



## Voting Rights

### Election Day Hotline

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND:

- YOU CANNOT GET INTO YOUR POLLING PLACE
- THE ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINE IS NOT WORKING
- OTHER PEOPLE CAN SEE HOW YOU ARE VOTING
- YOU ARE TOLD YOU CANNOT VOTE BECAUSE YOU HAVE A DISABILITY
- YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE OR THE VOTING PROCESS

DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA CAN:

- EXPLAIN YOUR RIGHTS
- WORK TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM
- HELP YOU FILE A COMPLAINT

Voice - 1.888.569.7955

TTY - 1.800.719.5798

If you need to call through relay, you can contact the California Relay Service by dialing 711.

For assistance in languages other than English and Spanish, you may be put on hold while we connect with interpreters.

### [Download Election Day Hotline Flyer \(Docx\)](#)

### [Voting Videos and Resources](#)

DRC Public Service Announcement Voting Videos

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/post/voting-videos-and-resources>

DRC works so people with disabilities can vote privately and independently. We train poll workers and people with disabilities about voting rights. We make sure poll places and voting machines are accessible.

DRC's Voting Rights Unit advocates ensuring that voting is fully accessible for people with disabilities by educating government agencies about best practices and by educating voters with disabilities about their rights including options that allow them to vote privately and independently. DRC's Voting Rights Unit provides outreach in the disability community with voting rights and civic participation trainings; advocates with government agencies to improve the voter registration process for people with disabilities; collaborates with election officials to improve accessibility of the voting process; runs an election day hotline to assist voters with election related complaints; tests accessible voting equipment; creates helpful publications for both voters with disabilities and election officials; trains poll workers on making voting accessible; and participates on disability-focused committees in numerous counties.

Are You Having Difficulty Voting Because of a Disability?

CALL: 1-888-569-7955

**REV**  **UP!**

**REGISTER  
TO VOTE**



## **REV UP: Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power**

<https://www.aapd.com/advocacy/voting/>

The REV UP Campaign aims to increase the political participation of the disability community while also engaging candidates and the media on disability issues. REV UP stands for Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!

Full political participation for Americans with disabilities is a top priority. AAPD works with state and national coalitions on effective, non-partisan campaigns to **eliminate barriers** to voting, **promote accessibility** of voting technology and polling places; **educate voters** about issues and candidates; **promote turnout** of voters with disabilities across the country; **engage candidates and the media** on disability issues, and **protect eligible voters'** right to participate in elections.

### **Join the REV UP Campaign Email List**

If you are unable to access the voter registration form through the link above click **here**.

If you are a resident of a US territory you can register to vote at [Vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov)

### **Voter Registration Deadlines from USA.gov**

### **2018 REV UP Campaign Resources**

- **Issues Guide**

The Issues Guide provides a comprehensive, yet concise overview of the issues, legislation, and regulations that have a significant impact on the disability community. It is meant to serve as a tool for voters, advocates, candidates, and the media to be better informed on the issues that matter to people with disabilities.

- **National Disability Voter Registration Week Toolkit**

The NDVRW Toolkit includes: a guide on how to organize voter registration events, ideas on other ways to participate in NDVRW, sample social media posts and graphics, and other resources. If you are planning voter registration

events or other activities, please keep the REV UP Campaign updated on your efforts. While NDVRW 2018 has already passed (July 16-20, 2018), this Toolkit includes useful resources for holding voter registration events.

- **National Disability Voter Registration Week Social Media Toolkit**  
Sample social media posts and graphics to promote National Disability Voter Registration Week. While NDVRW 2018 has already passed (July 16-20, 2018), this Toolkit includes other relevant sample posts.
- **Candidate Questionnaire Template**  
This Candidate Questionnaire Template includes a variety of questions addressing topics that are important to the disability community. If you issue a candidate questionnaire for a state or local race, please keep the REV UP Campaign updated on your efforts.
- **Candidate Forum Guide**  
This Candidate Forum Guide links to existing candidate forum guides, highlights considerations specific to forums organized by the disability community, and outlines how to engage with other candidate forums. If you organize a candidate forum for a state or local race, please keep the REV UP Campaign updated on your efforts.
- **Election Accessibility Toolkit**  
This Election Accessibility Toolkit is a tool to assist disability advocacy organizations and individual advocates when working with voters and election officials. It also includes information on troubleshooting problems encountered on Election Day, reporting barriers, and additional resources.
- **Report Regarding the Accessibility of 2016 Election Polling Places (PDF | Word)**  
This white paper on the accessibility of 2016 election polling places includes analyses which show that people with disabilities face particular challenges in voting and voter registration. These challenges explain in large part the gap between voting by people with and without disabilities. The paper concludes with recommendations to the Federal Government and to States to improve accessibility in subsequent elections.
- **All 2018 REV UP Campaign Resources**  
Use this form to access all of the 2018 REV UP Campaign Resources.
- **List of REV UP Partners**

## [Establish or Join the REV UP Disability Voting Coalition in your State](#)

The purpose of REV UP State Disability Voting Coalitions is to demonstrate that the power of the disability vote has the potential to ensure that all candidates and elected officials address issues that are important to people with disabilities by increasing the political participation of people with disabilities. We have Coalitions established and developing in 21 states and are working to expand to more! We are looking for leaders who can pull together and organize advocates in their state to work together around voter registration and engagement activities and help establish a strong, diverse Coalition. Contact us if you are interested in getting involved.

