

Defending Democracy at the Ballot Box

A small business owner's toolkit for protecting the midterm elections

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This toolkit is for small business owners who believe that free and fair elections are good for local stability and business — and essential for democracy.

There are countless ways for small business owners to stand up for free and fair elections, the rule of law, and the safety of our communities. And just as every business is unique — what type of engagement makes sense for yours, based on sector, size, and community, is unique too.

The 2026 midterm elections are a critical moment. Threats to election integrity — from disinformation and voter intimidation to attempts to reject legitimate results — are real and escalating. But so is the power of organized communities to push back.

This toolkit gives small business owners three practical steps to help protect the midterms:

- 1.** Build your community.
- 2.** Prepare your business.
- 3.** Use your voice.

Throughout each step, you'll find election-specific actions you can take, resources to share with employees and neighbors, and ways to connect with broader pro-democracy efforts.

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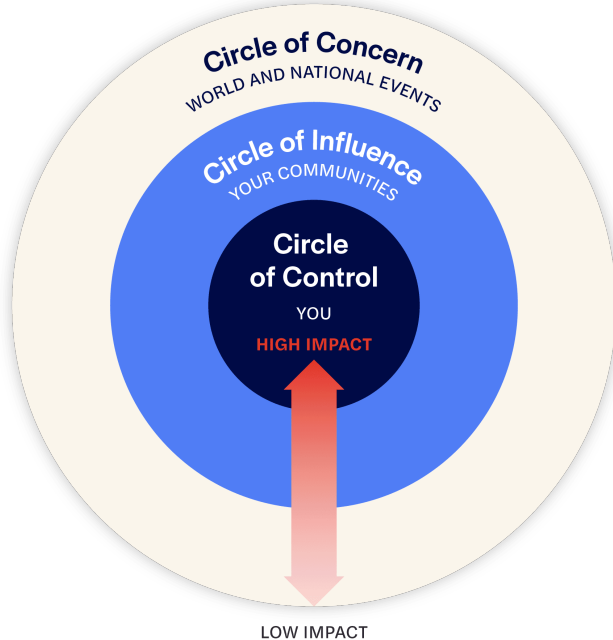
Why Elections Matter for Business

Free and fair elections are the foundation of a stable business environment. Economists have found that democratic practices drive GDP per capita growth of 20–25%, while authoritarian governments suppress economic opportunity by replacing fair competition with corruption and cronyism.

Small businesses are among the most trusted institutions in the United States. Per recent Pew Research Center data, 86% of Americans believe small businesses have a positive effect on the direction of the country — with 68% of Democrats and 79% of Republicans reporting strong confidence in small businesses. That trust gives small business owners unusual influence at a critical moment.

Focus on your impact

The closer issues are, the more they impact us. But thankfully, this goes in both directions: We have the best shot at changing things immediately around us. When lawless policies threaten our communities and businesses directly, we have an opportunity to act.



What Threats Are We Up Against During the 2026 Midterms?

Understanding the immediate threats our elections face is a meaningful first step toward overcoming them. For a deeper dive into the Trump administration's plan to interfere with the 2026 election and how to fight back, check out Protect Democracy's latest [Executive Override report](#).

Threat 1: Deceive, by promoting election disinformation

The goal of this threat is simple: damage confidence and lower participation in the 2026 midterms (and beyond) by flooding the zone with lies and disinformation. Here's how this plays out:

- **Manufacturing fraud:** Federal agencies create the appearance of election fraud out of thin air. An example is a [January 2026 FBI raid on a Georgia election office](#) based on false conspiracy theories.
- **"Noncitizen" voting:** Public officials share false claims that noncitizens are "stealing elections," even when audits indicate that [noncitizen voting is very rare](#).
- **Gutting security:** The administration gets rid of election protection and security infrastructure, like the [FBI task force tracking foreign influence](#).

FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Free and fair elections ensure that every eligible voter can participate without interference and that every vote is counted accurately. This means voters can cast their ballots safely, election systems are secure, clear rules are applied consistently, and results are respected and certified according to the law. When these conditions are met, people have real power to shape their government. When they are undermined, public trust and participation can break down.

Threat 2: Disrupt, through manipulation and intimidation

This threat aims to (1) scare people into not voting, and (2) change election rules to make it harder for Americans to vote. Some ways this administration is doing this:

- **Targeting critics:** The federal government investigates and prosecutes political opponents, journalists, nonprofits, and nonpartisan election officials to silence them and create a “chilling” effect on free speech. This includes politicized investigations of small businesses standing up for their communities.
- **Voter intimidation:** The administration threatens to put ICE agents or federal law enforcement at polling locations to scare and discourage immigrants and people of color from voting.
- **Rule manipulation:** The Executive Branch forces the passage of proposed laws like the SAVE Act, or uses Executive Orders to create strict ID requirements that could block millions of eligible Americans from voting, including women who have recently changed their names or lack immediate access to their documents.
- **Accessing voter rolls:** Federal attempts to abuse power include targeting of state voter rolls to scrutinize and potentially restrict who can vote. The Department of Justice has requested sensitive voter registration data from states, and in some cases, shared it with federal agencies like the Department of Homeland Security to run citizenship checks through the SAVE system. Many states pushed back, raising concerns about voter privacy and state authority over elections. The SAVE system has also incorrectly flagged eligible voters, putting naturalized citizens, and young voters at risk of being wrongly targeted, removed from voter rolls, or discouraged from voting.

“Local elections are where the decisions that impact you the most are made. If you’re not engaged, you’re not just sitting out an election — you’re stepping away from the decisions that ultimately determine your ability to grow.”

REBECCA STYN, BLIND TIGER

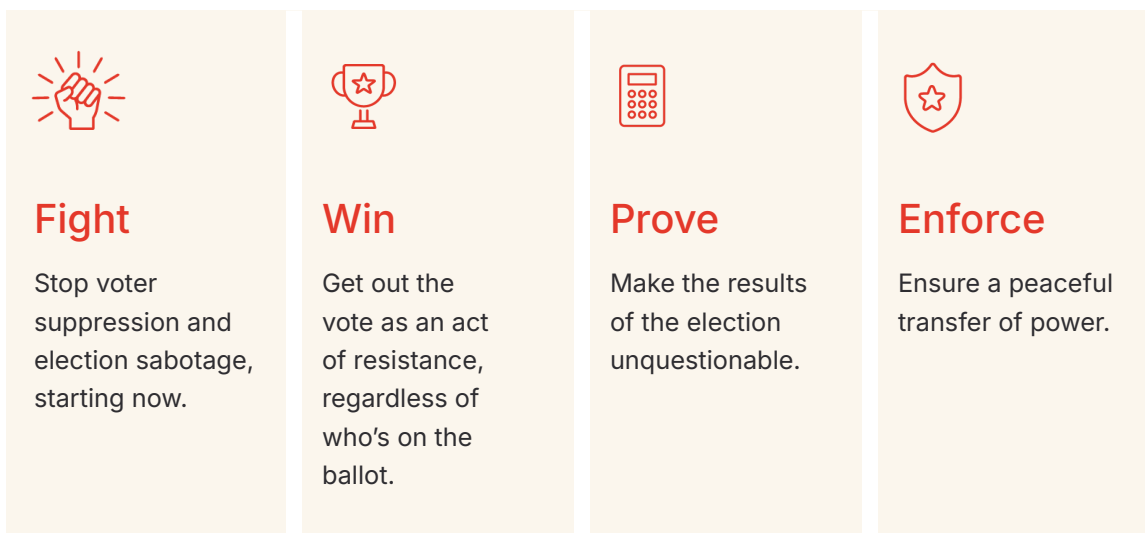
Threat 3: Deny, by rejecting election results

