

# Voter Registration

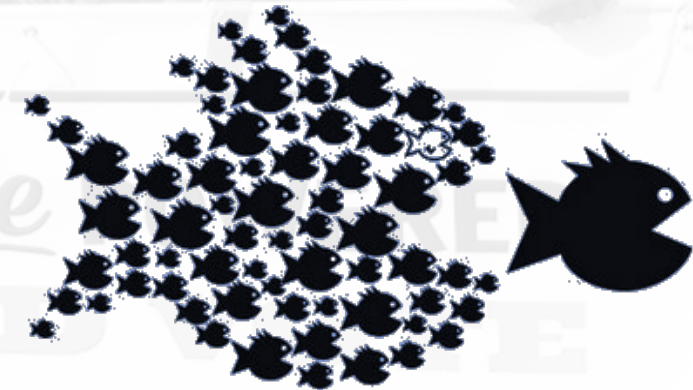
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# Democracy NC Mission

**Increase** voter participation      **Reduce influence** of big money

Government truly **of, by and for the people.**



# Why Does Voting Matter?

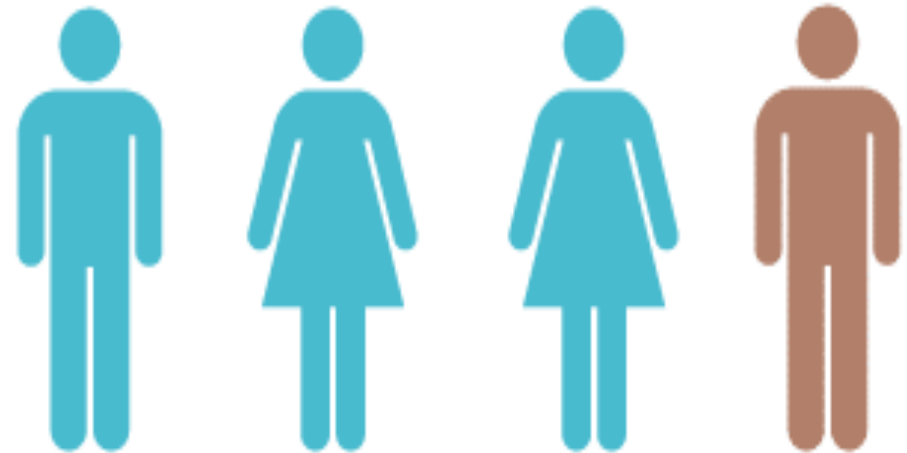
- Voter registration is the first step to building political power. Votes matter.
- Voting is a fundamental organizing tool, like direct action or protesting; voting is about building political capital and accessing decision making.



# Why Voter Registration?

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



# Who Votes Matters!

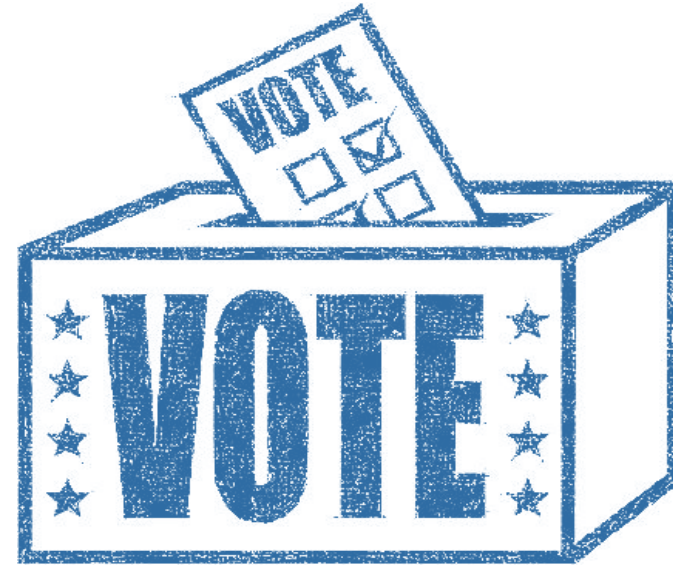
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**Voting** leads to long term **benefits** and **power**.