## [Voter Information and Resources](#)

The list below is a resource to help you register to vote, learn about the issues, and organize the disability vote. The REV UP Campaign aims to increase the political participation of the disability community while also engaging candidates and the media on disability issues. **REV UP** stands for **Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!**

As a voter with a disability, you have the right to:

- Vote privately and independently
- Have an accessible polling place with voting machines for voters with disabilities
- Wheelchair-accessible voting booths
- Entrances and doorways that are at least 32 inches wide
- Handrails on all stairs
- Voting equipment that is accessible to voters who are blind or who have low vision
- Bring your service animal with you into your polling place

- Seek assistance from workers at the polling place who have been trained to use the accessible voting machine
- Bring someone to help you vote (including a friend, family member, caregiver, assisted living provider, or almost anyone else, but not your employer or union representative).

## Register

### *Resources and tools for voter registration.*

- **Voter Registration Deadlines** – USA.gov offers a table detailing the [voter registration deadlines in each state](#).
- **Rock The Vote** – Get registered, get informed, and get involved. [Rock The Vote](#) offers voter registration resources, election FAQs, and opportunities to help build the political power of young people in the United States.
- **Long Distance Voter** – Website where you can [request an absentee ballot](#) as well as [view the deadline to register in each state](#).
- **TurboVote** – An application that makes voting easy. [Sign up to keep track of your elections, local and national](#). You can also get registered, update your voter registration, or request an absentee ballot.
- **Verify your Registration Status** – Not sure if you've registered to vote? HeadCount offers an [online tool to check your voter registration status](#) and find your polling place.

## Educate

### *Resources and tools for voter education.*

- **10 Tips for Voters with Disabilities** – The [US Election Assistance Commission created this tip sheet](#) to help voters with disabilities vote privately and independently.
- **Election Laws** – Electionary provides an [online guide to state election laws](#) in the US.
- **SignVote** – [SignVote](#) is a Deaf and Hard of Hearing community-based Voter GOTV mobilization effort.

- **Rooted In Rights** – Watch a video and read through an informative page on how to register, where to learn about the candidates and issues, and how to find other resources. [Check it out!](#)
- **#CripTheVote** – Find blogs on [Voting, Disabled Youth, & #CripTheVote](#) and [Disability Advocacy and Twitter: Why Use it?](#). You can also join the conversation online with [#CripTheVote](#).
- **One Vote Now** – Partner project of NACDD and DREDF to enhance the voting bloc of people with disabilities. [Visit their site](#) for information on voting, registration, and polling place accessibility.
- **Barrier to Voting for Older Americans** – Senators Bob Casey and Amy Klobuchar released a report on [Barriers to Voting for Older Americans: How States are Making it Harder for Seniors to Vote and What can be Done to Make it Easier](#).
- **Tools to Rate Website Accessibility** – The Pew Charitable Trusts wrote an article about various web accessibility tools to help ensure that voters with disabilities can access your content.
- **Voting Methods and Equipment By State** – The types of voting equipment used in the United States vary significantly from state to state. [Ballotpedia offers this state-by-state guide](#).
- **Election Assistance Commission** – The national clearinghouse of information on election administration, from voting system testing and certification to data on how Americans voted in recent federal elections. [Click here to learn more about voting accessibility](#).
- **A poll worker’s guide to assisting voters with disabilities** – A [resource for poll workers](#) produced by Disability Rights Tennessee.
- **Top 3 best fact checking sites** – icitizen shared a blog about the [top 3 best fact checking sites](#) to help stay on top of the news and determine the truth.
- **Guide for Political Campaign Staff** – The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) created “[Including People with Disabilities in Your Political Campaign: A Guide for Campaign Staff](#)” to assist political campaigns with understanding the access needs, potential barriers, and interests of the disability community.

## **Vote**

*Resources and tools for casting a ballot and access to the polls.*

- **Voter Hub** – The Voter Participation Center’s [Voter Hub](#) shares state-by-state information on voter registration, early voting, voter ID, automatic voter registration, vote-by-mail, and other details around the upcoming election.
- **Election Protection** – Visit [www.866ourvote.org](http://www.866ourvote.org) or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683) if you have any issues or concerns related to Election Day.