This threat is all about what the administration could do to reject election results if they don't go their way. Here's how could happen:

- **Seizing voting machines:** Federal agents could take voting machines or ballots on election night, stopping the count and disrupting the certification process.
- **Illegally refuse to certify results:** Since the 2020 election, a growing movement of election deniers has tried to get local officials to refuse or delay certifying election results, even though it's required. What started with false claims of a "stolen" presidential election has continued into certification disputes in the 2022 and 2024 election cycles. After the January 6th insurrection, some election deniers even ran for — and sometimes won — local election administration positions to gain more influence over how elections are run and certified.
- **Congressional intervention:** The administration may turn to allies in Congress to manipulate election procedures through pressure or threats, potentially refusing to seat legitimately elected members.

Our Strategy to Win

We know the strategy they'll use. And we know what we are going to do, too:



This toolkit is focused on election defense — the Prove and Enforce stages of the strategy to defend our elections. Our teams believe that small business owners — as community centers, logistical pros, and trusted voices — have a critical role to play in these aspects of our strategy in particular. But that doesn't mean Fight and Win efforts are not critical or that business owners should not engage in those efforts.

Reach out to the Integrity Matters team for more information if you're interested in getting involved in non-partisan get out the vote efforts in your state.

How Businesses and the Business Community Can Take Action

We're here to help you

This guide is designed to help you explore opportunities to get involved in defending our elections — but you're not alone. Our team at Integrity Matters and network of fellow business owners is with you every step of the way.

✓ **Step 1:**
**Build your
community**

✓ **Step 2:**
**Prepare your
business and
community**

✓ **Step 3:**
**Use your voice
as a community
leader**

Want to connect with other business owners organizing to protect our elections? Join Integrity Matters' Count Us In community at <https://www.integritymatters.org/elections>.

Before we get started...

This toolkit focuses on how you can support your employees, customers, and community in effective action to defend our elections. Taking care of your own civic responsibilities is a necessary first step.

Double check your voter registration status — even regular voters sometimes get accidentally removed from rolls.

Make a plan to vote: Put get dates in your calendar — with reminders. Decide whether you intend to vote in-person or via mail-in ballot.

If you plan to vote in person — double check your polling place, they may have shifted due to redistricting or administrative changes.

Confirm you have the correct identification available. If you plan to vote via mail-in ballot, request a ballot ASAP (you can confirm the dates at the TurboVote link above).

Return your ballot ASAP — delays and rule changes around USPS make it more important than ever to get ballots in the mail quickly this year. If you're running late (< 1 week before election day), consider dropping it off in person.

Step 1: Build Your Community

With communities fracturing and uncertainty increasing, our personal relationships are what ground us and bind us together. As a business leader, you can help build your community around free and fair elections — mitigating risk for your business, your neighbors, your employees, and your investments. Here are some key actions to try in the Spring and early Summer.

Start the conversation

Take stock of your relationships, the people around your business, and how they're thinking about protecting our elections. If there hasn't been a conversation, don't wait for an invitation — start it yourself. This can be as simple as committing to talking about your concerns next time you grab coffee. Or you can lean in a bit more and consider hosting a coffee chat or happy hour — our team would be happy to help coordinate. Talking openly about election concerns makes others feel safer to speak.

No matter how you start the conversation, try to leave the conversation with a plan for next steps.

- Are there follow up questions or concerns from your conversation? Our teams are here to help.
- Do you want to have a follow-up event or conversation?
- Are there actions in this guide that align well with your community and conversation?

Consider starting a Signal group with your community. Signal is an encrypted, secure text platform. A shared space with like-minded business owners can make it easier to coordinate future action and share information.



Everything we do seems small and insignificant but everything we do matters. And it's huge."

