

# Voter Registration

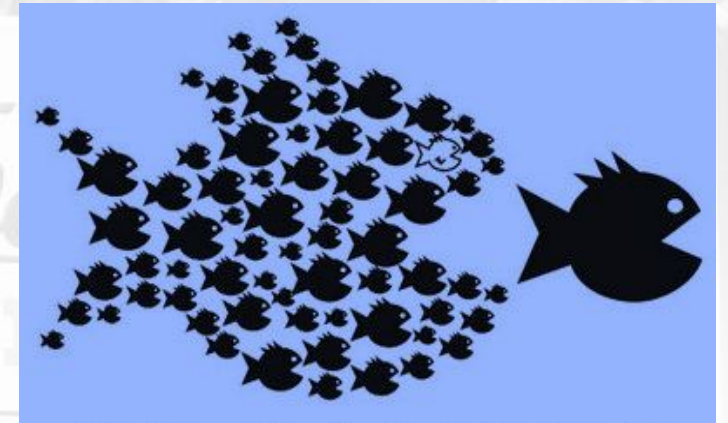
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# Democracy NC Mission

**Increase** voter participation **Reduce influence** of big money  
Government truly **of, by and for the people.**





# Why does voting matter in your community in 2018?

How are things you care about impacted by this year's elections?









# Voting is about POWER

- Voting the first step to building political power.
- Voting is a fundamental organizing tool, like direct action or protesting.





# Voting is the Power to Choose

In 31 NC cities, **1 person** cast the deciding vote to pick the winner.



\*<http://www.civicyouth.org/civic-engagement-among-registered-voters-and-non-registered-eligible-citizens>



# Voting is the Power to Influence

- Voting is about building political capital and accessing decision making.
- Voting is strength in numbers.





# Voting is the Power of Accountability

- Voting is how we hold elected officials accountable for their decisions.
- We ultimately decide whether they stay or go.





# Who Votes Matters!

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**Voting** leads to long term **benefits** and **power**.

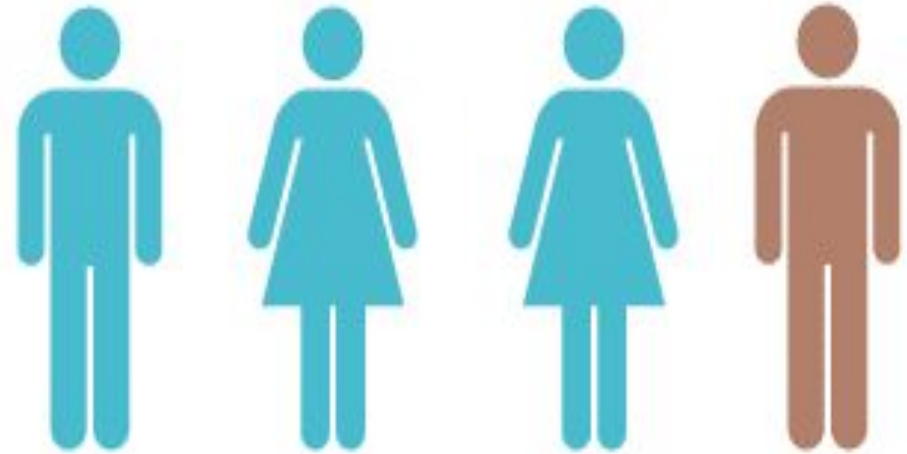


- Communities who act together
- Politicians who listen
- New leadership



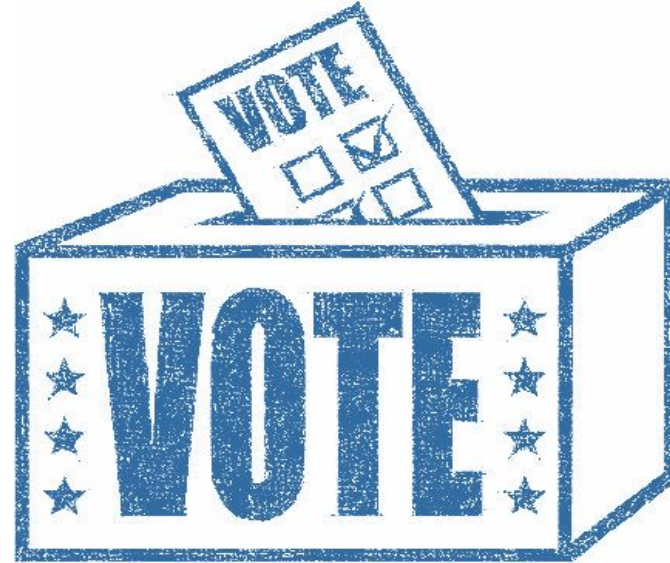
# Why Voter Registration?

