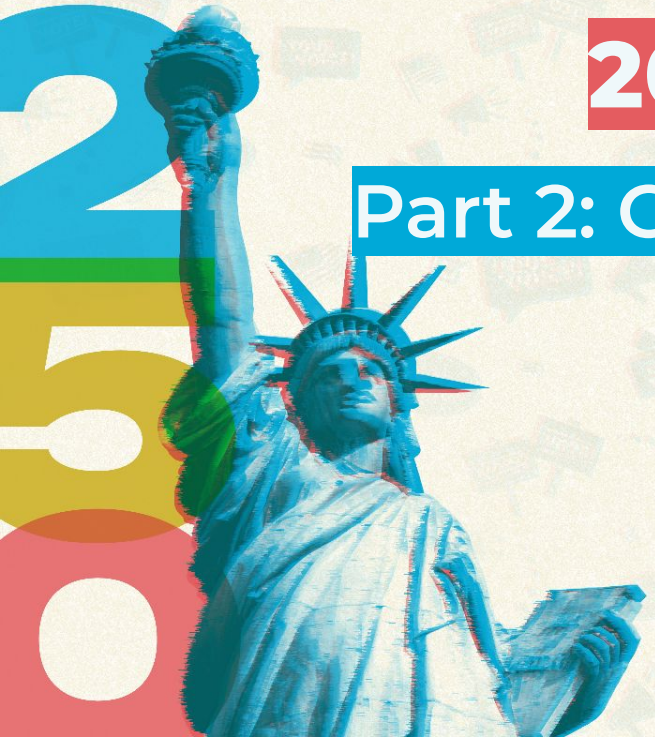
It's Time to Get #VoteReady for the 2026 Midterms

Part 2: GOTV (Get Out The Vote)

October 20, 2pm ET



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NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

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Housekeeping

- **This webinar is being recorded and the link will be shared.**
- **There will be a Question & Answer session**

  Please add your questions in the Q&A box in zoom, not in the chat.
- **Closed Captioning is available**





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Who we are and what we do

Mission: Nonprofit VOTE is the managing partner of National Voter Registration Day, the largest civic holiday in the nation, and we equip our nation's nonprofits with nonpartisan tools and resources to help the communities they serve participate in voting and democracy.

Vision: We envision a diverse network of nonprofits across the United States with the skills, resources, and commitment needed to foster a more inclusive democracy where all voices are heard, particularly those currently underrepresented in the voting process.

Visit www.nonprofitvote.org for more information!



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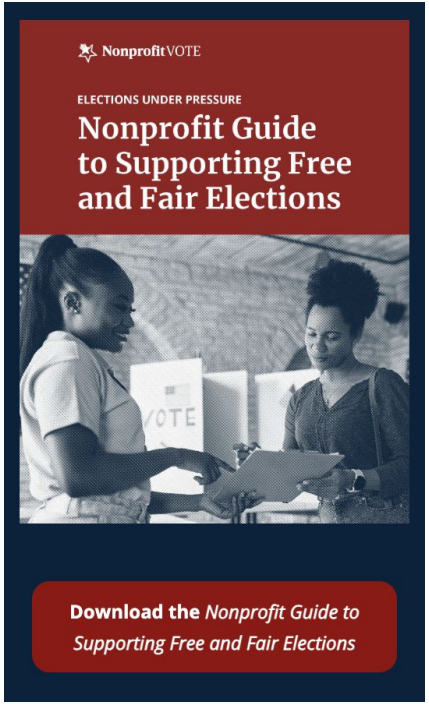
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Free and Fair Elections

We've been getting some different questions this year, particularly about election safety and voter protection

Nonprofit VOTE and M+R partnered to answer them

This guide gives you the tools to equip your community in this year in particular



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What this two-part webinar series will cover

Part 1: Oct 6

Get informed.

Can voters answer:

- Am I registered?
- What's on my ballot?
- What are my voting options?
- What are my deadlines?
- Where do I get trustworthy information?