ANGELA, BOOKSTORE OWNER IN MINNESOTA

Election Protection Hotline, administered by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law on behalf of the national Election Protection coalition, connects voters with trained volunteers who can answer questions and help resolve problems on the spot. They are available to help with any and all election-related problems from helping a voter figure out the proper ID to accessibility issues or reports of voter intimidation. This is a great resource to share with folks who approach you with questions about how to vote.

Reporting concerns to this hotline is the best way to ensure that non-partisan civil rights lawyers are aware of the issue and can respond appropriately:

- English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)
- Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (1-888-839-8682)
- Asian Languages: 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683)
- Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US (1-844-925-5287)

Host election education events

Host a happy hour, coffee chat, or in-person training for local businesses and community members to discuss election integrity, voting rights, and how to identify and counter disinformation. These events can also be a great way to highlight local businesses by partnering with local cafes, bookstores, or other brick-and-mortar operations.

Our team is happy to help you pull together resources to share key information for your community including:

- How to create a voting plan — knowing their polling location, ID requirements, and backup options like mail-in voting. TurboVote can help you find all the information you need.
- How to volunteer as an observer at the polls and other key events such as mail ballot processing.
- Get election administration events in your community such as state and county election board meetings.
- **Looking for a knowledgeable co-host for such an event?** We can help. Just contact Integrity Matters via www.integritymatters.org/letsdothis.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Free The [Voter Journey Map](#) from the U.S. Vote Foundation is a free, interactive tool that walks voters through a personalized checklist based on their state, location, and voting preferences. Share it widely with your employees and customers, including on social media and on physical flyer

Connect with your local business organizations

Are you already part of your local chamber of commerce, business association, or trade group? These are great places to share concerns about election integrity and coordinate action.

- Work with associations to circulate statements affirming your commitment to free and fair elections and calling on elected officials to protect how elections are run.
- Prepare to speak out in defense of non-partisan election administration. For example, [Wisconsin Business Leaders for Democracy](#) released a statement condemning federal attempts to intimidate state election officials.



Election protection is business protection. My business needs a stable democracy to grow and thrive ... But more than that, I do this because it's a whole lot of fun."

LYNNE CRIPE, THE KONTERRA GROUP

Set up business delegation meetings with election officials

Meeting with local election officials is a great way to build confidence in our election system by learning about the numerous safeguards and checks from the experts who actually run our elections. Reach out to our team if you're interested in hosting such an event — we can help every step of the way.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

While national elections tend to receive the most attention, many local races — such as school boards, city councils, and ballot initiatives — are decided by very small margins and have huge impacts on the local economy.

Research analyzing U.S. election results shows that hundreds of state-level races have been decided by fewer than 500 votes, and dozens have come down to fewer than 100 votes. Here are some real-world examples:

- English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)
- In 2026, the mayoral race in Boca Raton, Florida was decided by just 5 votes following a recount.
- In 2018, the Democratic primary for Baltimore County Executive was decided by just 17 votes.
- In 2021, 18 different local elections in Ohio ended in a tie.

Step 2: Prepare Your Business and Community

Making sure your business is prepared for election season is important to keep your company, your employees, and your community safe and stable. Think about your values, your customers, and your employees. What unique resources can you bring to the table? Here are some actions to start planning in the Spring and execute over the Summer and early Fall.

Best practices for your business

Appoint an internal “voting concierge” for your company

Appointing a specific person to serve as a “voting concierge” — to point employees to resources, help them make voting plans, and highlight opportunities to get engaged — is a great way to support your employees.

We have a template resource at the end of this toolkit and are happy to help you fill in the specific information for your state.

- **How to vote:** [TurboVote](#), managed by Democracy Works, or [Vote411](#), from the League of Women Voters, are both excellent non-partisan resources to help people find their polling place, check their registration, and understand what’s on their ballot.
- **Make a plan:** Encourage voters to [make a plan](#) ahead of time, including whether they will vote early, by mail, or on Election Day, and how they will get to their polling location. Remind them to verify [state-specific voting rules](#) and deadlines before Election Day.
- **Questions?** Share the [Election Protection Hotlines](#) widely — trained volunteers supported by lawyers are ready to help. English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE | Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA | Asian Languages: 1-888-API-VOTE | Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US
- **ID Questions?** [VoteRiders](#) has state-specific resources to help voters understand ID requirements.
- **Need a ride?** Partner with [Rideshare2Vote](#) or similar local nonpartisan programs to find a ride or help voters reach polling locations.