- **Over 1 million in NC** who could vote aren't registered
  - **1 in 4** eligible adults
  - **225 million** Americans





# Helping People Vote: Voter Registration





# The Voter Registration Application



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**NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION** (fields in red text are required)

**1** Indicate whether you are qualified to vote or preregister to vote based on U.S. citizenship and age.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS CITIZENSHIP QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote?  
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO BOTH OF THESE AGE QUESTIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE.

☐ Yes ☐ No

**2** Provide your full legal name.  
(last name, first name and middle name)

Legal Last Name Suffix  
Legal First Name  
Middle Name

**3** Provide your date of birth and identification information.

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) State or Country of Birth  
NC Driver License or NC DMV ID Number Last Four Digits of Social Security Number  
☐ Check if you do not have a driver license or Social Security number. State Voter Registration Number - Optional  
(To locate, check "Voter Lookup" at www.NCSBE.gov.)

**4** Provide your residential address - where you physically live.  
(Do not enter a P.O. Box or a mail drop location. Your address determines your voting districts)

Address Number Street Name and Type  
Address Line 2 (e.g., apartment, lot or unit number)  
City State Zip Code  
County Have you lived at this address for 30 or more days? If "No", date moved?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**5** Provide a mailing address if you do not receive mail at your residential address.

Mailing Address Line 1  
Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
City State Zip Code

**No Physical Address?**  
If you do not have an address, use the space to the right to illustrate where you normally live or sleep. Write in the names of the nearest crossroads (or streets). Draw an X on the map to show where you live or usually sleep.

IMPORTANT: You should also provide a valid mailing address above to permit the board of elections to send you a voter card.

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# Voter Registration Application: Weed Out Questions

**Section 1:** Needs to be completed or application will be declined. Make sure clipboard doesn't hide this section!



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Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <small>IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS CITIZENSHIP QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote? <small>IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO BOTH OF THESE AGE QUESTIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



# Voter Registration Application: Legal Name

## Section 2:

Fill out **entire legal name**, including middle name if voter has one

2 Provide your full legal name. <small>(last name, first name and middle name)</small>	
Legal Last Name	Suffix
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Legal First Name	
<input type="text"/>	
Middle Name	
<input type="text"/>	



# Voter Registration Application: Identifiers

**Section 3:** Date of birth is required. Ask voter to provide EITHER Driver's License Number **OR** last 4 digits of SSN. This is not required but helps the Board of Elections verify voter's identity.

**Ask for ONE!**



3 Provide your date of birth and identification information.	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	State or Country of Birth <input type="text"/>
NC Driver License or NC DMV ID Number <input type="text"/>	Last Four Digits of Social Security Number <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you do not have a driver license or Social Security number.	State Voter Registration Number - Optional (To locate, check "Voter Lookup" at <a href="http://www.NCSBE.gov">www.NCSBE.gov</a> ) <input type="text"/>



# Voter Registration Application: Residential Address

**SECTION 4:** Residential address must be a physical place, *not* a post office box! If moved since last voted: Use new residential address.

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Provide your residential address - where you physically live.  
(Do not enter a P.O. Box or a mail drop location. Your address determines your voting districts)

Address Number	Street Name and Type		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line 2 (e.g., apartment, lot or unit number)			
<input type="text"/>			
City	State	Zip Code	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
County	Have you lived at this address for 30 or more days?		If "No", date moved?
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="text"/>

**Phone number (section 9):** BoE can call voter if something is wrong with form.  
Ask applicant to provide this



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Provide your contact information (optional).  
(This information is helpful if we need to contact you concerning your voter registration. This information may be disclosed as a public record.)