Call 888-Ve-Y-Vota (888-839-8682) for Bilingual English and Spanish assistance

Call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683) for assistance in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Urdu, Hindi, or Tagalog

Call #YallaVote 844-418-1682 – Bilingual: English and Arabic

- **State Protection & Advocacy Agencies** – NCIL has compiled a [directory of state protection and advocacy voter assistance hotlines](#).
- **Voter Support Service** – AAPD is proud to partner with The Arc of the United States on their [Voter Support Service](#) for people with disabilities. The site helps voters report and resolve voting barriers in real time.
- **Voter Protection App for Latino Voters** – LatinoJustice PRLDEF has launched a new smartphone voter protection app to help citizens report voting rights violations while voting in the 2016 elections. The app is in both English and Spanish and can be downloaded on [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#).
- **Carpool Vote** – [A national platform connecting volunteer drivers with anybody needing a ride to cast their vote](#). The platform is accessible to voters with disabilities.
- **Early Voting Calendar** – Many states allow early voting, which takes place in person before Election Day. [Vote.org offers a table detailing the early voting dates for states that offer it](#).
- **Google Voting** – [Get polling place and ballot information](#) quickly and easily from Google by searching “*who’s on my ballot*” or “*where to vote*”



- **SMS Tool** – The Voting Information Project supports a [SMS Tool](#) that provides voters with election information via text message. By texting “VOTE” or “VOTO” to GOVOTE (468-683), voters can find polling places, contact information for local election officials, and registration URLs. The app is available in multiple languages.
- **Voter ID Requirements** – VoteRiders released a wallet-sized [Voter ID Info Card](#) (in English and Spanish) for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Each card provides a breakdown of the voter ID requirements in that specific state. VoteRiders also provides voter ID assistance, including via pro bono lawyers, to citizens in every state. They also host a Voter ID Hotline: 1-844-338-8743.
- **Spread The Vote** – [Spread The Vote](#) provides direct assistance to help voters obtain the proper identification to vote in their state. They are currently active in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.
- **Know Your Right To Vote** – The Arc has compiled a [resource on knowing your voting rights](#) as a person with a disability.
- **Make Sure Your Voice is Heard at the Polls** – AAPD and Easterseals collaborated to produce this [Three-Step Checklist](#) on the rights of voters with disabilities as well as a [Voter Resource Card](#).
- **Vote. It’s Your Right.** – [A guide to the voting rights of people with mental health disabilities](#). Produced by the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Autistic Self Advocacy Network, National Disability Rights Network, and Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP ([plain-language version](#)).
- **Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law** – Information on guardianship and voting. [Learn more!](#)
- **Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)** – Information and resources on [guardianship and voting](#), a [Voter Education Toolkit](#), and [GoVoter](#).
- **Thousands Lose Right to Vote Under ‘Incompetence’ Laws** – This [article from Pew Charitable Trusts](#) explores states that eliminate the right to vote for people with disabilities under Guardianship.
- **ADA Checklist for Polling Places** – This 25-page document is an [updated technical assistance publication](#) on polling place accessibility for voters with disabilities.

- **Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Manual** – The Voting Rights Subcommittee of the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) has released a [GOTV Manual](#) for the 2016 election.
- **Secure Our Vote** – [Secure Our Vote](#) is a coalition of organizations and concerned citizens focused on making sure elections are secure from hacking and computer error.

## Use your Power

### *Resources and tools for amplifying the power of the disability vote.*

- **Nonprofit VOTE** – Offers a [Voter Engagement Resource Library](#) containing fact sheets, checklists, toolkits, and other resources on nonpartisan voter engagement as well as [Seven Tips on Getting Out the Vote](#) and their newly updated [online guide for 501\(c\)\(3\) nonprofit organizations](#).
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – [National Voter Corps](#) helps individuals identify voter rights organizations in their state for volunteer opportunities.
- **Engaging New Voters** – This [report from Nonprofit Vote](#) evaluates the potential of nonprofit service providers and community-based organizations to increase voting among their younger clients and constituents, while also assessing best practices for doing so.
- **Activate Social Media** – The REV UP Campaign has compiled some [sample social media posts](#) that you can pair with [REV UP logos and graphics](#).
- **The Election Toolkit** – The Center for Technology and Civil Life (CTCL) created a website that holds a collection of free (or cheap) [tools that are built for you to use to increase civic engagement](#) — turnout, voter registration — and to smooth operations in polling places.
- **The First Step: A Basic Guide to Civic Engagement** – Disability Rights Texas produced this [civic engagement guide](#) to help citizens understand how they can get involved in their community.
- **They Work For Us: A Self-Advocate’s Guide to Getting Through to your Elected Officials** – an [advocacy toolkit](#) from the Autistic Self Advocacy Network available in plain text and easy read versions.

- **How to Set up a Meeting with Your Member of Congress** – Families USA provides a [step-by-step guide](#) that outlines how to have a successful meeting with Members of Congress.
  - **GOTV Phone Banking Guide** – The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) has prepared a [guide for conducting get-out-the-vote \(GOTV\) phone calls](#).
  - **United Way** – The United Way offers a [Voter Engagement Toolkit](#) with information on how to remain nonpartisan while engaging voters.
  - **2016 Voter Experience Survey** – Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) compiled a [final report](#) based on their survey of 761 voters with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 40 states about their experiences voting.
  - **Open Records Laws** – The National Association of Counties has a [State By State Report on Open Records Laws](#) that provides information on the process of requesting public information in every state.
  - **Political Campaigns and Charities** – The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has a guide to help nonprofit organizations determine how to legally participate in voter education and engagement activities. [Watch the webinar](#) or [read the PDF Course](#).
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