Give employees time to vote

One of the most direct things you can do is make voting easy for your team.

- Offer flexible scheduling or time off on Election Day and during early voting periods.
- Remind employees of their right to vote — [Wisconsin Business Leaders for Democracy](#) has example language for staff reminders. Be sure to adjust the information for your own state.
- Share voting information in multiple languages if your team is multilingual.

Prepare your physical space

If you have a brick-and-mortar business:

- Display informational voting rights posters and materials. Reach out to our team for help finding or creating resources for your community.
- Consider making your business a gathering point or resource hub on Election Day.
- If your business is located near a polling place, consider making parking available for voters.

Train your team on election safety

Employees may look to you for guidance if they encounter intimidation, misinformation, or other obstacles to voting. Our team is available to help you prepare, so please reach out as you think about specific plans.

Know your rights at the polls

Remind employees of key protections:

- If polls close while you're in line, you have the legal right to stay and vote.
- If your name isn't on the voter list, ask for a [provisional ballot](#) — don't leave.
- If voting machines malfunction, request a paper ballot.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.
- Your vote is private. No one has the right to see how you vote or pressure you inside the polling place.

For more information on your rights at the polls, check out resources from the [ACLU](#) and [League of Women Voters](#).

Voting by mail

Voting by mail can be a great option for many voters — but the rules vary by state and this year mail ballots could face additional challenges.

- Check the vote by mail rules in your state [here](#).
- For more information about postmarks, mailing and how USPS rule changes may affect mail-in ballots:
 - [Here's What the New USPS Rule Means for Voting by Mail](#) — Campaign Legal Center.
 - [Postal Service Changes and Mail Voting](#) — Fair Elections Center.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

[VoteRiders](#) is a nonprofit organization that has numerous tools to reduce voter ID barriers that make it harder for you and your peers to vote. Check them out, here:

[VoteRiders Homepage](#) and [State Rules Page](#): select your state and status in the Voting Info dropdown menus to learn more about voter ID and registration requirements.

[VoteRiders Helpline](#): call or text the helpline, fill out a form, or use the chatbot to access **free assistance** and support to obtain different kinds of ID. The VoteRiders team can help you:

- Set up appointments and cover costs
- Request and pay for those documents
- Figure out what documents you need to get your ID
- Obtain documents that show who you are (examples: birth certificate, name change records, naturalization certificate)
- Access a free ride to the DMV or Social Security office
- Make sure you are prepared to vote
- Receive your ID
- Get proof of where you live
- Get a copy of your Social Security card

Recognize voter intimidation

Voter intimidation is illegal. Employees should know that being followed, photographed without consent, or subjected to threatening language at the polls is illegal — and reportable. Share the [Legal Defense Fund's Voter Intimidation Toolkit](#) for community-based strategies to prevent voter intimidation.

- Call 911 if you or anyone near you is facing physical danger.
- Report any other non-life-threatening issues by alerting nonpartisan election officials or calling 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Watch for disinformation

The goal of election disinformation is to damage voter confidence and suppress participation. Your business can help counter it.

- Verify any election communications by cross-checking with your state or local election office's website.
- Remind people: you cannot register to vote by phone, email, or text. Anyone claiming otherwise is running a scam.
- Report local election rumors to your local [election department](#) so they can issue public corrections.
- Use [FactCheck.org](#), [PolitiFact](#), or [Snopes](#) to debunk election rumors before sharing or acting on them.
- Check the Brennan Center's [election rumor tracker](#) to stay current on emerging disinformation.