Area Code	Phone Number	Email Address	Would you like to be contacted to be a poll worker?
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



# Voter Registration Application: Mailing Address

**SECTION 5:** If mailing address is different, be sure to capture it.

**5** Provide a mailing address if you do not receive mail at your residential address.

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Mailing Address Line 3

City

State

Zip Code

**A confirmation card with voter's polling location will be mailed from BoE in approx. 4 weeks. If not able to be delivered, the BoE will not process the registration.**



# Voter Registration Application: Demographics, Party

**Section 6:** Not required but provides demographic information for districting, funding allocations, bias tracking, etc.

6 Provide your demographic information (optional).		7 Provide your choice for political party affiliation.
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino	Political Party Preference
Race <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party
		<input type="checkbox"/> Constitution Party <input type="checkbox"/> Green Party <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated (no affiliation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
		<small>If you select a party that is not recognized in North Carolina, you will be registered as <i>Unaffiliated</i>.</small>

**Section 7 (Party):** Voter chooses a party but if they don't, BoE will assign them "Unaffiliated." Unaffiliated voters can vote in primaries; they choose a party ballot



# Voter Registration Application: Cancel Registration

**Section 8 (address of previous registration):** You can leave blank.  
This registration application cancels prior registrations.

<b>8</b> Complete if you are currently registered to vote in another NC county or in another state. <i>(This information will be used to cancel your previous voter registration in the other county or state.)</i>			
First Name Used in Last Registration	Middle Name Used in Last Registration	Last Name Used in Last Registration	Suffix
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Where You Were Last Registered	City/State/Zip Code of Last Registration	County of Last Registration	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	



# Voter Registration Application: Attestation, Signature

**Sign and Date:** Make SURE voter signs and dates. Even an “X” counts as a signature.

**Double check all required sections are completed** and remind applicants to check mail for card from the BoE.

**10** Sign below to attest to your qualifications to vote.  
**FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS I FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163A OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.**

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that: (1) I am a United States citizen, as indicated above; (2) I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election; or I am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old on the day of the general election to vote; I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the date of the election in which I intend to vote; (3) I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and (4) I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation.

**X**

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Signature Required

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Date



# Get that Form! Make Sure It's Right!



Double-check the form before the voter leaves for accuracy and their signature!



# When you're registering voters, use...

- **The right ask:** “Are you registered at your current address?” or “Is your registration up to date?”
- **Eye contact,** confidence, assertiveness
- **Accuracy and helpfulness:** You can fill out the form, but the voter must sign.
- **Equity competency:** discussing housing, citizenship or a past felony conviction





# Illegal Stuff You Should NEVER Do:

- Sign the form for someone
- Fill in missing info after the voter has already signed the form
- Make up info or let the voter make up info
- Offer anything of value to get someone to register





# Legal Stuff You Should ALWAYS follow:



## *Nonpartisan groups can:*

- Register Voters
- Educate Voters
- Get Out The Vote

## *Nonpartisan groups cannot:*

Support or oppose a political parties or candidates





# Nonpartisan Guidelines for Voter Registration

## When registering someone to vote:



- *You may not* suggest support for a specific candidate or political party
- *You may not* encourage or coerce someone to register for a political party
- *You may* explain what it means to register without a party affiliation





# Nonpartisan Guidelines for Voter Registration



- You may provide nonpartisan voter guides or encourage people to ask others to learn more about candidates or parties
- You must turn in any registration forms you accept to the Board of Elections before the 25 day deadline



# Registering Voters in Your Community





# Getting Started – Planning Voter Registration

**Remember when starting out:**

Since many people are already registered, it is useful to combine registration with other activities like voter education, issue based campaigns, or fun events and activities.