- Community / group power
- Politicians who listen
- New leadership

# Helping People Vote: Voter Registration



# The Legal Stuff: Nonpartisanship!

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## *Nonpartisan groups can:*

- Register Voters
- Educate Voters
- Get Out The Vote

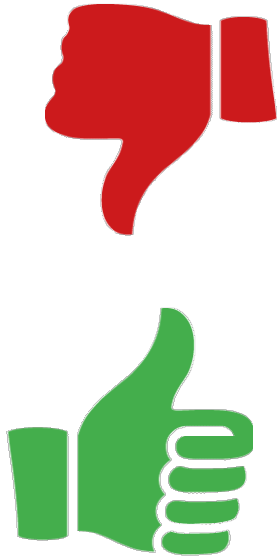
## *Nonpartisan groups cannot:*

Support or oppose a political party or candidates



# Nonpartisan Guidelines for Voter Registration

## When registering someone to vote:



- **You may not** suggest that a voter support 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



# Your Obligations While Registering Voters

## As a registrar:



- *You may* provide nonpartisan voter guides or encourage people to ask others to learn more about candidates or parties
- *You may* complete the voter registration form for someone, but they must sign it! We recommend helping people complete the form
- *You must* turn in any registration forms you accept to the Board of Elections before the 25 day deadline

# Voter Registration Role Play



# Voter Registration: Role Play Debrief

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- What did you notice about the overall interaction?
- What were some positive things the registrar did?



# Role Play Takeaways

- **The right ask:** “Are you registered at your current address?”
- **Eye contact, confidence, assertiveness**
- **Cultural competency:** discussing housing, citizenship or a past felony conviction
- **Accuracy and helpfulness:** You can fill out the form!



# Share Information

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- **Incorporate voter education.** Voting is most exciting in context!
- **Hand out information:** election dates, recent voting law changes, issue information, etc.



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

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

# Illegal Stuff You Should NEVER Do:

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



# Turn in the Voter Registration Forms

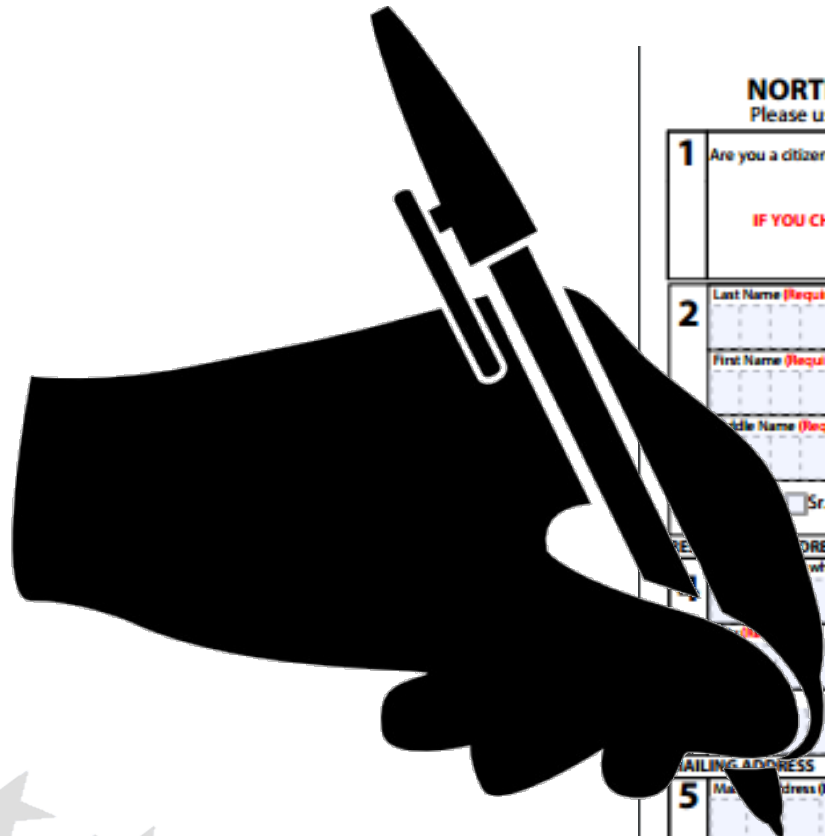
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- Return **completed forms** to local election office ASAP, ideally within **7 days**
- Retain **copies of forms** for the Nonprofit Vote Project