Lead a voter registration drive

Registering new voters is a great nonpartisan way to promote civic engagement. The rules regarding who can register new voters and how vary by state — start with the [Fair Election Center's](#) voter registration drive guide for your state. [The Civics Center](#) also has tons of resources to help you run an excellent drive. Consider hosting your event in coordination with [National Voter Registration Day](#) on September 15.

When election officials receive a completed mail-in ballot, the first step is to review that ballot affidavit and envelope to ensure that the voter complied with all of the requirements. If they made a mistake such as forgetting to sign the ballot envelope or using a name that does not match the name on their registration — in most states voters have an opportunity to cure that defect and have their vote counted.

In some states, election officials will reach out to voters affirmatively to inform them of the issue and how to fix it. But in other states, they will not or they may just not have time to get a hold of everyone in the crunch of the election rush.

What you can do about it:

- **Educate your staff and community about ballot rejection:** Encourage everyone who votes by mail to track their ballot until it has been accepted by the election office — you can find links to track your ballot in each state [here](#).
- **Participate in Nonpartisan ballot curing programs:** These programs are a fantastic way to ensure that voters who made these sorts of small errors on their ballots are aware and able to remember those mistakes. By volunteering to call voters whose ballots are rejected you can help ensure their votes are counted. Check out [866 OUR VOTE](#) in the fall for details about how to engage in ballot cure programs in your state.

Step 3: Use Your Voice as a Community Leader

After preparing your business and building your community, you can amplify your voice through public and private actions. Coming together with other businesses, associations, and customers helps make more of an impact when speaking up for free and fair elections.

Participate in the electoral process

Public observation of and participation in the electoral process is critical to build community trust in the process. Here are some examples of key ways you can participate.

Serve as an election observer — not just at the polls.

Public observation of the election process is a crucial tool for building trust and transparency around our elections. There are multiple parts open for public observation:

- Logic and accuracy testing — where election officials do a test run of equipment ahead of the election.
- Early vote and Election Day polling place observation.
- Mail ballot processing and counting observation.
- Recount and/or audit observation.

The schedule for these events varies by state and some events may be easier to attend than others. For example, logic and accuracy testing is often on a weeknight evening, which may be more realistic than taking off an entire day.

There are partisan and nonpartisan observer categories. Nonpartisan observers are coordinated by organizations including the [Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law](#) and the [League of Women Voters](#).

Election observers are a critical bulwark against the Disrupt strategy.

By reporting issues such as long lines, broken machines, voter intimidation, and voter access problems, election observers allow national voting rights groups to intervene and advocate for impacted voters. They are also an important check on election disinformation as trusted, independent voices.

How to sign up

The rules for election observers vary by state and our team is happy to help connect you with the program in your community. Start with the [U.S. Election Assistance Commission](#) which explains the rules for observers in each state. Start doing your research sooner rather than later — many observer programs require training in advance so you can learn about election procedures, how things are supposed to go, and how to report any issues that arise.

Serve as an election worker

Supporting the integrity of elections can involve both informal and structured ways of participating in the process. One way to get involved is by serving as a poll worker, helping ensure voting locations run smoothly and voters are supported throughout Election Day.

Poll workers help document how voting procedures are conducted and ensure established rules are followed. They do not direct voters or interfere with the voting process, their role is to observe, document, and support transparency. These roles help support fair, transparent, and well-run elections while strengthening public confidence in the process.

- Become a [poll worker](#) in your state: Learn how to get involved and find opportunities near you. You can sign up for paid poll worker positions at [Power the Polls](#).
- Familiarize yourself with common Election Day [challenges](#): Understanding potential challenges in advance can help poll workers address them calmly and effectively as they arise.
- Share [Election Protection](#) resources: Help ensure voters know where to turn if they encounter issues or need support in real time.