Part 2: Oct 20

Get moving.

Can voters answer:

- When am I voting?
- Where am I voting?
- How am I getting there?
- What do I need?
- What's my backup plan?

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Now let's get our communities #VoteReady

Part 2 : GOTV (Get Out the Vote)

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Remember this!

Registration gets voters on the rolls.

Voter education gets them ready for what comes next.

GOTV (Get Out The Vote) makes sure their vote counts!

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Voter Education: 3 Things Voters Need to Get to the Polls

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Every voter (or potential voter) needs…

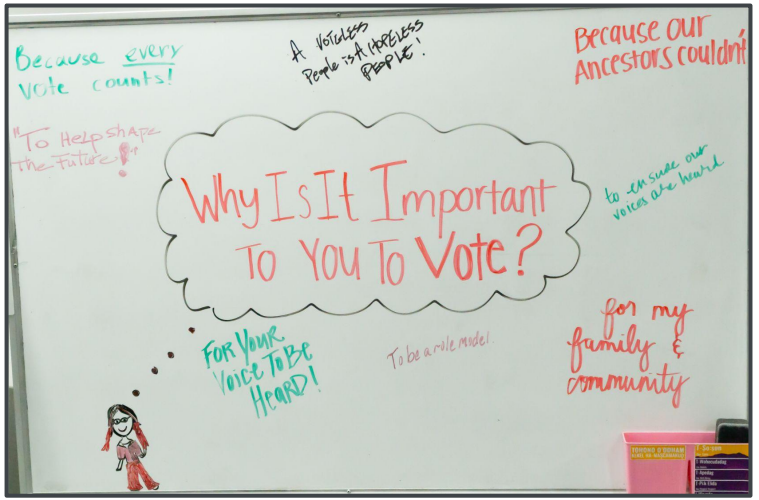


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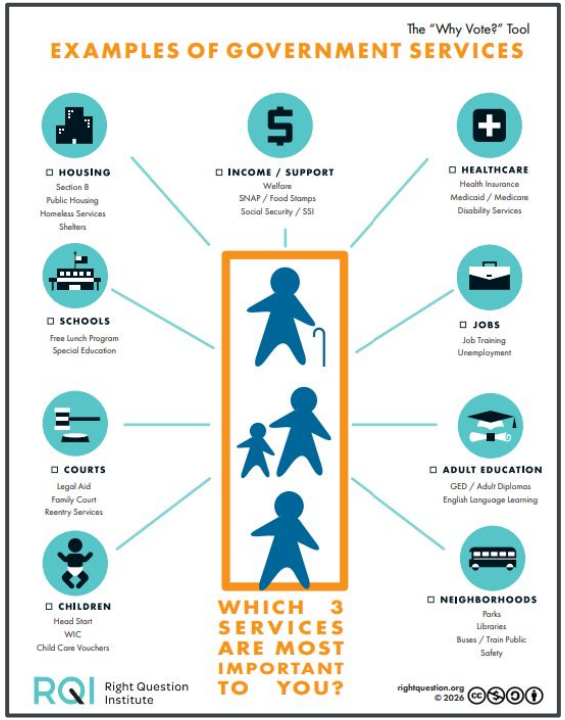
Purpose: Why are they voting?

- Is their purpose for voting driven by **personal values, community concerns, policies** or a desire to be represented?
- Have they been satisfied with the policies and actions of the current elected officials or **would they like to see a change**?
- **What outcome** are they hoping for? (*not a necessarily a candidate but a community outcome or policy or set of values*)



The Why Vote Tool

- Makes connections between voting and government services
- Elected officials make decisions that affect all these services. By voting, you can have a say in who makes those decisions.
- Why would YOU want to vote and have a say in who is making decisions about those services?
- What questions do you have about being able to vote in the next election? Ask as many questions as you can.



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Why Vote nonprofitvote.org/resource/why-vote-tool/

Purpose: What impacts their community?



