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Overcoming Voter Suppression and Building Confidence in Elections

November 4, 2024

Icebreaker

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- Name and where you're from
- Have you voted early or voted by mail already? If not, what is your voting plan?
- What steps are you taking to encourage others to vote?

Agenda

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- Kat Calvin, founder & executive director, Spread the Vote/Project ID
- C.Jay Coles, deputy director of legislative affairs, Verified Voting
- Lyndsey Dearlove, global director of operations, NO MORE Project
- Q&A
- Closing announcements

Housekeeping Items



- This webinar is being recorded.
- Recording, slides, and links will be distributed in our Friday email newsletter, “The Connection,” and recording will be posted on NLIHC YouTube channel by the end of the week
- Closed captioning is enabled
- Use the Q&A feature to ask questions throughout the webinar
- Ensure respectful dialogue in the chat
- *Our Homes, Our Votes* is 100% nonpartisan



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Verified Voting

A faint, grayscale background image showing a hand placing a ballot into a ballot box. The hand is on the left, and the ballot is being inserted into the top of the box on the right.

Verified Voting

Strengthening Democracy For All Voters



Who is Verified Voting?

Our Mission: To strengthen democracy for all voters by promoting the responsible use of technology in elections. We work with elections officials, policymakers, and democracy defenders across party lines to help voters vote and to promote policies that support justified public confidence in elections.



**Voters Can Have
Confidence
Their Vote Will
Be Counted**



Ballot Handling Procedures

- Strict protocols ensure that ballots are handled securely from the moment they're cast until they're counted. This includes secure storage and transportation, preventing tampering and loss.
- Chain of Custody refers to the processes, or paper trail, that documents the transfer of materials from one person (or place) to the next. Every state and local jurisdiction has its own controls for ensuring the chain of custody of election materials is properly maintained. These controls may include locks, seals, audit logs, witness signatures, or other security measures.



Voting System Testing

- Before and after elections, machines undergo rigorous testing to ensure they're functioning correctly and haven't been tampered with.
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nwaTFUO8Vs&list=PLwk7lulKtO8bdkqbqCPJP3ivMqOqYCjev&index=4>



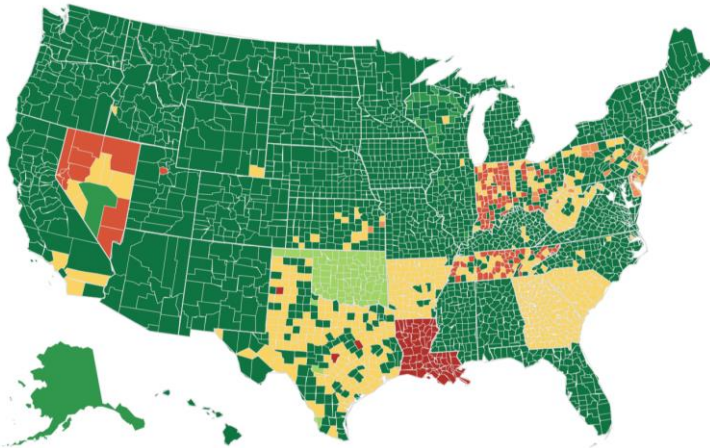
Transparency and Observation

- Election processes are open to observation by parties, candidates, and the public, allowing for transparency and independent verification.
- Generally, the purpose for these observers is to provide a layer of protection or transparency and to learn from and improve processes, which vary considerably by state.



Paper Ballots and Records

- More states have moved to paper ballots or systems with verifiable paper trails, allowing voters to confirm their selections and enabling post-election audits to compare machine counts against paper records.



At A Glance — National — 2024

Hand Marked Paper Ballots

 **69.9%**

Percentage of registered voters living in jurisdictions using Hand Marked Paper Ballots for most voters

Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs)

 **25.1%**

Percentage of registered voters living in jurisdictions using Ballot Marking Devices for all voters

Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Systems

 **5.0%**

Percentage of registered voters living in jurisdictions using Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Systems for all voters

[Verified Voting's "The Verifier"](#)



Post-Election Audits

- 45 states conduct some form of post-election audit, with a handful using risk-limiting audits (RLAs). RLAs are especially powerful because they statistically confirm that the reported results are correct, based on a sample of paper ballots.
 - Verified Voting maintains a [database](#) of every state's audit laws on our website.
- Risk-limiting audit explainer video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlstGHazHPM>



Election Protection

- The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition works year-round to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to vote and have that vote count. Made up of more than 300 local, state and national partners, Election Protection uses a wide range of tools and activities to protect, advance and defend the right to vote.
- 866ourvote.org
- 866-our-vote (866-687-8683)



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A SURVIVOR'S GUIDE TO SAFE VOTING

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TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

KNOW MORE

Isolation in abusive relationships can prevent victims from accessing key election information.