Attend local election meetings

The rules and procedures for elections — from where polling places are located to the types of systems to use to count voters — are generally decided at the state and local level by “election boards.” The state board general is responsible for setting rules to ensure consistency and accuracy across the state. Local election boards are generally responsible for preparing for and administering elections at the local level.

These meetings are generally open to the public and attending these meetings — which are often streamed online for easier access — is an easy and effective way to protect democracy in your community for multiple reasons.

- **Important decisions are made at these meetings.** Whether it is ensuring that a polling place at a local college stays open or that your community is prepared to support voters who speak languages other than English, showing up and advocating for fair, accessible election rules can have a positive impact.

- **Election conspiracists are showing up.** Election deniers and conspiracy theorists have consistently flooded local and state election board meetings across the country with disinformation and lies. This often leaves the civil servants on these boards isolated and overwhelmed. Showing up to counter the misinformation and show support for our election officials can go a long way.

Start by doing some research about when and where state and local election board meetings are held in your state. Your state's Secretary of State website is probably a good place to start though not every state runs elections via these boards and some states call them various other things so this is a good opportunity to call 866-OUR-VOTE to find more information about election administration in your community.

Here are some things to consider when you go to a meeting:

- Try to review the agenda in advance if it is public — this will give you a chance to catch up on the issues that are going to be discussed which can sometimes sound a little wonky at first glance.
- Take notes and include your own assessment of what is happening. Is one person dominating the meeting? Are certain pieces of misinformation prevalent? This information can be useful to review and potentially share with partners after the fact.
- If providing testimony: review the rules in advance, keep it short and sweet, and identify one or two clear points to make. If referencing additional information, prepare 2–3 extra copies to submit for members to review.

And remember, our teams are here to help. If you're planning on going to your first election board meeting we would love to hear about it, help you prepare, and hear how it goes.

Educate your community about election integrity

Write to your local paper

Submit an op-ed or letter to the editor about the importance of free and fair elections to your community's economic health. Ground your message in business impact: what does a trustworthy election mean for local commerce, employee confidence, and consumer spending?

- Use resources from the [University of Kansas](#) and the [ACLU of Pennsylvania](#) for practical guidance on writing and submitting effective letters.
- You can also pitch a story to your local media if there is an issue affecting your community that deserves more attention. Emphasize local impact and connect issues to real people and experiences. For additional tips on pitching news stories, check out [Muck Rack's](#) guide.

Use social media

Your platform can help inform your customers and community about election integrity and voting rights.

- Share nonpartisan voter registration and election information with your followers. Use [Rock The Vote resources](#) as a starting point.
- Coordinate with other local business owners to amplify your message — a coalition of voices carries far more weight than a single post.
- Pick a day leading up to early vote or election day and have businesses in the area post voting information or messages of support for election officials on social media.

Organize a sign-on letter

Work within your local business associations to circulate a sign-on letter affirming your community's commitment to free and fair elections — and urging elected officials to protect election administration.

- Express concern about any efforts to intimidate voters, restrict ballot access, or undermine election certification.
- Reach out to [Integrity Matters](#) if you would like help organizing a letter.

Contact your elected officials

Elected officials respond to business owners. Your voice carries particular weight.

- Contact your federal, state, and [local officials](#) to urge them to protect election administration and stand against voter intimidation.
- Thank officials who are already speaking up for free and fair elections — this reinforces pro-democracy behavior and builds a relationship for future advocacy.

Sample message:

"Hello, I am [NAME] from [BUSINESS NAME]. I am calling as a small business owner who is deeply committed to free and fair elections in our community. Free elections are the foundation of a stable business environment, and I am concerned about reports of potential voter intimidation and attempts to undermine how elections are run. I urge you to take a public stand in defense of our election system and the rights of every eligible voter. What actions are you taking to protect the integrity of the 2026 midterms?"

Counter post-election disinformation

The post-election period is a critical window. Election results may take time to count accurately — delays are part of a secure process, not a sign of fraud.