# The Voter Registration Application



NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION		06w	
Please use black ink and print legibly.			
<b>1</b> Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</b>		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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO BOTH OF THESE QUESTIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.</b>	
<b>2</b> Last Name (Required) _____ First Name (Required) _____ Middle Name (Required) _____ _____ Sr. <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V		<b>3</b> Date of Birth MMDDYYYY (Required) _____ State of Birth/Country of Birth _____  If you know your NC Voter Registration Number, enter it below: _____  If you have a NC drivers license or non-operator ID card, enter the number below: _____  Enter the last 4 digits of your SSN: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do <u>not</u> have a NC drivers license, ID card, or a SSN.	
<b>4</b> RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INFORMATION - No P.O. Boxes or Rural Routes where you live (Required) _____ Apartment, Lot, or Unit Number _____ _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ N C Have you lived here for 30 days or more? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," date moved? MMDDYYYY _____ Phone (Optional) _____			
<b>5</b> MAILING ADDRESS Mailing Address (If you do not receive mail at your residential address) _____ Mailing Address Line 2 _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		<b>MAP/DIAGRAM</b> If you do <u>not</u> have a street address, show a map of where you reside. Please include roads and landmarks.	

# Voter Registration Application: Weed Out Questions

## Section 1: REQUIRED to move on

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# Voter Registration Application: Legal Name

## Section 2:

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

2	Last Name (Required)	
	First Name (Required)	
	Middle Name (Required)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V	

# Voter Registration Application: Identifiers

**Section 3:** Date of birth required. Other info very helpful.

<b>3</b>	Date of Birth MMDDYYYY (Required)	State of Birth/Country of Birth
	If you know your NC Voter Registration Number, enter it below.	
	If you have a NC drivers license or non-operators ID card, enter the number below.	
	Enter the last 4 digits of your SSN.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you <u>do not</u> have a NC drivers license, ID card, or a SSN.

**Ask for ONE!**



# Voter Registration Application: Residential Address

**SECTION 4:** Residential address must be a physical place, *not* a post office box!

## RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INFORMATION - No P.O. Boxes or Rural Routes

<b>4</b>	Street Address where you live (Required)		
	City (Required)		
	County	Have you lived here for 30 days or more? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If "No," date moved? MMDDYYYY

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

Apartment, Lot, or Unit Number	
State	Zip Code
<b>N</b> <b>C</b>	
Phone (Optional)	



# Voter Registration Application: Mailing Address

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

## MAILING ADDRESS

<b>5</b>	Mailing Address (If different from your residential address)		
	Mailing Address Line 2		
	City	State	Zip Code

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

# Voter Registration Application: Demographics, Party

**Section 6:** Not required but provides helpful demographic info for redistricting, funding allocations, bias tracking, etc.

<b>6</b>	<b>GENDER</b>	<b>RACE</b>		<b>ETHNICITY</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> African American/ Black	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/ Latino
		<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**PARTY:** If not selected, will be assigned “Unaffiliated.”

<b>POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Democrat	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
If you indicate a political party that is not currently qualified, or you do not indicate a choice, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated."		

# Voter Registration Application: Cancel Registration

**Section 7** (address of previous registration): Only need to complete if prior registration exists.

**PREVIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION** *(This information will be used to cancel your previous voter registration in another county or state.)*

<b>7</b>	Last Name used in Previous Registration	First Name used in Previous Registration	
	Previous Address	Previous County	
	Previous City	Previous State	Previous Zip Code



# 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.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that:

- I am a United States citizen, as indicated above;
- I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election;
- I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote;
- 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
- 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 or parole.  
(Citizenship and voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of the sentence. No special document is needed.)

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

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Signature (Required)

Date

# Registering Voters in Your Community



# Getting Started – Planning Voter Registration

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## Remember when starting out:

- **Updating an address** on a registration is just as important as registering for the first time
- **Since many people are already registered**, it is useful to combine registration with other activities like voter education or nonpartisan issue based campaigns



# Getting Started – Where to Register Voters

## Decide on your approach:

- **Site based:** Often results in higher numbers for less effort
- **Door-to-door:** Allows you to choose specific areas or neighborhoods, have longer conversations



# Getting Started *(Continued)*

## Make A Plan:

- Pick a date and time
- Get site permission
- Work with other groups
- Knock doors in pairs



# Getting Started *(Continued)*

When planning your efforts keep the following in mind:

- Put your plan on paper!
- Train your staff / volunteers
- Make it fun!



