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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR VOICE

Here's how to use it:



REGISTER TO VOTE!



GET TO KNOW YOUR BALLOT!



MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!



UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS!



SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



Care about rent,
safety, or transit?
Local elections
determine the
solutions.

*Just one
vote makes a
difference.*



ELECTION DAY

the last day to vote: _____

Register to vote by: _____

Early voting period: _____

Request mail ballot by: _____



Learn more: www.monroecounty.gov/elections



VOTE LOCAL

IT HITS DIFFERENT

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO VOTE
LOCAL WITH CONFIDENCE**

**NATIONAL VOTER
EDUCATION WEEK**



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REGISTERING TO VOTE IS THE FIRST STEP IN SHAPING THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT TO LIVE IN

Voter registration rules vary by state.

Check your deadline, which can be as early as a month before Election Day.

Register online, by mail, or in person depending on your state.

Moved recently? Update your registration with your new address.

Already registered? Verify your status before each election.

Check your registration status here:



START VOTING CONVERSATIONS

Talk with friends, family, and coworkers about why voting matters. When you discuss elections, you help others feel confident about voting and create a more informed community – regardless of how anyone votes.

TIPS FOR GOOD CONVERSATIONS:

- Ask questions, don't lecture
- Share what you're learning: "I just found out..."
- Research together - make it collaborative
- Focus on the voting process, not politics
- Respect everyone's choices

EARLY CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- "Want to figure out our voting plans together?"
- "There are so many local races on my ballot - want to research them with me?"
- "Have you seen the ballot measures? There's one that could affect our neighborhood."
- "What issues matter most to you? Let's see which candidates focus on those."



BRING THREE PEOPLE WITH YOU.

Use your personal connections to boost voter turnout. Invite friends, family, or coworkers to vote with you – make it a group effort!

Who are you bringing with you?

IS THAT ACTUALLY TRUE?

DECIDING WHAT INFORMATION TO TRUST.

It's easy to get overwhelmed by election information—some of it misleading or even completely false. If something triggers a strong emotional reaction, mixes fact with opinion, or makes you question what you already know, it's a good idea to double-check before you share or act on it. Check out our quick tips to check information about elections:

SLOW DOWN

Read the whole thing
before sharing

LOOK AT THE LANGUAGE

ALL CAPS, name-calling
and exclamation points
are red flags

CHECK THE SOURCE

Who posted this? Are
they qualified?

CROSS-CHECK

Use FactCheck.org,
PolitiFact, or Snopes

ASK YOURSELF

Does this seem
designed to make me
angry or scared?



WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?

**VOTING AFFECTS YOUR
EVERYDAY LIFE.**

AFFORDABILITY & HOUSING

- ☐ Rent is too high
- ☐ Can't find affordable housing
- ☐ I work multiple jobs
- ☐ I've skipped meals to save money
- ☐ I'm in student debt
- ☐ I've experienced housing insecurity
- ☐ My local schools need better funding

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ☐ I'm concerned about over-policing or under-policing
- ☐ I want more community-based safety solutions
- ☐ I care about fair trials and sentencing
- ☐ I'm worried about crime and/or incarceration rates in my community
- ☐ I want safer schools and better school security