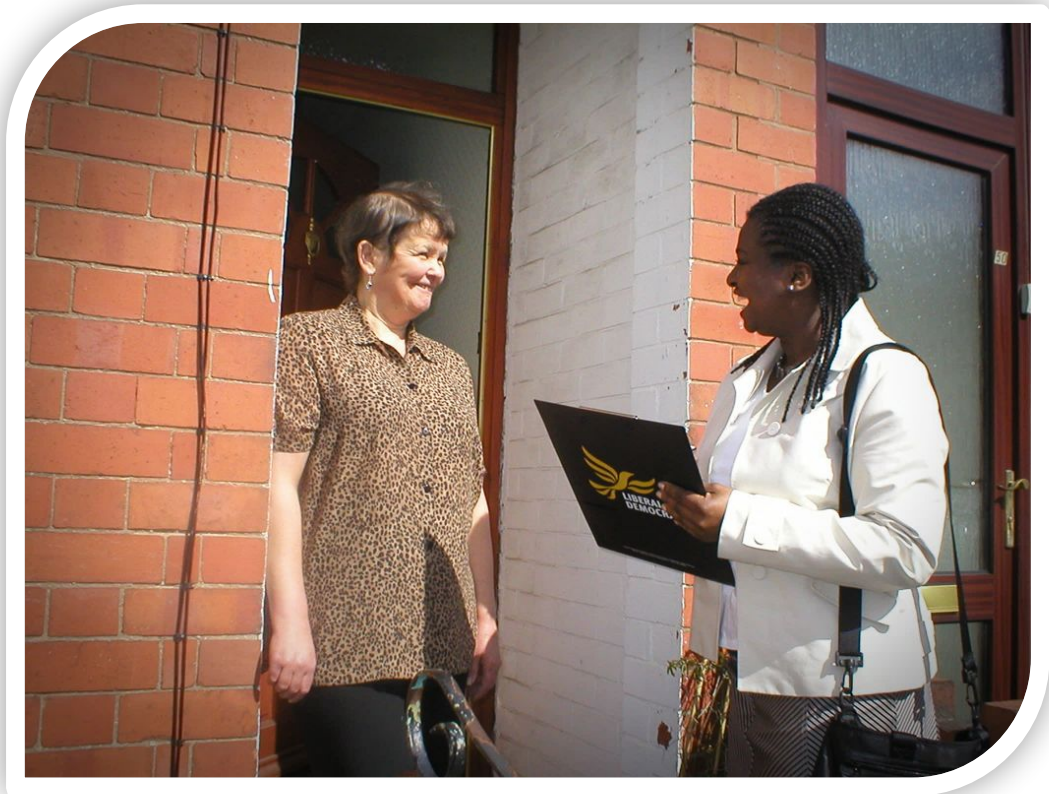




# Getting Started – Where to Register Voters

## Decide on your approach:

- **Site based:** Higher numbers for less effort
- **Door-to-door:** Specific communities, longer conversations





# Getting Started *(Continued)*

## Make A Plan:

- Set a goal
- Pick a date and time
- Get site permission
- Work with other groups





# Recruit and Coordinate Volunteers

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- Plan shifts of 3 or 4 hours
- Recruit more vols than you need
- Send all details in advance:
  - Time, location, materials pick up
  - Partner name, contact info
  - Leader name, contact info





# Coordinating Volunteers *(Continued)*

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## Do Reminder Calls!

- Call your volunteers **the day before** the registration drive
- **Confirm** attendance and details
- **Encourage** and **thank** them!





# Promoting Site Based Voter Registration

- Create a display using signs, posters, decorations, candy
- When interacting with people about anything else, let them know you can also register them to vote!
- When out, wear bright colors or have some way to stand out and draw people to you





# What to Bring for Voter Registration Drives

- Voter **reg forms** and pens (**blue** or black ink)
- **Signs**: *Register to Vote Here!*
- **Clipboards**
- Nonpartisan **voter edu materials**
- **Envelope** for finished forms
- **Tables** and **chairs** (for site based)





# What to Bring for Voter Registration Drives

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- Giveaways (candy, stickers, buttons)
- Smart phone / laptop
- Back-pack w/ snacks, water
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat









# Get what you need:

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Visit:

democracy-nc.org  
ncvoter.org

Call:

1-888-OUR-VOTE  
(Democracy NC hotline)

