



ABC's of Voting

- A. Election workers are *not allowed* to ask you to declare your citizenship at the polls. If asked, just say “You’re mistaken. On October 5th a federal court ruled that question is unconstitutional.” Then ask for your ballot to vote.
- B. You have the right to vote free from intimidation! No one can ask you harassing questions in line. If this happens, stay in line and vote, report it to election workers at the poll, and then call it in to the Detroit Branch NAACP Voter Hotline. Likewise, if you *see* someone you think is being harassed at the polls, call it in to the Detroit Branch NAACP Voter Hotline. Prior to Election Day, if you receive a phone call, or a mailing, or see a flyer that seems to be incorrect or is in your opinion designed to discourage you from voting, call it in to the Detroit Branch NAACP Voter Hotline.
- C. At the polls you will be asked to present photo identification, but you can still vote without it. If you do not have a photo ID, ask the election worker to let you sign an “Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture ID,” sign it, and you will be issued a ballot.
- D. *Before Election Day* (November 6th) confirm the location of your polling site and preview the ballot online at www.Michigan.gov/vote, or go to www.publius.org. You can also call the Detroit Branch NAACP Voter Hotline with questions about your polling location.
- E. The Detroit Branch NAACP has prepared a short form summary of the state and local ballot questions. Just go to our website at www.detroitnaacp.org and look for the “2012 General Election Voter Guide.”
- F. If you have a criminal record (felony or misdemeanor) but have been *released*, you have the right to vote. If you are out on parole or on probation, you can vote. If you are presently confined and are awaiting trial, you can vote. If you owe child support, you can vote.

- G. Ask for assistance if you need it. For example, if you think you have made a mistake while voting, you can ask for a replacement ballot. If you need voting instructions in Spanish or Arabic, or if you have a disability and need special accommodations, just ask the election workers.
- H. If there is a long line at your poll and you do not get to the front until after the polls close at 8:00pm, you still have the right to vote as long as you were in line by 8:00pm.
- I. Vote the whole ballot! After voting in the partisan section, there are important judicial races, ballot questions, and millage proposals. Even if you have voted straight party you need to vote in the nonpartisan races. This year the ballot is long, but *see it through to the end*. Your vote is your power!
- I. Election Day is *Tuesday, November 6, 2012*. The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Prior to November 6, you can vote by absentee ballot and avoid the long lines if you are:
- 60 years of age or older
 - unable to vote without assistance at the polls
 - going to be out of town on election day
 - incarcerated, awaiting arraignment or trial
 - unable to attend the polls for religious reasons
 - working as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.
- J. The Detroit City Clerk has set up three convenient locations for absentee voting:
- Detroit Department of Elections, 2978 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit 48202
 - Wayne County Community College District, Eastern Campus, 5901 Connor Street, Detroit 48213
 - Wayne County Community College District, Northwest Campus, 8200 West Outer Drive, Detroit 48219

For additional information about the absentee voting locations, please contact The Department of Elections at 313-876-0190.

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VOTER HOTLINE

(313) 664-2424