

10 WAYS TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS

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ONE Become a Voting V.I.P! Verify your existing voter registration or register to vote. Find out whether you need Identification to vote or what type of ID you need. And know your Polling location by calling 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683), visiting www.VOTE411.org, or downloading the Election Protection Smartphone App. Text EPAPP to 90975 to download this app!

TWO Vote early! If your state provides early voting, vote before Election Day to avoid Election Day lines. Visit <http://www.canivote.org/> and go to the drop-down menu called, "Make Your Vote Count: Absentee and Early Voting to find early voting deadlines. Or visit your state's Secretary of the State website.

THREE Traveling on Election Day? Vote absentee! Request an absentee ballot from your County Board of Election. If you vote by absentee ballot, return the ballot before the deadline.

FOUR Ask Questions. If you're unsure about a voting procedure, just ask! Poll workers and Election Protection trained volunteers are here to help **you vote**.

FIVE Report Any Problems While Voting. Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance or to get answers to any voting questions. All questions are important!

SIX Become a Voting Rights Volunteer! We need your help as a volunteer voting rights trainer, poll worker, poll monitor or voting changes monitor of state and local voting laws. Become a trained Lawyers' Committee Ambassador for Democracy by emailing toolkit@lawyerscommittee.org. Volunteer as a NCBCP Foot Soldier for Democracy by emailing ncbcp@ncbcp.org. Or join Rev. Al Sharpton and the NAN as a Disciple of Justice Voting Rights Trainer by emailing www.nationalactionnetwork.net/FS20144 or calling 1 877-626-4651.

SEVEN Be an Online Activist! Promote voting rights and the upcoming election on Twitter using the hashtags #VotingRights and #ElectionProtection.

EIGHT Demand State and Federal Election Reform! Show your support for early voting, same-day registration and online voter registration to your elected representatives. And learn more about the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2014 and keep updated on other voting rights bills in Congress.

NINE Learn More! Download the Civic Engagement Voting Rights Toolkit at www.toolkit.lawyerscommittee.org. Visit the NCBCP at www.ncbcp.org to learn more about protecting your right to vote. And join a NAN voting rights event at www.nationalactionnetwork.net/FS2014.

TEN Spread the Word! Bring a Friend or 2 with You to Vote! Print out copies of this Top 10 Voting Rights list and share it in your place of worship bulletin, at your civic organization meetings/events, and with friends and family. And encourage family members, friends and neighbors to vote on Election Day!