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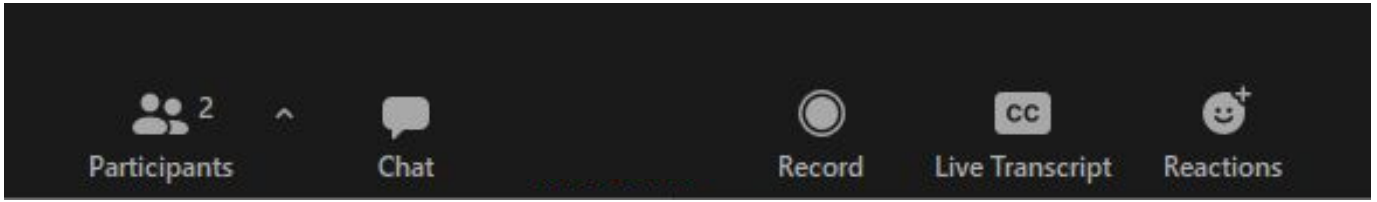

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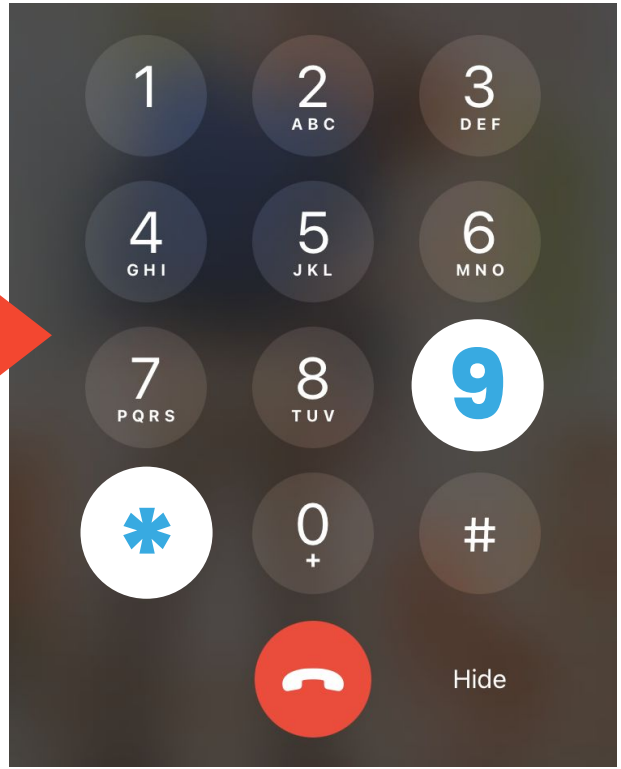

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VOTER PROTECTION & REGISTRATION

OUR AGENDA:

1. Voter Protection
   a. What is Voter Protection?
   b. Our Team
   c. Litigation Updates
   d. Our Plan
   e. Your Role
   f. Questions
2. Voter Registration
   a. Legal Requirements
   b. Best Practices: How we register
   c. Rural vs Urban
   d. VR in COVID
   e. Recruiting Volunteers
   f. Ways you can get involved
   g. Questions

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WHAT IS VOTER PROTECTION

Voter protection….

The NCDP Voter Protection team works to promote fair elections and ensure voter access to the ballot box.

What we do…

Recruit and train Poll Observers, Attorneys, and Hotline Workers who monitor and react to potential voting rights violations before, during, and after elections.

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OUR TEAM

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- **Poll Observer**
- **Hotline**

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LITIGATION UPDATES

1. **Redistricting**
   2 consolidated cases - Racial and partisan gerrymandering
   Opinion due Tuesday, Jan. 11.
2. **Voter ID**
   3 separate cases - 2 in state court, 1 in federal
   Law has been stayed, is NOT in force
   Cases are waiting on 2 issues: Whether GOP Leg. can intervene
   Whether GOP Justices should recuse
3. **Felon Disenfranchisement**
   Community Success Initiative v. Moore
   Preliminary injunction - Can now vote if only owe fines
   Larger preliminary injunction was stayed
   Case is waiting for full written decision by the Superior Court

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OUR PLAN & HOW YOU CAN HELP

NCDP Voter Protection is currently recruiting volunteers for the May 17th Primary and the November 2022 General Election!

1. Educate

   We serve as a resource to voters, organizations and election officials to help them understand their power, rights, and obligations.

   NCDP Voter Protection Hotline: 1-833-VOTE-4NC (868-3462)

   Volunteer with our Hotline today! https://bit.ly/NCDPVoProHotline

2. Engage

   We coordinate with and empower voters, organizations, candidates, and election officials to help ensure every eligible voter votes.

   Contact us about meeting with your organization!

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3. Observe

We run poll observer programs during early voting and on election day to respond to issues in real time.

We also observe the canvass and certification of votes so every eligible vote cast is counted.

Sign up to be a Poll Observer, Poll Greeter or Attorney today!

Poll Observer: https://bit.ly/NCDPPollObserver

Poll Greeter: https://bit.ly/NCDPPollGreeter

Attorney: https://bit.ly/NCDPVoProLawyer

4. Advocate

We push for meaningful solutions to voting problems and make voting easier in North Carolina, through litigation if necessary.