☐ **HOUSING**

Section 8
Public Housing
Homeless Services
Shelters



☐ **SCHOOLS**

Free Lunch Program
Special Education



☐ **HEALTHCARE**

Health Insurance
Medicaid / Medicare
Disability Services



☐ **JOBS**

Job Training
Unemployment



☐ **CHILDREN**

Head Start
WIC
Child Care Vouchers



☐ **COURTS**

Legal Aid
Family Court
Reentry Services



☐ **INCOME / SUPPORT**

Welfare
SNAP / Food Stamps
Social Security / SSI



☐ **NEIGHBORHOODS**

Parks
Libraries
Buses / Train Public
Safety



☐ **ADULT EDUCATION**

GED / Adult Diplomas
English Language Learning

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Poll Questions

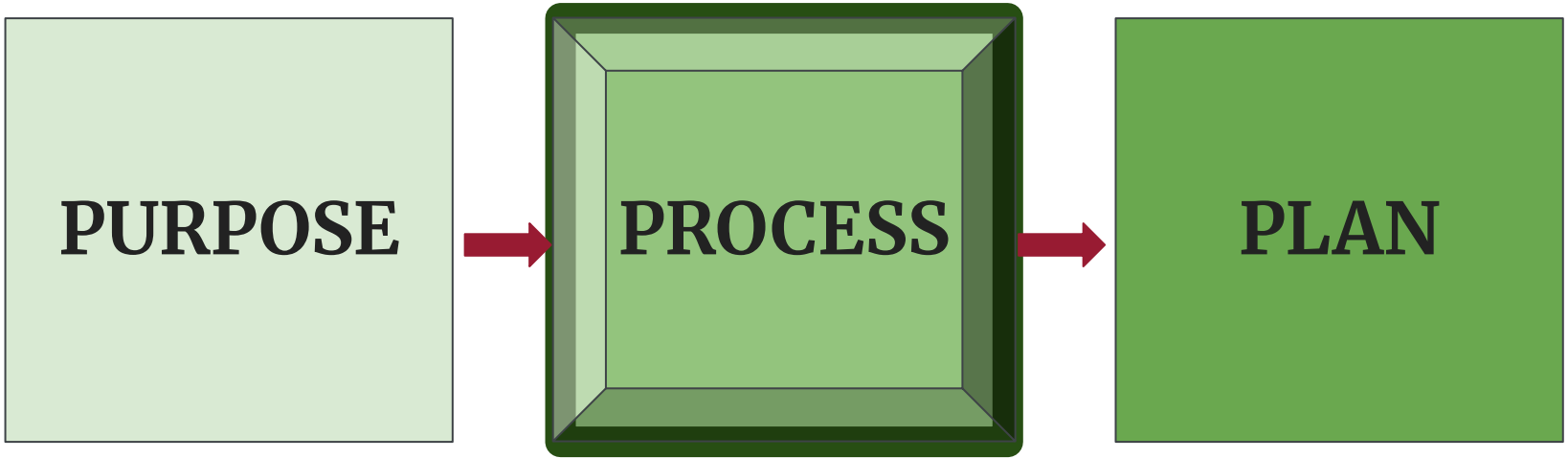
Which of these topics are part of why YOU vote?

a. Housing
b. Schools
c. Healthcare
d. Jobs
e. Children
f. Courts
g. Income/Support
h. Neighborhoods
i. Adult Education
j. Other

Which of these topics do you think are part of why THE COMMUNITY YOU SERVE votes?

a. Housing
b. Schools
c. Healthcare
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Process: What are the steps involved?