- Rely on official, nonpartisan sources for election results: your county election office's website and state live results portals.
- Push back on conspiracy theories with facts. Share official information with your networks before rumors spread.
- Report election misinformation on social media platforms using reporting tools, and contact your local election office about local rumors so they can issue public corrections.
- Use the [Asian Americans Advancing Justice cheat sheet](#) to identify and report election misinformation across platforms.

Quick Resource Directory

Voter registration and polling place locators

General

All of these resources have great basic information on election dates, ballot information, registration, and ID requirements.

- [TurboVote | Democracy Works](#)
- [VOTE411 | League of Women Voters](#)
- [Ballotpedia Sample Ballot Lookup](#)
- [Voter Journey Map | U.S. Vote Foundation](#)

Supporting your community

- [Voting while unhoused | Vote.gov](#)
- [Voting with a disability | Vote.gov](#)
- ["You Don't Need a Home to Vote" | National Coalition for the Homeless](#)
- [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness | Step-by-Step Guide](#)
- [Step-by-Step Guide to Overseas Voting | Overseas Vote Foundation](#)
- [Voting from Abroad | Travel.State.gov](#)

Voter rights and election protection

- [Election Protection Hotlines | 866ourvote.org](#)
- [Know Your Voting Rights | ACLU](#)
- [Voter ID Help | VoteRiders](#)
- [Know Your Rights Hub | Democracy 2025](#)
- [Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law](#)

Combating disinformation

- [FactCheck.org](#)
- [PolitiFact](#)
- [Brennan Center Election Rumor Tracker](#)

Civic and electoral participation

- [Power the Polls | Poll Worker Sign-Up](#)
- [Election Protection Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [League of Women Voters | Poll Observer Training](#)
- [Rock The Vote](#)
- [How You Can Protect Democracy | Protect Democracy](#)

Fill-in Community Election Information Guide

As a local business, we care about our community. Whether you're voting for the first time or have done it many times before, this section provides a way to keep track of everything you need to know to participate in our democracy.

Upcoming election

Election Date: _____

Election Type:

- ☐ Primary
- ☐ General
- ☐ Special

What's on the Ballot: (City Council, School Board, State Measure X, Proposition Y, etc.)

Voter registration

Registration Deadline Date: _____

Same-Day Registration?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Details: _____

Where to Register

Website for online registration: _____

In-person Registration Address: _____

ID Required to Register?

- ☐ Yes, accepted types: _____
- ☐ No ID required

Check Your Registration:

State lookup website: _____

Phone number: _____

How and where to vote

Polling Hours: _____

Find Your Polling Place:

State lookup website: _____

Phone number: _____

Vote by Mail:

- ☐ Available to all
- ☐ Reason required

Deadline to request ballot: _____

Mail Ballot Deadline:

Must be postmarked by: _____

Must be received by: _____

Drop Box Locations:

- ☐ Yes, location: _____
- ☐ Not available

Early Voting:

Start and end dates: _____

Location address: _____

What to bring

Photo ID Required:

- ☐ Yes, accepted types: _____
- ☐ No ID required

No ID? Options:

- ☐ Provisional ballot
- ☐ Affidavit
- ☐ State-specific rule: _____

Proof of Residence Required:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, acceptable document types: _____

Already mailed your ballot?

State ballot tracking website: _____

If there's an issue, deadline to fix it: _____

Need help or have questions?

City or County Election Office:

Website: _____

Phone number: _____

Non-partisan Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) free and multilingual

Accessible Voting Resources: [State accessibility resources / ADA contacts]

Language Assistance:

Languages Available: _____

Office to Contact: _____

Know your rights

In all states: You have the right to vote if you're in line when polls close. No one can ask you who you voted for.

Employer Responsibilities:

- ☐ Employers **must** provide paid time off to vote
- ☐ Employers **may** provide paid time off to vote

State law name: _____

Our business

Describe your business policies and support around civic engagement and voting:



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