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COMMUNITY TIP

Share voting information in places less likely to be monitored by abusers, like community bulletin boards, libraries, or through trusted friends and neighbors.

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KNOW MORE

Abusers may use threats or intimidation to force their victims to vote a certain way – or not vote at all.

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COMMUNITY TIP

Help your loved one make a safe voting plan by considering options like early voting and voting by mail.

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KNOW MORE

Public voter registration records can be a privacy risk for victims of stalking or people fleeing abusive relationships.

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COMMUNITY TIP

Encourage your loved one to explore options like Address Confidentiality Programs or confidential registration.

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MAKING A SAFE VOTING PLAN

Tip 1: Understand your voting options.

IN-PERSON VOTING

Can be a good option if you are able to vote when their abusers are busy.

EARLY VOTING

Can give you more flexibility to vote at a time that is convenient and safe for you.

VOTING BY MAIL

Can give you more time to vote discreetly, without your abuser knowing or trying to influence your vote.

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Tip 2: Plan your voting day.



Plan to vote at a time when your abuser is busy.



Plan your safe transportation ahead of time.



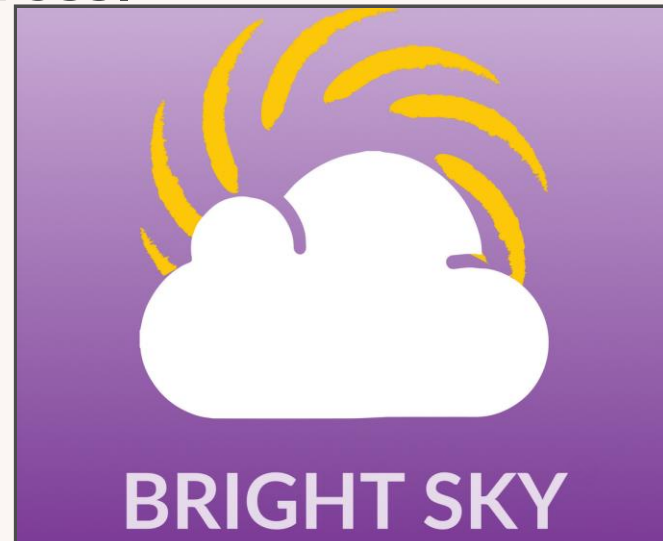
Share your voting plan with a trusted friend, family member, or advocate.



Confirm your voter registration is up to date and you have any documentation you may need to vote.

MAKING A SAFE VOTING PLAN

Tip 3: Know your
resources.



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Questions?



Key GOTV Resources

- Nonpartisan GOTV call script
 - www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/voter-mobilization
- Tenant Talk, “Voting as Collective Action”
 - <https://nlihc.org/explore-issues/publications-research/tenant-talk>
- Election Protection Hotline
 - <https://866ourvote.org/>



NONPARTISAN GOTV PHONEBANKING SCRIPT

****USE THIS PHONEBANKING SCRIPT TO MAKE CALLS TO REGISTERED VOTERS.****

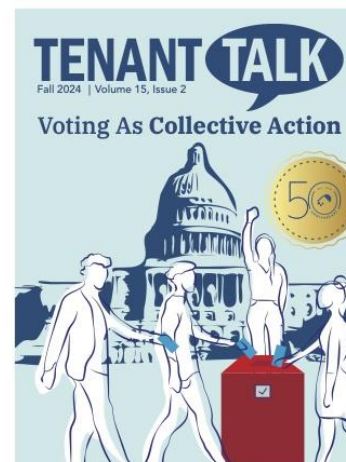
Introduction

Hello, am I speaking with [VOTER NAME]?

Hi, my name is [CALLER NAME] and I am with the National Low Income Housing Coalition. We're a nonpartisan organization encouraging renters in your community to make their voices heard in the upcoming elections on [ELECTION DATE]. How are you doing today? [Allow voter to respond, engage in conversation] Can we count on you to vote in the election?

[If yes]

Great, thanks for being a voter!



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Register to vote and update
your voter registration,
check your voter
registration status, find
election information for
your community, and sign
up for election reminders!



A Look Ahead—Next Steps for Nonpartisan Civic Engagement & Housing Justice (Monday, November 18)



A successful nonpartisan voter engagement campaign does not end on Election Day. After the election is over, housing and homelessness organizations should evaluate the impact of their activities, leverage the power of low-income renters as a voting constituency, and establish relationships with newly elected officials. This webinar will cover strategies to hold elected officials accountable to their campaign promises and advocate for long-term, systemic change to increase voter access.

Confirmed Panelists:

- Allison Neswood, Native American Rights Fund
- Brooke Schipporeit, National Low Income Housing Coalition



Affiliates Network

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- Open to all nonpartisan organizations that share campaign's goals
- Regular office hours, email listserv, and post-election virtual gathering
- Enhanced access to *Our Homes*, *Our Votes* tools and resources
- Sign up: www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/affiliates