- Double check voter registration
- When is the election? **(actually look at the calendar**)
- What are the **deadlines** for mail-in or absentee ballots?
- How do you find out **what's on the ballot**? (elections office or nonpartisan org)
- What tools are accessible to **learn more about candidates?** (local news, candidate forums, nonpartisan advocacy organizations...etc)



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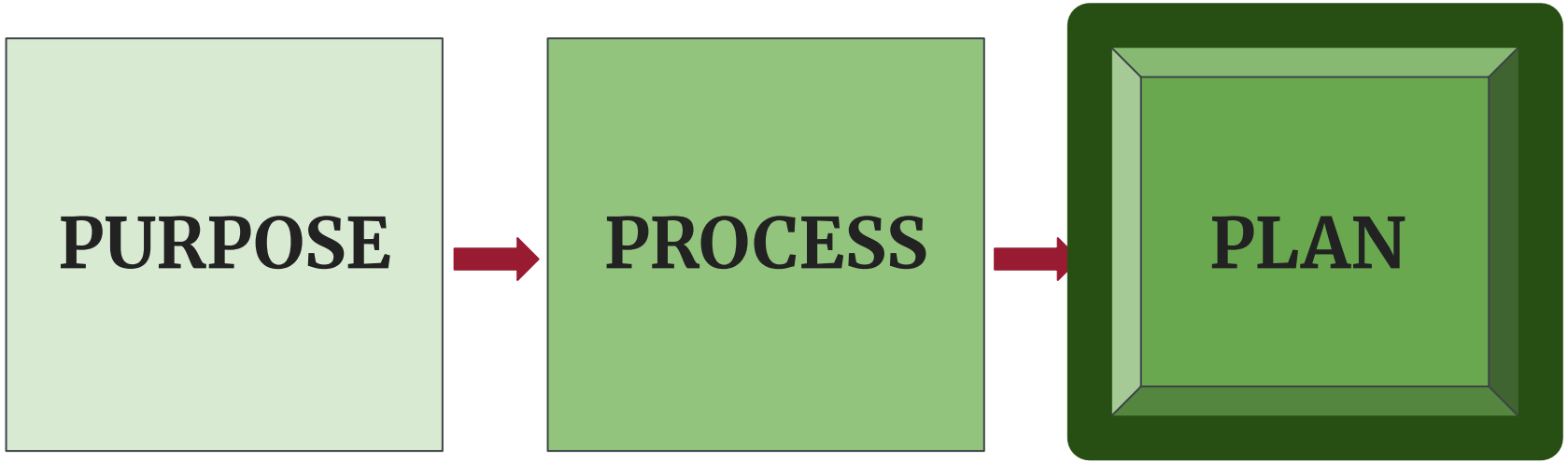
Poll Questions

1. Do you have questions about the voting process this year?
    a. No questions! I basically have a voting encyclopedia in my brain.
    b. I'm lost and have so many questions
    c. I'm feeling optimistically confident about my knowledge level right now
2. Do you know where to find answers for any questions you have about voting?
    a. Yes because, again, I'm basically an encyclopedia
    b. I'm clueless, help me, please! I hope the follow up email to this webinar has a lot of links and resources!
    c. My default is vote.gov, nonprofitvote.org, a wing, and a prayer

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Plan

Every voter needs an intentional strategy for ensuring they participate in an election. (and a backup plan in case that doesn't work).

- **Register**
  - Online? Confirm 2 weeks after.
  - In Person? Check to see what ID you need
- **Review Ballot**
  - Sample ballot?
  - Attend candidate forum?
- **Show Up to Vote**
  - Mail Ballot? Turn in ASAP to ensure it's counted
  - Early? Check location and hours
  - Election Day? Bring ID and remember election protection hotline 866-OUR-VOTE
- **See Who Won**
  - Check the newspaper, social media…etc

