inmate Request form requesting the information.

In California, you always keep your right to vote unless you are currently serving a state or federal prison sentence or currently on parole.

HOW DO I REGISTER FROM JAIL?

Voting Procedure and Materials

Per the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Title 15 Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities Article 6, Inmate Programs and Services §1071- Voting:

The facility administrator of a Type I (holding sentenced inmate workers) II, III or IV facility shall develop written policies and procedures whereby the county registrar of voters allows qualified voters to vote in local, state, and federal elections, pursuant to election codes.

You must register to vote at least 15 days before Election Day.

Please follow the steps listed below if you would like to vote:

- Complete an Inmate Request form requesting information and materials by checking the "Voting Information" box.
- The voting coordinator will contact you.
- Fill out your Voter Registration Card and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application. Include your booking number on each. Return both to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.
- When you receive your ballot, mark your choices and return to the facility voting coordinator or their designee.
- You can find out if your vote-by-mail ballot arrived at the county elections office, if your ballot was counted, and, if not, the reason why it was not counted by calling (800) 815-2666.

The ACLU SoCal Jails Project will also have volunteers go inside the L.A. County jails to register individuals who are incarcerated to vote.

>>Federal law requires that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk provide translated election materials and bilingual support in **English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian/Khmer, and Tagalog/Filipino**. LA County also provides support in Hindi, Japanese, Thai, Farsi, Armenian, and Russian. If you wish to receive your voting materials in a language in addition to English, please detail so on your **Inmate Request form and Voter Registration Card**.

>>If you are not a resident of Los Angeles County, you can still send a request for materials to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. The L.A. County Registrar-Recorder will ensure that the request is sent to the appropriate county elections office.

TIMELINE



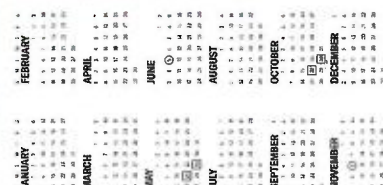
HOW DO I REGISTER IF I'M NO LONGER IN CUSTODY?

You must re-register to vote when you are released from custody. There are a few ways to re-/register to vote after your release:

- You can register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov
- You can pick up a paper registration form at the DMV, post office, public library, or your county elections office. Complete the form, sign it, and drop it in the mail.
- You can call **1-800-345-VOTE (8683)** and ask for a registration form to be mailed to you.

*If you requested a vote-by-mail ballot from jail 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.

2018 IMPORTANT DATES



YOUR VOTE MATTERS.



WHY

21st Century Disenfranchisement

Sadly, since 2008, states across the country have passed measures making it harder for Americans to vote—especially people of color, the elderly, students, the poor, and people with disabilities.

These measures include voter ID laws, cuts to early voting, purges of voter rolls, and ongoing “felony disenfranchisement,” the stripping away of a person’s right to vote because of a criminal conviction.



HOW

The June 2018 direct primary election and November 2018 general election include the following races, among others:

Sheriff

The sheriff runs the county jails, and is also in charge of enforcing the law throughout the county, just like a chief of police. Deputies arrest and detain suspects and patrol the county.

Local and State Initiatives and Bonds

Initiatives can have a dramatic impact on our lives. Citizens or the state legislature can put a measure on the ballot for the people to vote on. If they’re passed, they become law. They can change the tax system and the criminal justice system, including upholding or ending the death penalty or sentencing guidelines. Bonds ask voters to decide how public money will be spent and can have a positive or negative effect on your community.

“Why Your Vote Matters,” ACLU of California Let Me Vote Campaign, accessed October 1, 2017, <https://www.letmevoteca.org/portfolio/brochure/>

TIPS FOR COMPLETING VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS

ITEM 1: Voter declaration. You must mark “yes” or “no” to the question of whether you are a United States citizen and if you will be 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you are NOT a U.S. citizen, you CANNOT register to vote. Do not complete the Voter Registration Card.

ITEMS 2, 3, and 4: Your full name should match your CA driver’s license (CDL)/CA identification card (ID Card).

ITEMS 5 and 6: This should be your “Residential” address. Your residence is the place where you usually stay or return to. For voting purposes, you can have only ONE residence. P.O. boxes and business addresses are NOT valid here. Your home address will determine your voting jurisdiction.

ITEM 7: If you do not have a street address, you can give an exact description of where you live in this field. For the election officials to decide where you should vote, you have to describe where you usually stay or return to. This can be cross streets, a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place that you usually return to. If you are experiencing homelessness outside of jail please include an exact description of where you usually stay or return to. For example: “W. Civic Center Drive and N. Ross Street.”

ITEMS 8 and 9: You must complete this section if you want to receive election mail at a different address other than your residential addresses. If you are incarcerated at a Los Angeles County jail facility, you should include the address of the jail facility you are currently housed in unless you will be released before the June 5th and/or November 6th election. You **MUST** include your Booking Number in Item 8 (e.g. BK# 1234567).

ITEM 12: CA driver license/ID card number OR last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you have been issued a CA driver license or an identification card, you **MUST** list the number. If you do not have either a CA driver license or an identification card, you **MUST** list the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of the above, you can still register to vote. Just leave the field blank.

ITEM 15: There can be only ONE mark in Item 15 with NO CORRECTIONS or ALTERATIONS. A new Voter Registration Card must be filled out if an error is made.

ITEM 18: This item **MUST** contain your signature/mark/signature stamp. Please include the date of signing.

OPTIONAL SURVEY: If you are interested in serving as a poll worker, please complete Item A. If you would like to disclose your ethnicity/race, please complete Item B. To receive state materials in another language, mark the language preference box under Item C. If no box is checked, voter materials will be provided in English only.

GREEN BOX: If someone helped you fill out your Voter Registration Card (put pen/pencil to paper), the person must complete the box. If they only answered questions or checked if your Voter Registration Card was complete, they do not need to complete the box.

ISSUES

If you experience any problems requesting or obtaining voting materials, registering to vote or casting a ballot you should:

Contact the California Secretary of State Investigative Services.

California Secretary of State Investigative Services
1500 11th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
English: (916) 657-2166 or (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

Contact the ACLU SoCal Jails Project.

ACLU SoCal
ATTN: Jails Project
1313 W. 8th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 977-9543

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California (ACLU SoCal) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to defending the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the Constitution and our nation’s civil rights laws.

The ACLU SoCal does not endorse or oppose any candidate or party, but we believe that no civil right is more important in our democracy than the right to vote.