

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA
VOTER PROTECTION COUNCIL
RESTORATION OF RIGHTS GUIDELINES



In light of the July 22, 2016 Virginia Supreme Court Order, the Governor has revised the next steps to proceed with individually restoring the rights of persons who have served their time and completed supervised release. The Secretary of the Commonwealth (SOC) is giving priority consideration to individuals who request restoration of their civil rights.

In addition, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office has identified individuals who may meet the Governor's standards for restoration: individuals who have been convicted of a felony and are no longer incarcerated or under active supervision by the Department of Corrections or other state agency. Prioritizing by date since release from supervision and starting with those who have been released from supervision the longest, SOC will conduct a thorough review, SOC will make recommendations to the Governor to restore the rights of individuals who have been determined to meet his standards. The Governor will review SOC's analysis of each individual's record and will make the final decision on proposed candidates for restoration of rights

Those wishing to expedite restoration of their own rights may contact the SOC through the website www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/ror. Individuals without internet access can call the SOC at 804-692-0104 or mail-in a contact form. Upon the Governor's approval, SOC will issue and mail personalized restoration orders.

SOC will release the names of newly restored individuals monthly. The list will be made available by request. The full list will also be included in Senate Document 2 (SD2) as it has been historically. Anyone with questions on whether their rights have been restored can check here: <https://solutions.virginia.gov/RestorationOfRights/Search>.