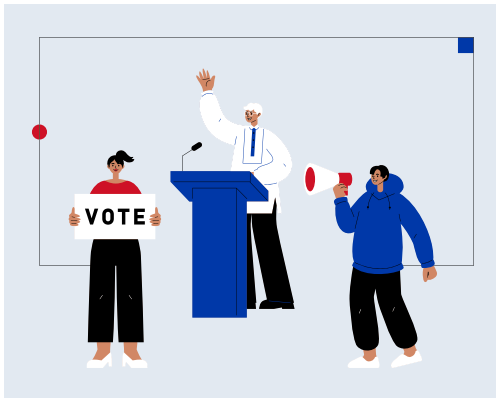


# VOTING & DISABILITY INCLUSION

## STEPS TO VOTING IN PERSON

### ARE YOU REGISTERED?



### WHAT IS VOTING?

Voting is a way for people to make decisions together. On Election Day, we choose leaders and decide on important issues. In the United States, each person gets one vote to show what they want. Voting is an important way for people to share their ideas and help make choices for their community.



### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Visit [VOTE.ORG](https://www.vote.org) to check your registration status.

Check your state's [REGISTRATION DEADLINES](#).



### STILL NEED TO REGISTER?

If you still have time to register, use this [FREE resource guide for steps on how and where to register](#).

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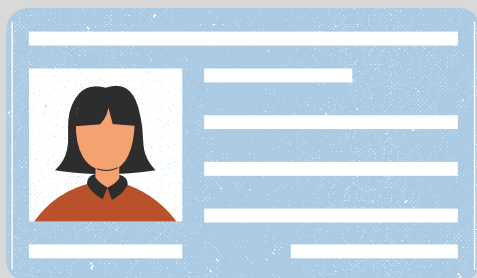
## STEPS TO VOTING IN PERSON

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



#### WHERE TO VOTE

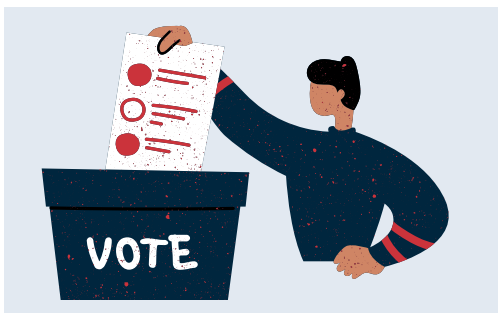
Find where you go to vote, also called your “polling place.” It’s based on where you live and is often located in a school, community center, or government building. Click [HERE](#) to find your polling place.



#### WHAT TO BRING

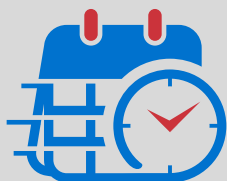
Depending on the time of day and where you live, waiting in line can take some time so be prepared. Some items to pack are:

1. Photo ID: you must show it when you check in
2. Water bottle and small snacks
3. Cell phone (please keep it on silent)
4. Headphones to help with noise level or listen to music, audiobook or favorite podcast.
5. This guide!



#### WHAT TO WEAR

Check the weather on the day to pick the right outfit! An umbrella may be needed, or maybe a sun hat and sunscreen. Leave the political attire, like shirts, hats or campaign buttons, at home for this trip. Some states don’t allow you to wear that when voting...so instead pick a comfy outfit and shoes for standing in line.



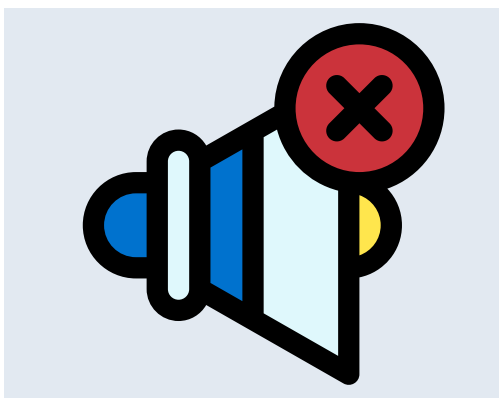
#### WHAT TIME TO VOTE

Each state has different opening and closing times for their polls. Check the times for your state [HERE](#).

