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## **Secretary of State Alex Padilla Launches ‘Restore Your Vote’ Tool to help Californians with Criminal Convictions Know their Voting Rights**

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla launched a new tool to help Californians with criminal convictions know their voting rights. The new tool is available online at [RestoreYourVote.sos.ca.gov](http://RestoreYourVote.sos.ca.gov).

“I want all Californians to know their voting rights,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. “Even if you have a prior criminal conviction, you may still have the right to vote. Civic engagement can be a critical piece in reintegrating formerly incarcerated Californians into their communities and reducing recidivism.”

Eligible Californians who have been convicted of a felony can still register and vote, as long as they are not in prison or on parole. Californians subject to post-release community supervision or mandatory supervision under Realignment are also eligible to register to vote.

At [RestoreYourVote.sos.ca.gov](http://RestoreYourVote.sos.ca.gov), Californians can answer yes or no to the following series of statements to determine whether they can register to vote:

- I am a United States citizen and a resident of California.
- I will be 18 years old or older on election day.
- I am currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.
- I have been found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Based upon the answers, users will be told whether or not they can register to vote. Users who are eligible to register to vote will be provided a link to online voter registration. October 22 is the voter registration deadline for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

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