Two-Step Action Plan to Make a Difference in the 2020 Elections

1. Vote

2. Text 5 People

Hi [name], I’m reminding you and 4 other people I know to vote by Election Day on 11/3. Need help with voting? Call 866-687-8683 (English) / 888-839-8682 (Spanish) / 888-274-8683 (Asian languages) / 844-925-5297 (Arabic). Want to help get out the vote? Copy and text this message to 5 people you know in the next 15 minutes. Thanks!

What is the point of this text?

If you text this message to 5 people you know at 9 am on 10/23, and even if only 1 of those 5 people texts 5 additional people, and so on every 15 minutes through 11/3, then your text will reach 1,920 people at minimum by Election Day. That means 1,920 people will be reminded to vote by people whom they know, and 1,920 people will know what number to contact if they are having trouble voting.

Imagine if everyone in this room did this. Just 5 minutes of our time can make a big difference.
**Voting Information**

- Are you registered to vote? Find out here: [https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx](https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx)
  - Even if you miss the voter registration deadline, Illinois allows for a grace period for registration. Check out your county clerk office’s website for more info. For Cook County: [https://www.cookcounty clerk.com/service/grace-period-registration-and-voting](https://www.cookcounty clerk.com/service/grace-period-registration-and-voting).
- Looking for your polling place? Find it here: [https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx](https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx)
- For general election information for Illinois: [https://866ourvote.org/state-information/illinois/](https://866ourvote.org/state-information/illinois/)
- To talk with someone who can help you through the voting process, or if you run into any issues when you try to vote: call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- Not fluent in English? Check out:
  - [选举资料](https://www.apiavote.org/xuanjuziliao) | 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
  - [選舉資料](https://www.apiavote.org/node/1393) | 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
  - [투표와 관련된 정보](https://www.apiavote.org/tupyowa-gwanlyeondoen-jeongbo) | 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
  - [Thông tin bầu cử](https://www.apiavote.org/thong-tin-bau-cu) | 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
  - [Impormasyon sa pagboto](https://www.apiavote.org/impormasyon-sa-pagboto) | 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
  - [Preguntas sobre el proceso de votación](https://naleo.org/es/vota/) | 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)
  - [معلومات الانتخابات](#) | 844-YALLA-US (844-925-9679)

**Who / What is Up for Vote**

- Find information on candidates per [https://www.usa.gov/voter-research](https://www.usa.gov/voter-research): “Voter guides provide background information on the candidates and ballot measures. They’ll list the candidates for each office and offer details on each one’s experience and goals. They’ll explain any ballot measures, which are specific questions or issues that you can approve or reject. Regional newspapers often produce voter guides, as do issue-specific organizations. BallotReady.org offers voter guides by home address nationwide. You can save your choices online and print or email your personalized ballot to bring with you to the polls.”
- For additional information on judicial candidates, including evaluations by AABA and other bar associations in Illinois, go to [http://www.voteforjudges.org/](http://www.voteforjudges.org/), managed by Chicago Appleseed.
- Read the full text of the proposed amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution here: [https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/con_amend/ca_english.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/con_amend/ca_english.pdf)

**Other Ways You Can Help**

- [Apply to be a paid Election Day Field Attorney through the Chicago Bar Association](https://www.usa.gov/voter-research)
- [Volunteer to monitor elections through Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights](https://www.usa.gov/voter-research) (looking for attorneys, law students, and paralegals)
- [Volunteer to be a Virtual Phone Banker with APIAVote](https://www.usa.gov/voter-research) (also provides details on other volunteer opportunities pre- and post-elections)