

CAN PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED VOTE?

YES! The cornerstone of our democracy in the U.S. is the right of citizens to make their wishes known through the election process, yet low income voters, and particularly persons experiencing homelessness, are consistently one of the most poorly represented blocks when it comes to voter turnout, historically having faced numerous barriers across the country which have limited their participation in the election process.



Voter Registration Tips:

- Make registration part of your intake or exit interview process.
- Put up signs announcing that people can “Register to Vote Here.”
- Have outreach workers do voter registration.
- Ask your client/lived experience advisory group to help.
- Let your clients use your agency as a mailing address for their sample and/or absentee ballots.

Voter Engagement Tips:

- Create a multi-lingual voter information card.
- Help educate newly registered voters about the voting process by inviting elections officials to speak at your organization.
- Hold a candidates’ forum or invite candidates to volunteer at your organization.
- Offer transportation to the polling place.
- Volunteer your organization as a polling site (contact your county elections office to learn more about this).

Check your registration status, learn about your candidates, and much more!

Follow the QR code →
or visit us at:
<https://bit.ly/HomelessVoting>



People who experience homelessness and poverty (most of whom are people of color) have historically been disenfranchised. The “***You Don’t Need a Home to Vote***” campaign seeks to promote voting access to ensure that people who are economically disadvantaged maintain a voice in shaping their future.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC):** <https://www.eac.gov/>
- **Congressional districts:**
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map>
- **County data:** <https://explorer.naco.org/>
- **Check your registration status at:** <https://www.vote.org/>
- **Our Homes, Our Votes**, run by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, is a non-partisan campaign to register, educate, and mobilize more low income renters and affordable housing advocates to be involved in voting. [https:// www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org](https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org)
- The national, nonpartisan **Election Protection** coalition works year-round to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to vote and have that vote count. <https://866ourvote.org/>
- **Nonprofit VOTE** is the largest source of nonpartisan resources to help nonprofits integrate voter engagement into their ongoing activities and services. <https://www.nonprofitvote.org/>
- **VOTE411.org**, run by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, is a "one-stop-shop" for a wide range of election related information. <http://www.vote411.org/>

About National Coalition for the Homeless

The National Coalition for the Homeless is a national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based service providers, and others committed to a single mission: To end and prevent homelessness while ensuring the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met and their civil rights are respected and protected.

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