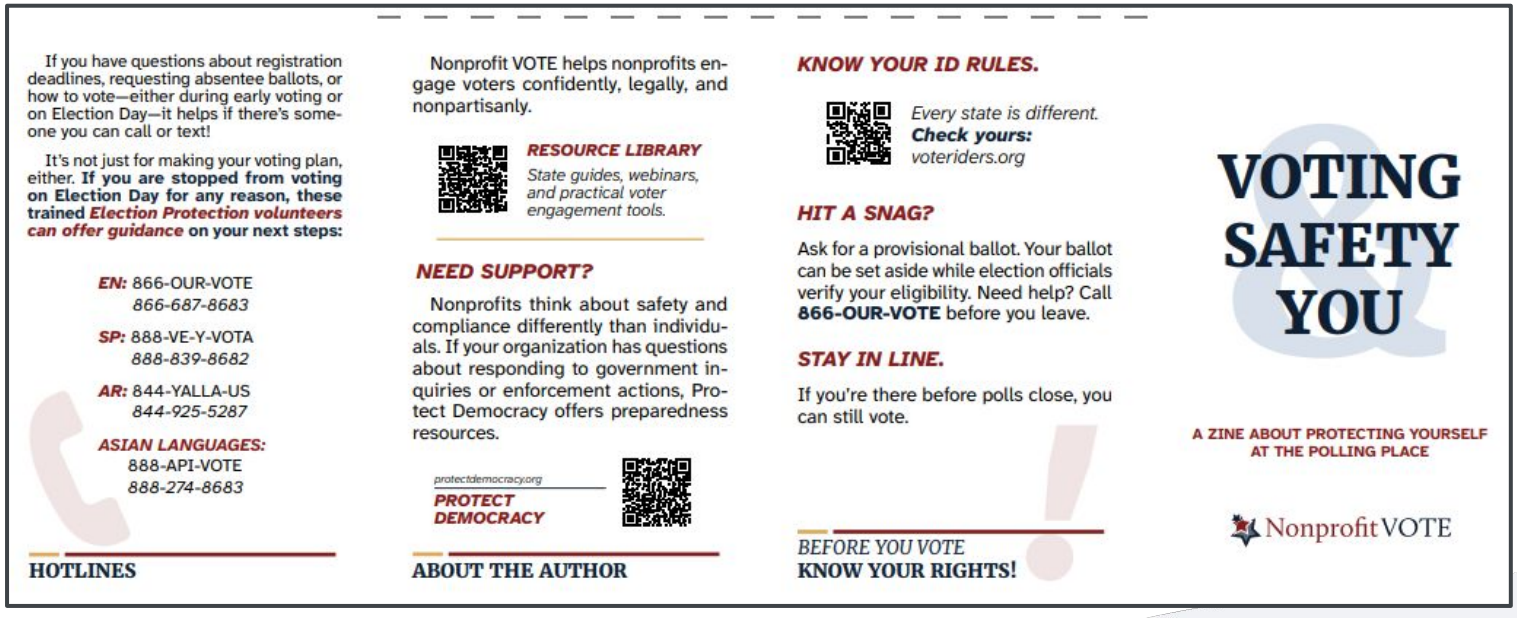


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Voting Safety and You Zine (side 1)

An 8-fold zine designed by the Nonprofit VOTE team for voters getting ready to head to the polls with voter safety in mind.



If you have questions about registration deadlines, requesting absentee ballots, or how to vote—either during early voting or on Election Day—it helps if there's someone you can call or text!

It's not just for making your voting plan, either. **If you are stopped from voting on Election Day for any reason, these trained *Election Protection volunteers can offer guidance* on your next steps:**

EN: 866-OUR-VOTE
866-687-8683

SP: 888-VE-Y-VOTA
888-839-8682

AR: 844-YALLA-US
844-925-5287

ASIAN LANGUAGES:
888-API-VOTE
888-274-8683

HOTLINES

Nonprofit VOTE helps nonprofits engage voters confidently, legally, and nonpartisanly.

RESOURCE LIBRARY
State guides, webinars, and practical voter engagement tools.

NEED SUPPORT?

Nonprofits think about safety and compliance differently than individuals. If your organization has questions about responding to government inquiries or enforcement actions, Protect Democracy offers preparedness resources.

protectdemocracy.org
PROTECT DEMOCRACY

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

KNOW YOUR ID RULES.

