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Educating Voters

April 16, 2020

General Logistics



- We will allow for time at the end of today's webinar for questions. If you have a question, please use the Q&A box in your webinar browser.
- We will provide access to both a video recording and a copy of today's slides to all participants following the webinar.
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Agenda



1. Introduction
2. Notes about COVID-19 and the elections
3. Educating Voters
 - How to Vote
 - Rights of Voters
 - Candidate positions

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INTRODUCTION

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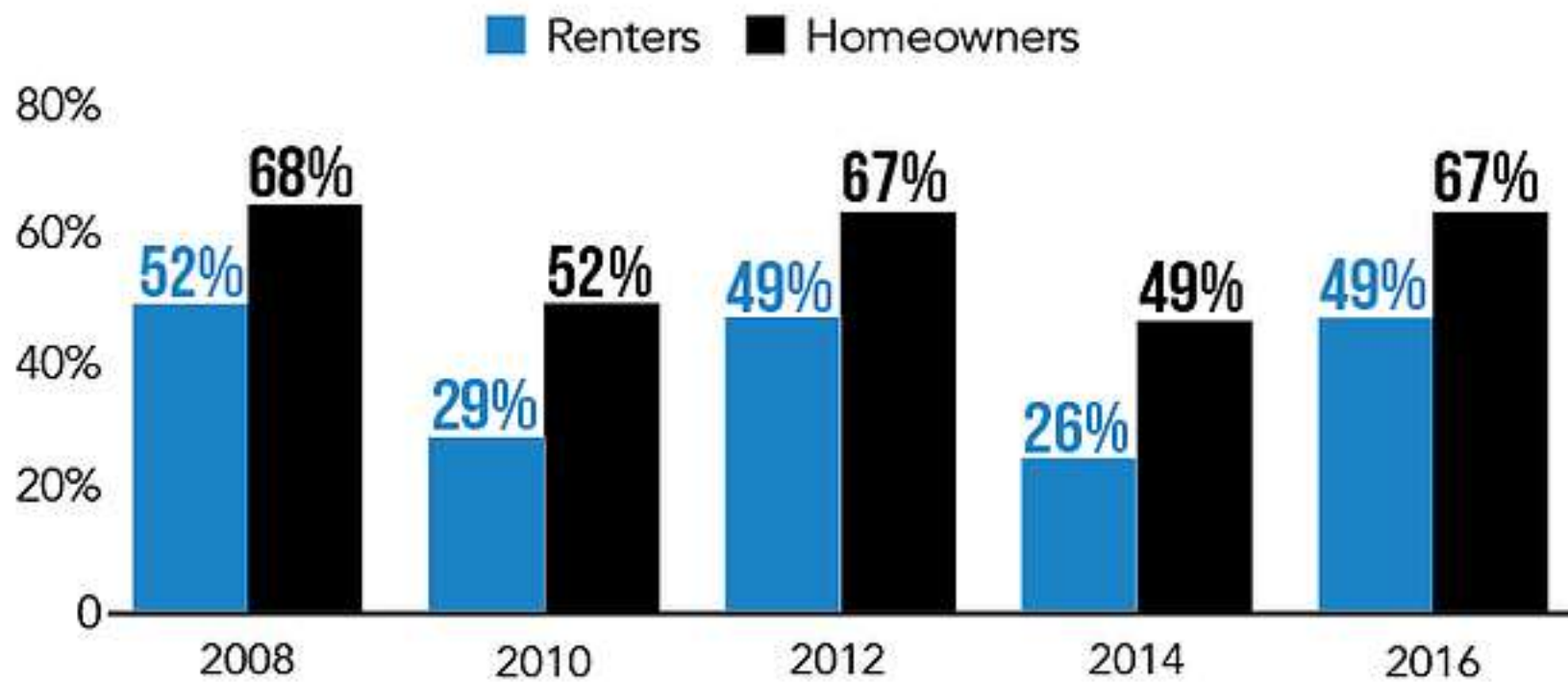
Engaging Voters and Candidates



Our Homes, Our Votes is NLIHC's voter engagement effort focusing on increasing voter registration and turnout among low-income housing renters and advocates.

