

Questions:

- * Do you also require voter registration to serve on a board, commission or committee?
- * If you've recently made a change to eliminate the voter registration requirement, can you share your staff report, or your current policy detailing that change?

Responses:

City	Response
Livermore	We don't require advisory body members to be registered to vote, we just verify they live in the city limits.
Fullerton	Just residency in Fullerton
Monterey	We have a residential requirement but not a voter registration requirement for boards and commissions here in Monterey. I must note, a lot of times they are homeowners so when we look them up in our GIS, they show up as the owner. However for renters this means we are on the honor system.
Coronado	The City of Coronado requires an individual be registered to vote in Coronado to serve on a board or commission.
Lathrop	In 2019, my office removed voter registration requirements from our appointed Boards and Commissions when Governor Newsom signed SB 225. This was part of for bills to prevent discrimination and foster inclusivity. Good luck with your staff report, I hope this helps.
Berkeley	State Government Code Section 1020. (a) A person is eligible to hold an elective civil office if, at the time of election, the person is 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, is eligible to hold an appointed civil office if the person is 18 years of age and a resident of the state. (c) Notwithstanding any other law, a person appointed to civil office, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, may receive any form of compensation that the person is not otherwise prohibited from receiving pursuant to federal law, including, but not limited to, any stipend, grant, or reimbursement of personal expenses that is associated with carrying out the duties of that office. (Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 790, Sec. 3. (SB 225) Effective January 1, 2020.)
Monrovia	We do not require voter registration, and haven't ever to my knowledge. You just have to be a resident of the City.
Petaluma	The City of Petaluma does not require voter registration to serve on Committees, Commissions or Boards
Glendora	1. Yes; 2. N/A

: Because of SB 225, we no longer use voter registration as an eligibility requirement for appointive boards and commissions. (Because one has to be a citizen in order to register to vote, requiring voter registration becomes a de facto citizenship requirement, which is now prohibited.)

Pismo Beach

Attached is our staff report from Jan 2020 where we discussed it, and we shortly thereafter changed our advisory body bylaws, and related muni code provisions, to eliminate the voter registration requirement for advisory body applicants. We replaced it with a simple residency requirement.

We still do ask applicants whether they're registered to vote in our city, and if so we accept it as prima facie proof of residency, but if they're not registered, we don't disqualify them based on that. Good luck!

Here in Gilroy, we have a requirement that they must be registered to vote within the City limits of Gilroy. There has been no request to change it otherwise as it is directly part of the City's Charter.

Gilroy

San Anselmo

The Town of San Anselmo does not have such requirements.

In 2021 our Council changed the requirement on being a registered voter. It was required for our commissions only, not committees. The Council was discussing adding two additional planning commissioners from 5 -7 and then the elector issue came up. So it was not addressed in the agenda report for 1st reading. It came up on the floor. Here are the links to the minutes and video: 637647191289200000 (costamesaca.gov) (minutes – page 10), video at 2:19: City Council (granicus.com)

Costa Mesa

Here is the agenda report when adopted (second reading): CC-5.pdf (costamesaca.gov)

We have that in our BCC Handbook, but after we updated I found out that you could not make that a requirement.

San Dimas

We made this change a couple of years ago. Here is a copy of the report.

Newark

The only Milpitas Commission that requires voter registration is our Planning Commission.

Milpitas

Our policy is similar to yours. We also check voter registration with the registrar of voters

Dana Point

The City of Santa Ana made such a change in March 2021. I've attached the ordinance as well as the related staff report for your reference.

Santa Ana

Santa Cruz

Resident and/or qualified registered voter of the City of Santa Cruz