# 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 *(continued)*

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



# Voter Registration on Campus

- Register voters a part of activities that are already happening and attract students: Integrate into campus life!
- **Tabling:** In the Union, dorm lobbies, outside of class buildings, football games, or in high traffic areas



# Coordinating 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!



# Questions and Answers

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# REGISTER TO VOTE HERE

# Get what you need...

**Election Activity Guide for Faith-Based Communities**

**Declaración del Derecho al Voto en Carolina del Norte**

**Usted tiene el derecho al voto**

- 1. HORAS. Cada centro electoral está abierto de 6:30 AM a 7:30 PM el día de la elección. Si está haciendo fila a dentro del centro electoral a las 7:30 PM, deben dejarse votar. (NCES 145-144-03)
- 2. IDENTIFICACIÓN. Hasta el año 2016, por lo general es posible que muestre identificación a los trabajadores cuando vota. (NCES 145-82-8). Sin embargo, es posible que necesiten su identificación si está en la primera vez que usted vota y se registra para votar por correo sin un documento de identificación. Si es la primera vez que vota y no registra por correo, es la primera vez que vota y no registra por correo, debe tener algún documento de identificación. Si tiene un documento de identificación, lea el artículo 16A-01 de las reglas de la Junta de Elecciones de Carolina del Norte que está vigente a una de estas direcciones: www.ncsos.gov o www.ncsos.gov/espanol.
- 3. FORMULARIO DE VOTACIÓN. Cada persona que vota debe completar un formulario de votación. El formulario de votación puede obtenerse en el centro electoral o en el domicilio del votante. (NCES 145-144-11)
- 4. SI SE MUDE. Si se muda a otro condado o a otro hogar por más de 30 días, tiene el derecho de votar en su distrito nuevo. Si ha vivido allí menos de 30 días, debe votar en su distrito viejo o votar con un Formulario de Votación Provisional en su nuevo distrito. Si se ha mudado a otra ubicación en su mismo distrito, tiene el derecho de actualizar su información en el centro electoral y de votar. (NCES 145-82-15)
- 5. CAMBIO DE NOMBRE. Si su nombre ha cambiado, tiene el derecho de votar aunque no haya reportado su cambio de nombre a los oficiales electorales. (NCES 145-82-16)

**New Rules For Voting**  
Know your rights!  
Be ready! Keep this card.

**Guide for Getting an ID to Vote**  
What if I Don't Have The Right ID?  
2014 Voter Registration Kit

**Ten Tips for Voter Registration Drives**

1. Choose the right time and location for your registration drive to make sure the voices of "we the people" are heard by our elected officials. With the right information, anyone can register voters!
2. Engage voters by asking "Can I help you update your registration?" and "Are you registered to vote at your current address?" Don't forget to smile and give a big wave!
3. Have plenty of registration forms with you. English and in Spanish. Get forms from the Board of Elections, or use the forms provided by Democracy North Carolina.
4. Other helpful items to bring include: water, flyers about when to vote, and a "I'm Here, Pay Attention to Me" sign.
5. Be non-partisan. Don't tell people what party to register for or who to vote for. Don't have signs for anyone or candidate. You must help register voters on both sides and still be non-partisan.
6. It is illegal to pre-fill out the party affiliation on the ballot for anyone else.

**Don't Get Locked Out!**  
If you've been convicted of a MISDEMEANOR... You can register and vote, even if you are still in jail. Get a registration form (see back) and then register an absentee ballot. Send a signed letter to the county elections board, at least a week before the election, asking for an absentee ballot. Ask them to send it to your current address - to either the jail or your home, wherever you get your mail.

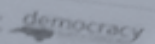
**POLITICS IS THEATER. YOU MAKE A STATEMENT. YOU SAY, 'I'M HERE, PAY ATTENTION TO ME'.**

- HARVEY MILK

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Have you moved since you last voted?  
Not sure if you're registered?  
Other questions about voting?  
Get answers! Call 1-888-OUR-VOTE or visit [www.NCElectionConnection.com](http://www.NCElectionConnection.com)



# For More Information

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[ncvoter.org](http://ncvoter.org)

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(Democracy NC hotline)