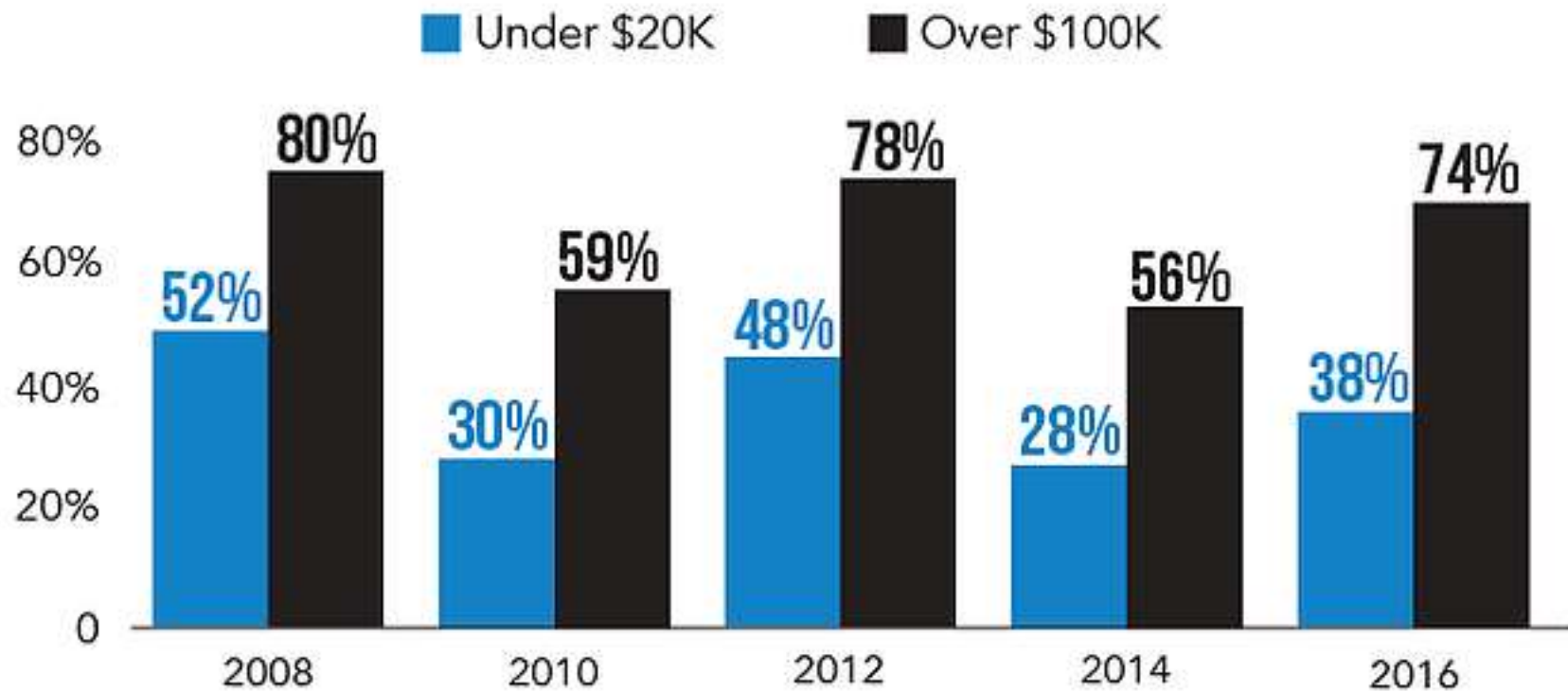


U.S. CITIZENS WHO REPORTED VOTING IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS BY HOUSING TENURE (2008 TO 2016)



Source: November 2006-2016 Current Population Survey data

U.S. CITIZENS WHO REPORTED VOTING IN NOVEMBER ELECTIONS BY FAMILY INCOME (2008 TO 2016)



Source: November 2006-2016 Current Population Survey data

83%

of the public agrees that elected officials are not paying enough attention to the cost of housing and the need for more affordable housing.



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76%

say they are more likely to vote for a candidate that has a detailed plan for making housing more affordable.

Source: Public Opinion Poll Feb 25-Mar 4, 2019 Hart Research Associates

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COVID-19 Response and Elections

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Call to Action!

COVID-19



The Issue: Additional resources are needed to mitigate harm from the COVID-19 pandemic

The Ask: Any comprehensive response should include resources to help ensure housing stability for low-income individuals and people experiencing homelessness.

1. \$100 billion in emergency rent assistance
2. An additional \$11.5 billion in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding
3. National moratorium on evictions

nlihc.org/coronavirus-and-housing-homelessness

Coronavirus and the elections



Primaries: Many states are rescheduling or canceling Presidential primary elections

Strategies:

1. Promote voting by mail
 - ACLU has a great resource available at <https://tinyurl.com/vdagfub>
2. Plan voter education events, candidate forums, and town halls as remote events
 - Scheduling for end of summer or early autumn are strong strategies
3. Make voters aware of online voter registration tools that can be accessed via phone or tablet

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Knowing How to Vote

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The Basics: Dates, Times, Polling Locations



Every Voter Needs to Know:

1. Polling locations
2. Open and closing times
3. What to bring with them
4. Options for mail-in ballots and early voting

Resources on State-by-State Polling Locations and Rules



NonProfit VOTE

- **Voting in Your State Resource**
 - <https://www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/>

League of Women Voters

- **Address-based voter information**
 - www.vote411.org

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Voting in Wisconsin

Use the links on the right to find official voting information directly from your state's elections website.

Special Circumstances

- Voting as an Ex-offender
- Voting and Homelessness
- Voting and Domestic Violence
- Voting with a Disability
- Voting for Wisconsin Military and Overseas Voters

Nonprofit Resources

- Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Nonprofits Association

Provided in cooperation with the National Association of Secretaries of State.



STATE ELECTION OFFICE

LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE

REGISTER TO VOTE

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

LEARN ABOUT VOTER ID

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

ABSENTEE/VOTE-BY-MAIL

BECOME A POLL WORKER

Sample Ballots



- How to complete the ballot
- What are the positions that will be on the ballot
- What are the ballot initiatives

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Verify Registration Status

Register yourself and encourage others to register to vote.

