

NONPARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION PHONEBANKING SCRIPT

USE THIS SCRIPT TO CALL PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, OR WHO HAVE RECENTLY MOVED AND NEED TO UPDATE THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION

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. Can I help you get registered to vote?

[If they say they are already registered to vote]

I'm glad you're registered to vote. Have you moved or changed your name since you last updated your voter registration?

[If yes]

You can visit ourhomes.turbovote.org to update your voter registration with your new name or address. I am happy to stay on the phone to talk you through the process if you would like.

[If no]

Great! You can visit ourhomes.turbovote.org to confirm your voter registration status, sign up for election reminders, and find all the information you need to make your plan to vote. Is there anything else I can help you with today?

[If yes, respond as you are able. If they have a question you cannot answer, encourage them to visit ourhomes.turbovote.org or their local election office website]

[If no]

Thank you so much for your time, and I encourage you to spread the word about voter registration to your friends and family members! If you're looking for more ways to take action for housing justice, I encourage you to visit www.nlihc.org/take-action and get involved in our advocacy.

Responses to potential reasons why they do not want to register

Some possible responses...

I'm not registered because voting won't make a difference.

I know it can feel that way sometimes. I personally am registered to vote because our local, state, and federal leaders will make decisions about housing, transportation, schools, and other issues that affect our daily lives. Will you join me?

I'm not registered because I don't like any of the candidates.

I understand. This election isn't just about the presidential/ congressional elections—there are a lot of important offices down the ballot that don't get as much attention. [If applicable: There are also ballot measures that give you the chance to weigh in on policy issues directly!] Would you like to register to vote for state and local offices?

I'm not eligible to vote because I am under 18/not a citizen/have a felony conviction/do not have a permanent address/do not have a voter ID.

Under 18: Citizens under 18 may be able to pre-register to vote. Visit ourhomes.turbovote.org and click the "pre-register" button.

Not a citizen: Thanks for letting me know! You can still make your voice heard and advocate for policy change. Visit nlihc.org/take-action to learn more.

Have a felony conviction: In nearly every state, returning citizens have the right to vote. There are some states where returning citizens will need to take additional steps to get their voting rights restored. [Visit <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/felon-voting-rights> to share more details about the process in your state.]

Do not have a permanent address. People experiencing homelessness have the right to register and vote in every state! The National Coalition for the Homeless has compiled information about the requirements in every state. [More info here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_6czzlQsXn1yAjrS9xgN9rPT1QDEfyieZZ6c-bRlejY/edit?gid=1426359397#gid=1426359397]

Do not have a voter ID. Don't worry, there are ways you can overcome this obstacle and get the ID you need to vote. Visit <https://www.voteriders.org/freehelp/> or call 866-ID-2-VOTE. We can also share your contact information directly with VoteRiders if you'd like, and they will get in touch to provide assistance.

I don't have time to register right now. That's okay! The voter registration deadline is [DATE]. You can visit ourhomes.turbovote.org anytime before that date to get registered.

Voicemail

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 update their voter registration and make their voices heard in the upcoming elections. You can register to vote or check your registration status at ourhomes.turbovote.org. Thank you, and happy voting!