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#### ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMODATIONS

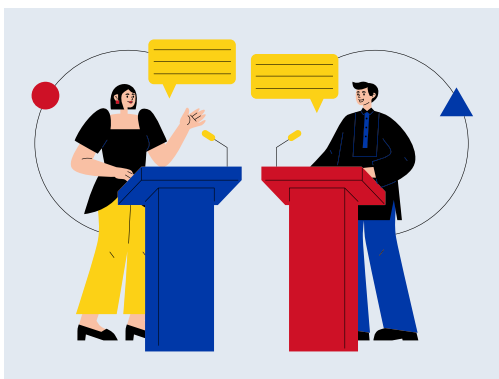
By law, polling places must be accessible, and you are able to REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS you need, such as bringing someone with you, asking for a quiet space or voting machines for those with physical disabilities.

Each location will be organized and arranged differently, and you can call your LOCAL ELECTION office learn about your specific site.



#### REVIEW THE BALLOT

Before you vote, take time to get familiar with the SAMPLE BALLOT. This ballot lists all the candidates and issues you'll be voting on, like laws or other important decisions.



#### RESEARCH THE CANDIDATES

To learn more about candidates or issues, visit their websites or social media pages. You can also read articles or watch local news to get more information. Debates are a good way to hear candidates explain their ideas and how they differ from others. Deciding how you'll vote before election day can relieve pressure, and if you're unsure, ask someone you trust to explain the differences—but remember, you can vote however you choose.

# VOTING & DISABILITY INCLUSION

## STEPS TO VOTING IN PERSON

### ELECTION DAY!



### WAITING IN LINE

When you get to your polling place, you might have to wait in line with others who are also there to vote. While you're in line, representatives or volunteers from local political parties may try to persuade you to vote for certain candidates or issues. You do not have to talk to the candidates, representatives or volunteers and you don't have to change your mind if you've already decided how you want to vote.

It's a good idea to avoid discussing who you're voting for or asking others about their choice. This can be a sensitive topic, and many people have strong opinions.



### CHECKING IN

When you reach the front of the line, a poll worker will check you in.

They'll ask for your name, look at your photo ID, and match it to their list of registered voters.

If you need any special assistance or accommodation, this is a good time to let them know, and they'll help you.



### TIME TO VOTE!

Once you've been confirmed as a registered voter, you'll get an official ballot or voter card and be shown where to go to vote. You'll vote in a private space, often a small booth with a curtain, and no one should be watching over your shoulder.

# VOTING & DISABILITY INCLUSION

## STEPS TO VOTING IN PERSON

### ELECTION DAY!



#### DOUBLE CHECK YOUR VOTE

Before submitting, review your choices.

If you used a machine, check your selections. If you filled out a paper ballot, double-check it before turning it in.



#### STAY CALM AND VOTE ON

Poll workers are there to help! If you have a problem, let them know.

If you experience any challenges a poll worker isn't able to help you with, request to speak to a poll supervisor.



#### YOU VOTED!

Vote, use your right to choose, and help shape our future.

Don't forget to grab your "I VOTED STICKER!"

### AFTER VOTING DAY



#### STAY ENGAGED

Voting happens every year. On voting day, your local political party will have ways for you to get involved. And you can check this list for other [ways to take action](#)

# VOTING IN PERSON: PLANNING GUIDE

My Polling Location Name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Building Name, ex: John Glenn High School)*

DONE

My Polling Location Address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Complete Address)*

My Polling Location Opens at: \_\_\_\_\_

My Polling Location Closes at: \_\_\_\_\_

The way I will get there is:

DONE

Drive myself

Someone will drive me. That person is: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Uber/Lyft/Taxi

Walk

Bike

Bus or Train

I am bringing the following identification:

DONE

*(You will probably only need one)*

Social Security Card

Driver's License

State Identification Card

Real ID

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If I need help on Election Day, I am going to ask:

DONE

*(Add person's name)* \_\_\_\_\_

Here's how I can contact them:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If I need support with:

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*(You can ask a poll worker for assistance)*

Reading my ballot

Seating for voting

Filling in the box/circle on my ballot

Standing for voting

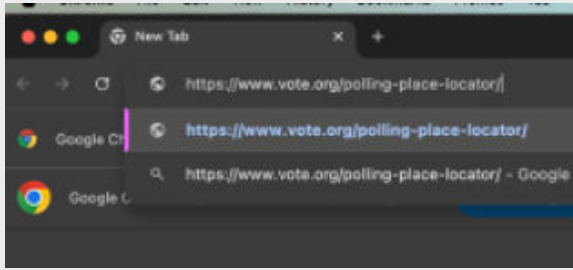
Pressing buttons on voter machine

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

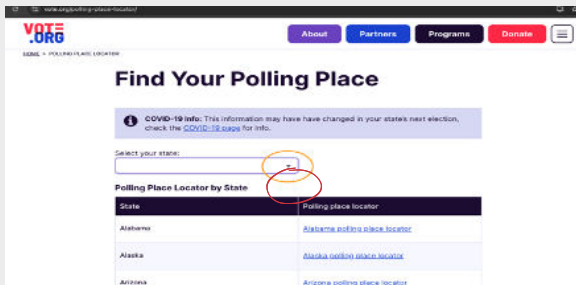
If I want to check about specific supports at my polling location I call:

*(local election office number)* \_\_\_\_\_

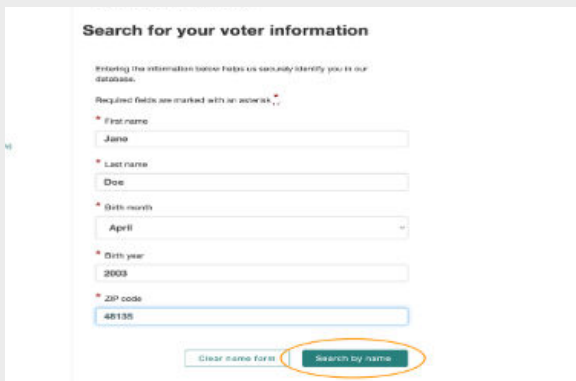
# VOTING IN PERSON: VISUAL GUIDE



1. Go to [VOTE.ORG](https://www.vote.org) to start the process of finding your polling location.

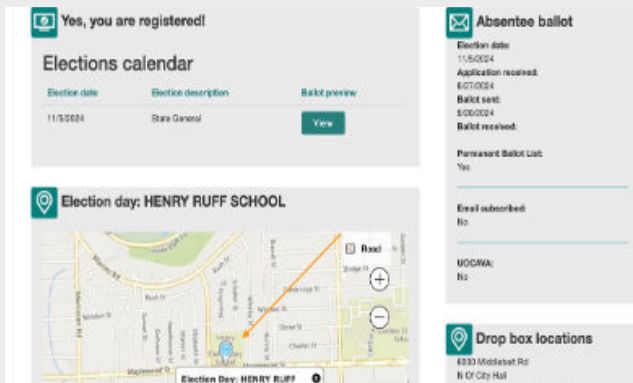


2. Scroll through the list to find the state or territory you live in and will be voting in. Click on link that says “polling place locator.”



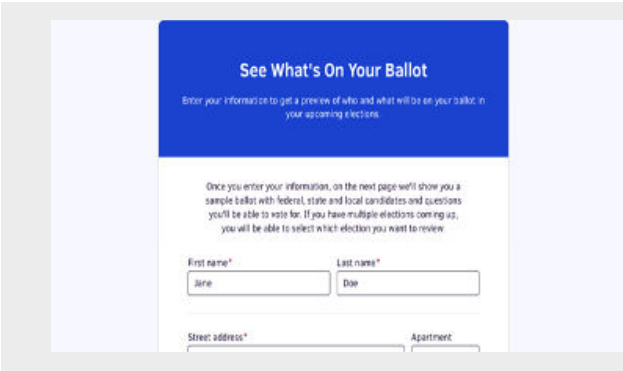
3. Enter your name, date of birth, and zip code of where you live and click on the “Search by name” button. There could also be an option to search by address.

*For this guide, we will focus on the state of Michigan. Other stat sites will look different but have similar information.*

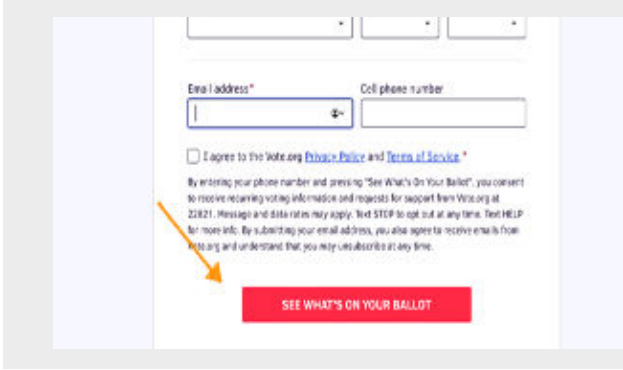


4. Your polling location will then be displayed. You can see, this site gives a map and address to help you know exactly where to go.