Topics

- Absentee Voting
- Candidate and Ballot Measure Information
- Early Voting
- Election Dates
- Eligibility Requirements
- ID Requirements
- Poll Workers
- Polling Place Details
- Provisional Voting

State


- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia

Select any filter and click on Apply to see results

Join the Community!

Sign up for communications from the League of Women Voters of the United States.

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The League depends on the generosity of VOTE411 users! If you found this information valuable, help us continue the work! Donate Now!

Election Day Problems?

Call one of these hotlines:
1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
1-888-API-VOTE (Asian multilingual assistance)

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State Voter Information

Election Dates

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 (Primary)

Registration Deadlines

In Person:
Election Day

By Mail:
Postmarked by Wednesday, July 25,
2018 Online by Wednesday, July 25,

At a glance:



Voting Alert

Candidate and Ballot Measure Information

You can find candidate information for the Tuesday, August 14, 2018 Primary Election [here](#) (or click the green button below). Voters may only vote for candidates from one political party in the primary. The guide currently reflects the candidates that will appear on the primary ballot and will be updated after the primary to reflect the candidates who will appear on the ballot in the General Election (Nov 6).

Information on local, state and federal candidates and ballot measures may be available [here](#).

To see a list of available races, visit the [race index](#).



On Your Ballot

[Get personalized information on candidates and issues](#)



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To verify your voter registration status, please utilize your [state resource](#).

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Alternate Poll Locators

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Your guide has 8 races. Choose one to get started.

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Attorney General

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Secretary of State

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State Treasurer

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U.S. Senate

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Wisconsin U.S. House, District 2

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State Assembly District No. 76

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[View My Races](#) **Progress: 2 of 8**


[Governor](#) [Next Race: Attorney General](#)

Lieutenant Governor

General Election

Click a candidate icon to find more information about the candidate. To compare two candidates, click the "compare" button. To start over, click a candidate icon.

 <p>Tiffany Anderson (WGRN)</p>	 <p>Patrick Baird (L)</p>	 <p>Mandela Barnes (Dem)</p>	 <p>Rebecca Kleefisch (Rep)</p>	 <p>Kurt J. Kober (Dem)</p>
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Further information from www.vote411.org

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Your Address

Street: 511 6th Street North
City: Madison
State: Wisconsin
Zip: 53706
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Upcoming Debates and Forums

WI Senate District 1 Candidate Forum

Sat, Sep. 22 - 9:30 am

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WI State Assembly District 29 Candidate Forum

Tue, Sep. 25 - 6:00 pm

WI Senate District 1 Candidate Forum

Thu, Sep. 27 - 6:30 pm

WI State Assembly 1 Candidate Forum

Thu, Sep. 27 - 6:30 pm

[View Entire Event Calendar](#)
[View Event List](#)

Links and Resources

[Absentee Voting: WI Gov. Site](#)
[Campaign Finance: WI Gov. Site](#)
[Local Elections Officials: WI Gov. Site](#)
[Poll Locator: WI Gov. Site](#)
[Voter Registration: WI Gov. Site](#)

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Hypothesis About Disengagement



- New voters don't understand that voting is the first step.
- Change doesn't happen as fast as people want
- People forget that sharing on Facebook is not the same as voting
- People only complain when their taxes go up



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Defending Against Voter Suppression



Defending Against Voter Suppression



- Provide information on Voter ID requirements
- **EVERYONE** fills out a ballot
 - Provisional ballots can always be cast and counted in the case of close elections
- Use the hotlines!
 - Election Protection Hotline:
 - 1-866-OUR-VOTE
 - 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
 - U.S. Department of Justice Voting Rights Hotline
 - 1-800-253-3931
- The best defense is a good offense!

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Informing Voters on the Issues



Voter Guides



- A voter guide seeks to provide voters with general information on each of the candidates and the offices they will fill.
- Ballot initiatives should be discussed, and CAN include an organizational position.
- Things to consider:
 - Include general candidate information such as name, photo, occupation, party affiliation, contact information, website, etc.
 - Can include their responses from a questionnaire. (Do NOT coordinate with candidate on including this information)

Information on the Candidates



- Survey responses
 - The best candidate positions to include for your network are the ones that are provided from all candidates
 - Picking and choosing quotes can be partisan
- Directing voters to candidates resources
 - If providing websites or candidate flyers, make sure to include all candidates

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Upcoming Training and Discussion Topics



1. Educating voters – voting logistics and candidate positions (April 16, 2020)
2. Housing issues and ballot initiatives (May 21, 2020)
3. Overcoming common obstacles to voting (June 18, 2020)
4. The challenge of voting while homeless (July 16, 2020)
5. Voter Mobilization Part 1 – Early voting and vote-by-mail (August 20, 2020)
6. Voter Mobilization Part 2 – Protecting against voter intimidation (September 17, 2020)
7. Election Day! Getting Out The Vote (October 15, 2020)
8. Holding candidates to their promises (November 19, 2020)

Other webinar recordings available at www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/webinars

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