

My Vote Matters: Reasons to Register and Vote

Don't let others decide for you

- If you don't vote, you're letting others decide who wins and what issues matter.
- Today's non-voters actually favor government and social services (like access to health care, spending on education, income inequality or public safety) at a much higher rate than people who vote regularly.

Honor our history and the right to vote!

- Voting is one of our most important rights as citizens. As long as this country has existed, communities like ours have had to fight for the right to vote.
- There are still people today who don't want some people to vote. It's our turn to stand up and vote to preserve this right and honor those who went before us.

It isn't just about you. Your vote can support this nonprofit, your community and those who can't vote.

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Every vote does count!

Remember: there is power in numbers. When we vote and get our family members to vote, we can impact outcomes and change the debate.

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Worried about voting? Nonprofits like ours can help

- Voting for the first time is the hardest as you learn about the process. Once you register and vote for the first time, it becomes much easier and maybe even routine!
- You can get help voting. Ask your family and friends or someone who follows politics. They'll have good ideas about what's important and which candidates or issues to support or oppose.