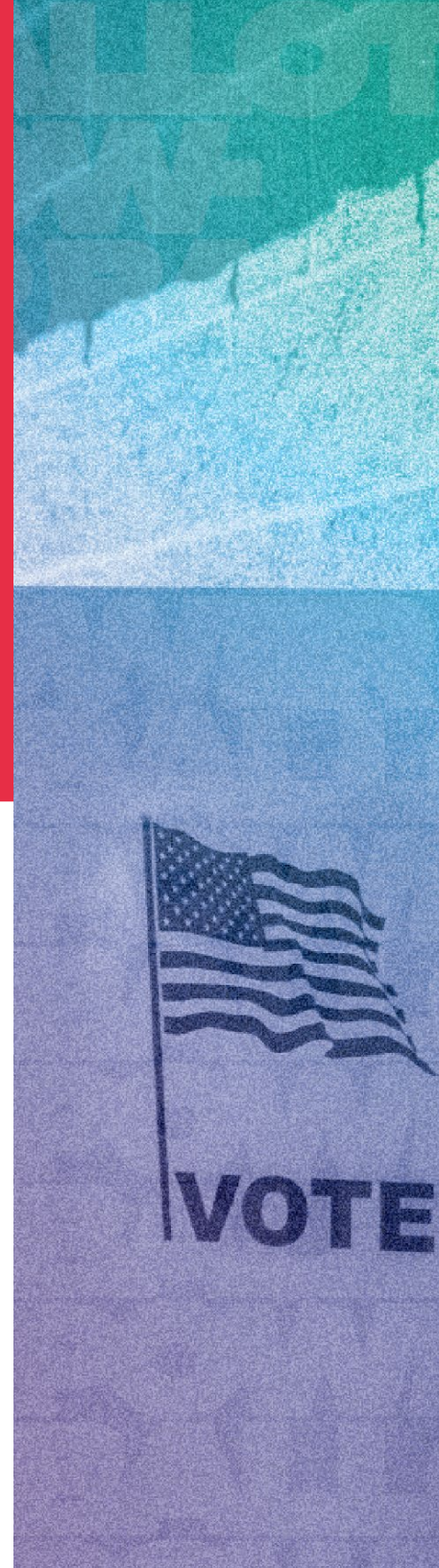
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

- ☐ I've experienced poor air or water quality
- ☐ My neighborhood lacks green space
- ☐ Flooding or natural disasters are a concern
- ☐ I want better public transit
- ☐ I care about climate action and sustainability

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- ☐ I rely on public transportation
- ☐ Roads and sidewalks are unsafe
- ☐ I want more bike lanes or pedestrian paths
- ☐ Transit costs are too high
- ☐ Gas prices are too high
- ☐ I've missed opportunities due to lack of transportation

If you checked even one box, voting in local elections can have a huge impact.



YOU'RE CONCERNED. BUT HOW DOES THAT CONNECT TO YOUR BALLOT?

How we vote today is connected to our reality tomorrow. We claim our power when we're informed about the impact of our vote. Check out connections between key issues and elected offices below.

AFFORDABILITY & HOUSING

Key Issue	Related Elected Official
Rent & Housing Supply	City Council, Planning Commission
Tuition & Financial Aid	State Legislature, Governor
Minimum Wage	State Legislature, Ballot Measures
Food & Transit Costs	City/County Officials
School Funding & Budgets	School Boards, Local Tax Measures

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Key Issue	Related Elected Official
Police Funding & Policy	City Council, County Boards
Prosecution Priorities	District Attorneys
Bail & Sentencing Rules	Local Judges
Emergency Response	Mayors, Local Officials
School Safety Policies	School Boards

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

Key Issue	Related Elected Official
Waste Management & Pollution	Local Officials, County Boards
Land Use & Zoning	City Council, Planning Commissions
Parks & Flood Prevention	Local Governments
Transit & Emissions	Transit Authorities, City Leaders
Water Quality	Local Water Boards

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Key Issue	Related Elected Official
Bus & Train Systems	Local Transit Boards, City Councils
Roads, Sidewalks, Bridges	Mayors, County Engineers
Bike Lanes & Crosswalks	City Planning Commissions
Transit Access & Costs	State & Local Officials

Find your local elections ballot: www.monroecounty.gov/elections-voter



MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE.

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO VOTE?

When you vote is up to! Busy on Election Day? Vote early.
What option works for you?

Early in-person
In-person on Election Day
By mail

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO VOTE?

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO VOTE?

Your early voting location may be different from your Election Day location. Your Election Day precinct is based on where you live - you can only vote there!

Where is your polling location?

DO YOU NEED ID TO VOTE IN YOUR STATE? DO YOU HAVE QUALIFYING ID?

Check your state's rules and accepted IDs at VoteRiders.org.

Yes, I have qualifying ID
No, I need to get ID
I don't need ID
I'm not sure what ID I need

WHO ARE YOU BRINGING WITH YOU TO THE POLLS?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Find all of the above information at
NationalVoterEducationWeek.org/plan/

