

2024 VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE

Information to Assist Texas Nonprofits and the People They Serve

POLLING LOCATIONS

Find polling locations using the Vote Texas portal. After checking your <u>Voter Registration Status</u>, you will see a list of Upcoming Elections and their polling locations.

- Early Voting: In Texas, registered and eligible voters may vote at **any** early voting location located in their county of residence.
- Election Day: Residents of counties approved for the Countywide Polling Place Program may vote at
 any voting location located in their county of residence. See if your county is eligible at <u>VoteTexas.gov</u><u>CPPP Locations</u>.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 5 General Election - Presidential Election

Register to vote by: October 7

Apply for ballot by mail by: October 25 (Received by)

Early voting begins: October 21 Early voting ends: November 1 Election Day: November 5

Last day to send ballot by mail: November 5 at 7:00 p.m. **if** carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR November 6 at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day.



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Check now: **Am I Registered?**



2024 AUSTIN MAYORAL ELECTION

In addition to the presidential election, Austin residents will be voting for for Mayor and City Council Members for Districts 2, 4, 6, 7, and 10 on November 5. Check your ballot at **Vote411**.

Should a run-off occur, Runoff Election Early Voting Dates will be Monday, December 2, 2024 – Tuesday, December 10, 2024 with the Election Day being December 14 (a Saturday).

WHAT KIND OF ADDRESS OR ID WILL I NEED?

Address: For voters without a residence: In the space on the registration form for residence address, it's safest to put the street address of an agency where you receive aid and the P.O. Box (if you have one) where you receive your mail for your mailing address.

ID: Under Texas law, voters who possess one of the seven acceptable forms of photo ID must present that ID at the polls when voting in person. See <u>Vote Texas ID FAQs</u> for a full list of acceptable IDs and alternative types of ID. Voters who do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven approved forms of photo ID may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID) at the polls and present an alternative form of ID, such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, or a voter registration certificate.

WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL IN TEXAS?

Texas has restrictions on who may vote by mail. As of 2024, only those who meet the following criteria may apply to vote by mail in Texas:

- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Sick or disabled
- Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day
- Away from the county of residence on Election Day and during the early voting period
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote

Read a more extensive list of voting by mail requirements at VoteTexas.Gov Voting by Mail Information.

HOW CAN I HELP PEOPLE REGISTER TO VOTE?

If you live in Travis, Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Lee, or Williamson Counties:

- Become a VDR in Travis County Watch the <u>Travis County video training</u> and take the test.
 Certification lasts until December 31, 2024.
- Show your Travis County VDR certification to other counties in Texas to become a certified VDR in those counties.



VOTER ASSISTANCE: A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Can we assist clients with interpretation services at the booth?

• An interpreter may be used if the voter and the election official cannot speak the same language. The voter may select any person **except** their employer or an officer of their union, or an agent of either. If a client requests your interpretation assistance you are welcome to provide it. You will be asked to disclose your relationship to the voter and confirm that you are not being compensated for providing assistance.

Can we assist clients with disabilities at the booth? Can we drive them to the polls?

- Assisting with Mail-In Ballots: Persons who assist voters with a Vote by Mail application, Vote by Mail ballot, or inperson ballot must provide their relationship to the voter and address, and for the Vote by Mail ballot and in-person ballot, the assistor must sign an oath and mark that they didn't receive compensation. The helper's name and address must be written next to the voter's signature and they must sign the application.
- Assisting with Reading or Marking Ballots: If the voter is physically unable to mark their ballot, or cannot read the ballot, they are eligible for assistance. They may choose anyone as an assistant except their employer or an officer of their union, or an agent of either. The assistant must take an oath of assistance administered by an election official. The assistant may read the ballot to them and mark their ballot. If the voter does not choose their own assistant, two election officials (of different political parties in the General Election) may assist them.
- Assisting with Transportation: Persons who drive 7 or more voters who qualify for curbside voting must sign a form.
- Curbside Voting: In Texas, voters have the right to curbside voting if they cannot physically enter the polling place.
 - Voters are advised to call their <u>County Clerk Office</u> or an election official at the polling place when they arrive
 and ask that an election officer bring a ballot to the entrance of the polling place or to a car parked at the
 curbside.
 - After the voter marks the ballot, they will give it to the election officer, who will put it in the ballot box. Or, at the voter's request, a companion may hand the voter a ballot and deposit it for him or her. The companion may be required to sign an oath or form.
 - Remember: Voters are not required to disclose the nature of their disability to a poll worker.

The forms and oaths mentioned above include disclosing the relationship, indicating whether compensation was provided and reciting an expanded oath, now under the penalty of perjury, stating that they did not "pressure or coerce" the voter into choosing them for assistance. Please note: Poll watchers and inspectors can observe assistance.

HOW CAN I BUILD A CULTURE OF VOTING IN MY ORGANIZATION?

Prior to each election cycle provide the following information:

- Share non-partisan voting guides (like this one!) with your employees
 - Ensure the guide includes important voting dates, link to locations, and information about how to vote by mail
- Inform your employees about your organization's PTO policies that allow time off for voting Employees are entitled to take paid time off for voting on election days, unless the employee has at least two consecutive hours to vote outside of the voter's working hours see Sections 276.001 and 276.004 of the Texas Election Code.

Do you suspect voter abuse at the polls? Report it!

Contact Texas Election Protection when you suspect voter abuse:

English Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE Asian Language Election Protection Hotline: 888-API-VOTE Spanish Election Protection Hotline: 888-VE-Y-VOTA Disability Election Protection Hotline: 888-796-VOTE

Ensure your staff and clients know their rights! Vote Texas: Know Your Rights