



NON-PARTISAN VOTER ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Using this Toolkit

This toolkit was developed by RE-AMP Network's Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) Working Group to support members in developing a year round, non-partisan voter engagement strategy to defend democracy and ensure free and fair midterm elections. Included in this document is a summary of actions you and your organization can take, as well as resources and ways to join RE-AMP's Democracy Protection work.

10 Actions to Protect Democracy

1 Know Your Status

Check your voter registration status and ensure you have the required documents for voting. Ensure your identification and documents are not expired and contain the correct information.

2 Make a Voting Plan

Voting is just one strategy you can take to participate in the democratic process. Research shows that voters who make a plan are more likely to vote. So find your polling location, decide whether you will vote in person or by mail, and bring a friend or family-member with you.

3 Know Your Rights

As threats to Democracy continue to raise, it is imperative that you become an engaged and informed voter. Check with your local polling office for information about what is and isn't allowed at your local polling station so you can know what to expect. Report instance of election interference to poll workers.

4 Get Connected

Join a rapid response or democracy protection-adjacent rapid response group to stay informed of updates, become more aware of the issues, and to share resources and actions with your Network.

5 Develop an Org Strategy

Revisit your strategic plans, campaign plans and programs to find ways to integrate democracy protection and year-round voter engagement into your work. Consider launching a survey, starting a working group, or holding a staff discussion to explore the issues and how to respond. When there is alignment, develop and fund a plan.

6 Use Storytelling

Capture stories from staff, partners, and community members to document threats to democracy and to share how communities are responding. Consider issuing a formal press announcement that calls out undemocratic behavior & to advocate for change.



“We cannot reach our north star goal without having healthy democratic institutions & fair elections.”

- Conor Cusack, former RE-AMP Program Manager

7 Advocate for Policy Change

Advocate for election reform & policy change that strengthens election security and accessibility, ensures the integrity of voting machines, & increases funding for poll workers & stations.

8 Get Involved Locally

From becoming a poll worker, attending local election events, or formal legislative meetings, there are plenty of ways to become involved in the democratic process. Explore election worker safety and de-escalation training from trusted partners. Connect with and follow your local and state officials.

9 Host a Voting Event

Work with your organization and community-based organizations to host an event to engage voters. Explore whether popular education, a voter registration drive, car pooling, or hosting candidate forums can increase voter turnout and education.

10 Join a RE-AMP Formation

Attend or request a briefing to learn more about RE-AMP's Democracy Protection Formation. Discuss how your organization can engage and complete the interest form to join a working group.

Voter Engagement Resources

- Join the [Democracy Protection Formation](#)
- National League of Women Voters [Legal Center](#)
- [Gerrymander Score Card Lookup & Resources](#)
- Ballotpedia [Election & Voting Information](#)
- [Voting Rights in the RE-AMP footprint](#)
- 501(c)(3) [Election Checklist](#)



Know Your Elections

For more information, visit Vote411.org or your state's Secretary of State website.



- **Next Election: Primary** March 17, 2026
- **General Election:** Nov. 3, 2026
 - Mail registration postmarked a month before
 - Online registration up to 16 days before
 - Day-of registration available (in-person)
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 5 days before election, must be postmarked by Election Day
- Drop boxes available some locations
- No ID required to vote (only to register at polls)



- **Next Election: Primary** May 5, 2026
- **General Election:** Nov. 3, 2026
 - Registration deadline (online, mail and in-person) first Monday a month before election
- Absentee voting yes excuse required, deadline to request 12 days before election, must be received by 6pm Election Day
- No drop boxes available
- Photo ID required to vote in-person



- **Next Elections: Primary** Jun. 2, 2026
- **General Election:** Nov. 3, 2025
 - Mail (postmarked)/online deadline to register 15 days before
 - Day-of registration available (in-person)
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 15 days before election, must be received by close of polls Election Day
- Drop box at county auditor's office
- Voter ID issued to registered voters or photo ID



- **Next Elections: Special** Mar. 3, 2026
- **General Primary:** Aug. 4, 2026
 - Registration deadline (online, mail and in-person) 21 days before election
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 7 days before election, must be received (*new law passed this year*) by 7pm Election Day
- Drop boxes available some counties
- Photo ID required to vote



- **Next Elections: Special Primary** Feb. 3, 2026
- **Primary:** May 5, 2026
 - Mail (postmarked)/online deadline to register 15 days before
 - Day-of registration available (in-person)
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 5pm Friday before election, must be received by 8pm Election Day
- Drop boxes available, at least 1 per municipality
- Affidavit of no photo ID available if no ID at polls



- **Next Elections: Township** Mar. 10, 2026
- **Primary:** Aug. 11, 2026
 - Special election registration deadlines differ
 - Generally mail (received)/online 14 days before, day-of available in-person
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 1 day before election, must be received by Election Day
- Some drop boxes available
- No ID required to vote (only to register at polls)



- **Next Elections: Primary** Jun. 9, 2026
- **General Election:** Nov. 3, 2026
 - No voter registration
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 1 day before election, must be postmarked by the day before Election Day
- Some drop boxes available
- ID required to vote (may use attester to apply absentee)



- **Next Elections: Primary & Special** May 5, 2026
- **Special Election (may be held)** Aug. 4, 2026
 - Registration deadline (online, mail and in-person) first Monday a month before election
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 7 days before election, must be postmarked day before Election Day, received up to 4 days after
- One drop box available per county
- Photo ID required to vote



- **Next Elections: Primary** Jun. 2, 2026
- **General Election:** Nov. 3, 2026
 - Registration deadline (received mail and in-person) 15 days before
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 1 days before election, must be received by 5pm Election Day
- No drop boxes
- Personal identification affidavit available at polls if no ID



- **Next Elections: Spring Primary** Feb. 17, 2026
- **Spring Election:** Apr. 7, 2026
 - Mail (postmarked)/online deadline to register 21 days before
 - Day-of registration available (in-person)
- Absentee voting no excuse required, deadline to request 5 days before election, must be received by 8pm Election Day
- Drop boxes may be available
- Photo ID required to vote