Every state is different.
Check yours:
voteriders.org

HIT A SNAG?

Ask for a provisional ballot. Your ballot can be set aside while election officials verify your eligibility. Need help? Call **866-OUR-VOTE** before you leave.

STAY IN LINE.

If you're there before polls close, you can still vote.

BEFORE YOU VOTE
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

VOTING SAFETY & YOU

A ZINE ABOUT PROTECTING YOURSELF AT THE POLLING PLACE

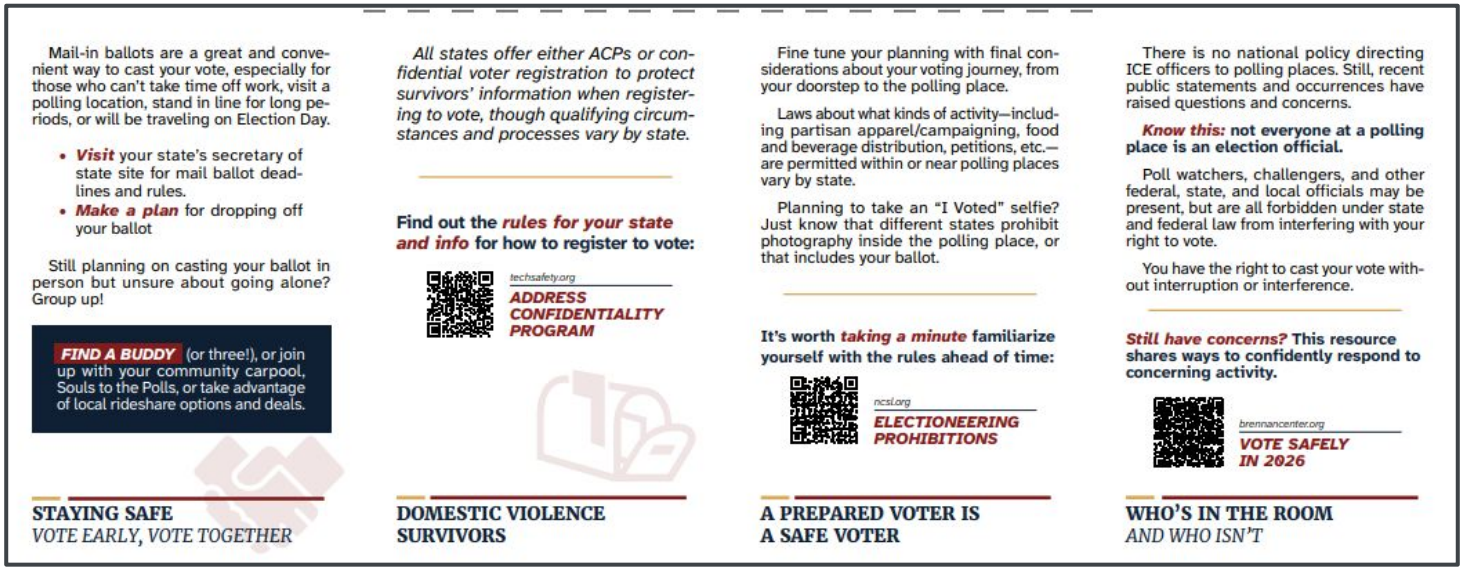
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Voting Safety and You Zine (side 2)

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Mail-in ballots are a great and convenient way to cast your vote, especially for those who can't take time off work, visit a polling location, stand in line for long periods, or will be traveling on Election Day.

- ***Visit*** your state's secretary of state site for mail ballot deadlines and rules.
- ***Make a plan*** for dropping off your ballot

Still planning on casting your ballot in person but unsure about going alone? Group up!

FIND A BUDDY (or three!), or join up with your community carpool, Souls to the Polls, or take advantage of local rideshare options and deals.