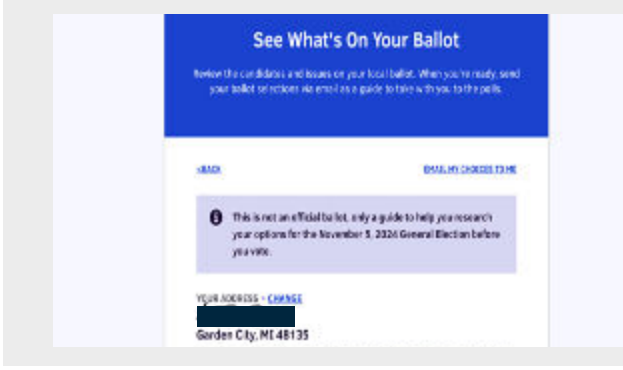
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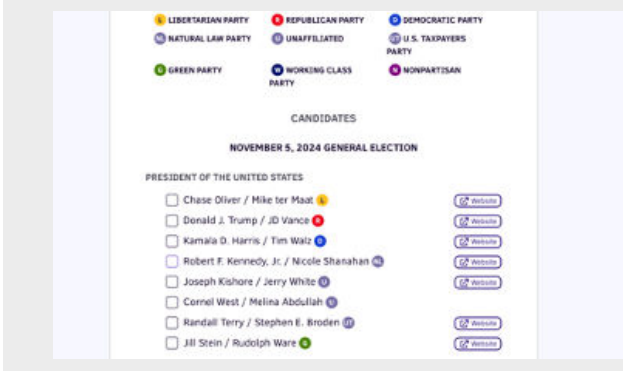
5. After you know where your polling place is, it's time to review the ballot. You can find your Ballot [HERE](#).



6. Enter your name, address, date of birth, and email address, and click on the “see what’s on your ballot” button.



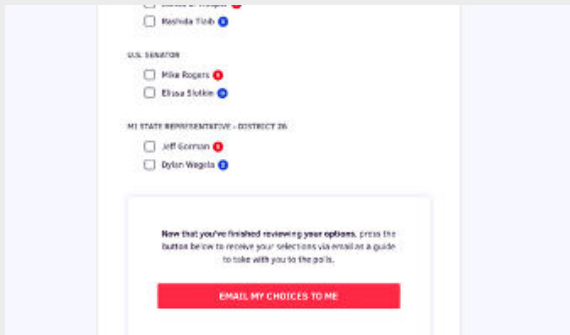
7. Your Ballot on the day will look different, but this is a good way to see the names you will be able to pick from.



8. Take time to read each name. You can research each candidate to find out about their ideas and thoughts to find the one you agree with the most. You can take the link to the candidate's website and read more about them. Don't rely on sites like Wikipedia or news sites only.



## VOTING IN PERSON: VISUAL GUIDE, CONT.



9. On this site, for example, you are able to click on your candidate choice and email your picks to yourself. This could be helpful to review on Election Day!

You may not be able to take this into the voting booth/area on the day.



10. When you get to your polling location, look for signs marking where to go to vote.



11. There will often be a line of others waiting to cast their vote. You may want to bring a bottle of water or a snack for while you wait.

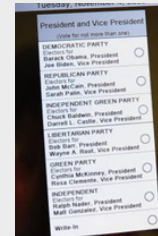


12. It's voting time! You will be asked your name by a worker, and then you will receive your ballot. Take time to read it carefully, or have it read to you.

# VOTING IN PERSON: VISUAL GUIDE, CONT.



13. Mark your choice clearly. The way you vote depends on the state or territory and your specific polling location. Some places you will color in a box or circle, while others may have a machine you make your choice.



14. Hooray! You did it!

Don't forget your "I Voted" sticker and wear it proudly!

# VOTING & DISABILITY INCLUSION

## VOTING IN PERSON

### IF/THEN SCENARIOS

#### **IF I am not sure where to go vote:**

THEN I can go to [VOTE.GOV](https://www.vote.gov) or my local city/township website and find my location by searching with my name, birthday and/or address.

#### **IF I am not sure who to vote for:**

THEN it's time to start learning about the candidates and the issues that are on my ballot, decide what I care about, how I am going to vote, and practice filling out a ballot. [You can take all of those actions online here.](#)

#### **IF I need help voting:**

THEN I can ask a trusted individual, such as a family member, direct support professional, or even an onsite poll worker to help me.

#### **IF I encounter accessibility issues at the polling place (e.g. quiet spaces, seated or standing voting areas):**

THEN I should look into options for rides in my area. Search rides to vote and check out your local area.

#### **IF I want to get involved in politics:**

THEN I should get engaged through my local political party or check out this [list of ways to take action.](#)