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**Voters should register to vote by Tuesday, February 18 to be eligible to vote on March 3**

Voters are encouraged to register to vote or re-register to vote to change your name, address, or political party by Tuesday, February 18.

To be eligible to register and vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before March 3, and not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.

“Signing up to vote by February 18 will allow you to vote by mail and will ensure you are on the voter rolls when you go to vote on March 3,” County Clerk Gail Pellerin said. “However, if you miss the deadline, you can still register and vote on the same day.”

Voters who don’t register to vote by February 18 may find themselves having to wait in lines, and there is paperwork that must be completed before they can vote, Pellerin advised.

To register to vote or update your registration, go online to [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov).

Voters who do not have access to the Internet may complete a voter registration card available at the County Clerk/Elections Department located at 701 Ocean St., Room 310; City Clerk’s Offices in Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Watsonville; local libraries; post offices; the Department of Motor Vehicles; social service agencies; military recruitment offices; and fire stations during regular office hours.

Voters may deliver the completed card to the County Clerk/Elections Department, or any of the four City Clerk’s Offices, or drop it in any of the ballot drop boxes in the county used for returning vote-by-mail ballots until midnight February 18, or have it postmarked no later than February 18.

Ballot drop boxes are located at:

* 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, in front of the county building
* 212 Church St., Santa Cruz, public parking lot
* 1 Civic Center Dr., Scotts Valley City Hall parking lot
* 420 Capitola Ave., Capitola City Hall parking lot
* 316 Rodriguez St., Watsonville public parking lot 14
* UC Santa Cruz - Quarry Plaza – walk up only
* Graham Hill & Mt. Hermon Rd., Felton Covered Bridge Park parking lot
* Highlands Park, 8500 Highway 9, Ben Lomond
* Cabrillo College parking lot R near the football field
* Aptos Polo Grounds, 2255 Huntington Dr. near the dog park
* County Health Center in Watsonville, 1430 Freedom Blvd

Voters must complete a voter registration affidavit form that includes, among other things, their name, address where they live, address where they get their mail, driver’s license number or last four digits of their social security card, and signature.

For more information, please contact the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 831-454-2060, info@votescount.com, or go online to [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com).

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