STAYING SAFE
VOTE EARLY, VOTE TOGETHER

All states offer either ACPs or confidential voter registration to protect survivors' information when registering to vote, though qualifying circumstances and processes vary by state.

Find out the *rules for your state and info* for how to register to vote:

techsafety.org
ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

Fine tune your planning with final considerations about your voting journey, from your doorstep to the polling place.

Laws about what kinds of activity—including partisan apparel/campaigning, food and beverage distribution, petitions, etc.—are permitted within or near polling places vary by state.

Planning to take an "I Voted" selfie? Just know that different states prohibit photography inside the polling place, or that includes your ballot.

It's worth *taking a minute* familiarize yourself with the rules ahead of time:

ncsl.org
ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITIONS

A PREPARED VOTER IS A SAFE VOTER

There is no national policy directing ICE officers to polling places. Still, recent public statements and occurrences have raised questions and concerns.

Know this: **not everyone at a polling place is an election official.**

Poll watchers, challengers, and other federal, state, and local officials may be present, but are all forbidden under state and federal law from interfering with your right to vote.

You have the right to cast your vote without interruption or interference.

Still have concerns? **This resource shares ways to confidently respond to concerning activity.**

brennancenter.org
VOTE SAFELY IN 2026

WHO'S IN THE ROOM
AND WHO ISN'T

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Poll Questions

1. What questions do you think your community still has about voting?
    a. Questions about their purpose for voting
    b. Questions about their voting options (in person, early, by mail…etc)
    c. Questions about voter safety or election integrity
    d. Other questions (that I'll put in the Q&A for this webinar and/or email to my friends at info@nonprofitvote.org)

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LET'S GO!!!!!



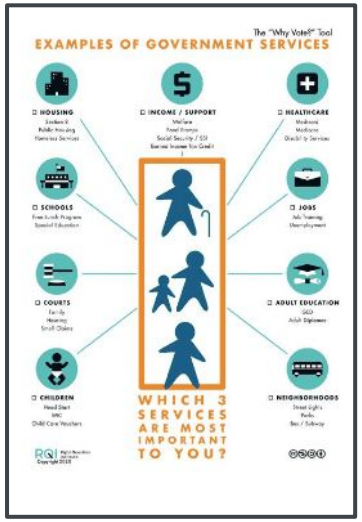
Early voting has begun and ballots are in the mail in many states so let's get voting!

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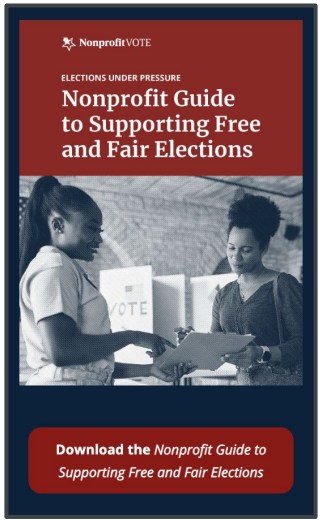
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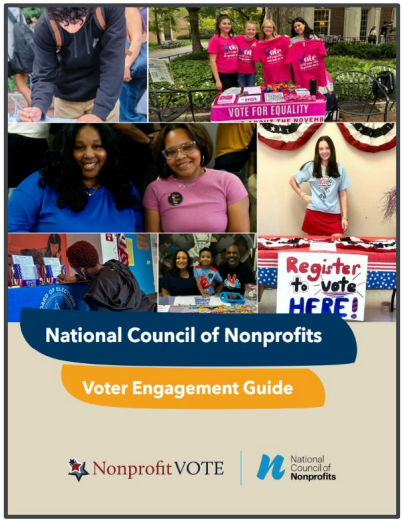
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Why Vote
nonprofitvote.org/resource/why-vote-tool/



Nonprofit Guide to Free and Fair Elections:
nonprofitvote.org/nonprofit-guide-to-supporting-free-and-fair-elections/



Voter Engagement Guide
https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofit-nonpartisan-voter-engagement-guide

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Q&A

Thank you

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