Effective April 18, 2018, the Governor’s Office will consider all individuals released from incarceration onto parole supervision for a voting restoration pardon. Individuals currently under parole supervision may already have been issued a voting restoration pardon. Going forward, the Governor’s Office will review all individuals who enter the parole system for the conditional pardon on a monthly basis.

**VOTING FAQ**

**Can I vote while on parole?**
All people on parole in New York State will be reviewed for a conditional pardon that restores their right to vote. The list of people on parole will be updated on a monthly basis.

To check if your voting rights have been restored, you can search online by name: tinyurl.com/y9cdghqe.

To learn more, check out this fact sheet from the Legal Action Center: tinyurl.com/yd7nj9qa.

**What should I do if I haven’t received a conditional pardon?**
Talk to your parole officer.

**Once I’ve been granted my conditional pardon, am I automatically able to vote?**
No. Before you can cast your ballot to vote, you must also register to vote. If you were registered to vote before you were incarcerated, you still need to re-register. To vote in a specific election, you must register before the registration deadline.

**Can I vote with a misdemeanor or felony conviction?**
If you’re back home and not on parole, you can vote no matter your conviction. If you are on parole you can vote if: (1) you received a voting restoration pardon—which almost everyone on parole and in good standing receives, OR (2) you have a certificate of relief or good conduct.

**Can I vote while I’m in jail?**
If you are in jail awaiting trial or serving time for a misdemeanor or violation, you may vote by mail with an absentee ballot. If you are in jail or prison for a felony conviction and do not have a certificate of relief for that conviction, you cannot vote until you come home.

**How do I register to vote?**
You can register by mail by submitting a completed registration form:
- English form: tinyurl.com/gkp6wtd
- Spanish form: tinyurl.com/yajssyej
- If you have a valid New York State license, you can register online: tinyurl.com/zp9a249

**What’s the deadline to register to vote?**
The registration deadline depends on the election. You must register 25 days before the next election in which you want to vote. For a list of upcoming elections and registration deadlines, see: www.elections.ny.gov.

**Do I need to choose a party on the registration form?**
The registration form asks you to register for a political party. You are not required to select a specific party. If you enroll in a political party, you can vote in that party’s primary election. If you do not register for a party, you cannot vote in the primaries.

**What is the primary election?**
The primary determines which candidates appear on the general election ballot. In the general election, you may vote for any candidate from any party.

**Why vote?**
Every vote matters. Some local elections are decided by a few hundred votes, so voter registration and turnout have a real impact.

*Flip over for more information about voting on election day!*