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QUESTIONS?

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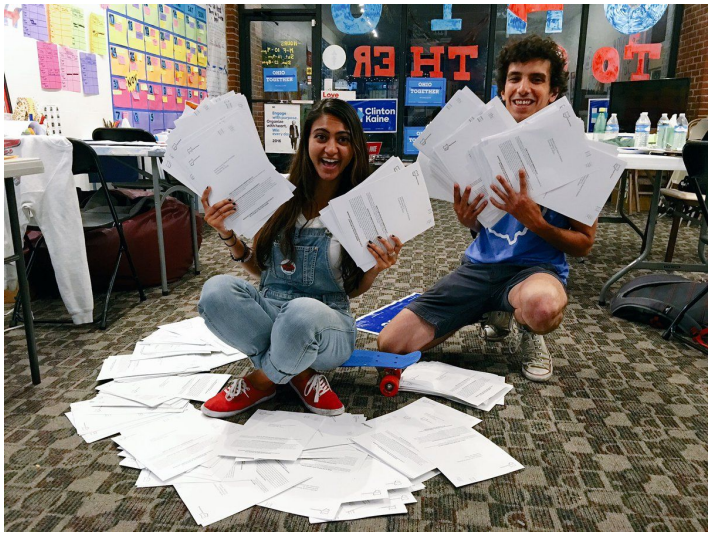
VOTER REGISTRATION

WHY WE REGISTER VOTERS

Voter registration matters in North Carolina.

- By registering voters, we are expanding the electorate
- Expanding the electorate is one of the most effective ways to close the vote gap



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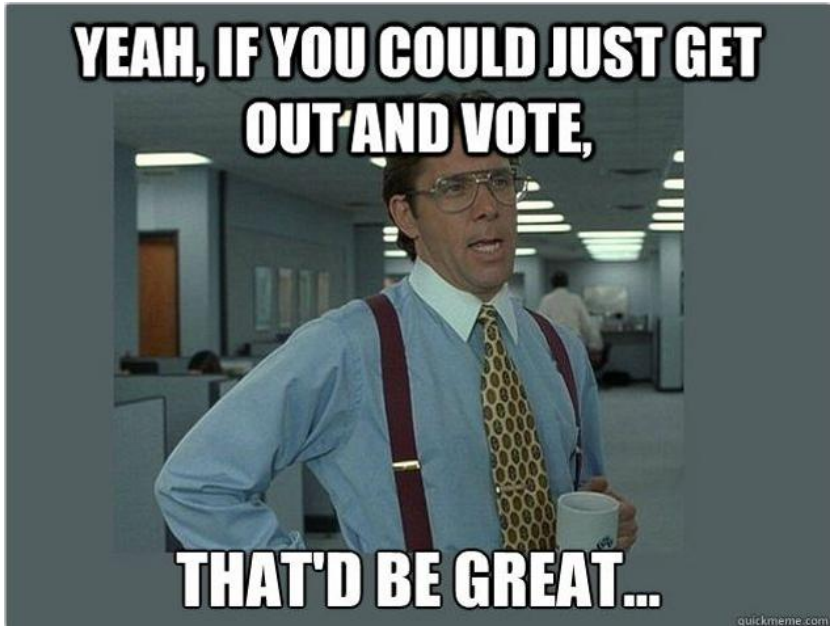

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LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

LEGAL OVERVIEW

- **DO**
  - Assign forms in batches to volunteers
  - Log forms assigned and completed for each volunteer
  - Assist voters, IF REQUESTED
  - Have voters **fully complete and sign each form**
  - **Send each form to the County BOE within 5 days of receipt.** Must be rcvd. 25 days before E-Day
  - Send any form filled out by a Voter to the County BOE **regardless of whether it is complete**

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LEGAL OVERVIEW

- **DO NOT:**
  - Compensate based on forms completed
  - Coerce a voter to select a party preference
  - Pre-fill any form, unless specifically requested
  - Assist voters, unless specifically requested
  - Sign for voters
  - Say a person must re-register in order to vote

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LEGAL OVERVIEW

- **DO NOT:**
  - Fill in incomplete forms
  - Retain filled in forms for any purpose
  - Sell forms or related information
  - Record a voter's:
    - Signature
    - Social Security Number
    - Date of Birth
    - Drivers License Number
    - Email Address

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WHO CAN REGISTER IN NORTH CAROLINA

Be 18 years old by the General Election

Be a United States citizen

Be a NC resident and resident of county they're registering in

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WHO CAN'T REGISTER

YOU CANNOT REGISTER IF YOU:

- Are currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction, including probation, parole, or post-release supervision

YOU CAN REGISTER IF YOU:

- If you have completed all parts of your sentence for a felony conviction or have been pardoned, you are eligible to vote in North Carolina.

(You may now register and vote if you are serving an extended term of probation, post-release supervision due to outstanding fines, fees or restitution and you do not know of any other reason the probation, post-release supervision or parole was extended.)

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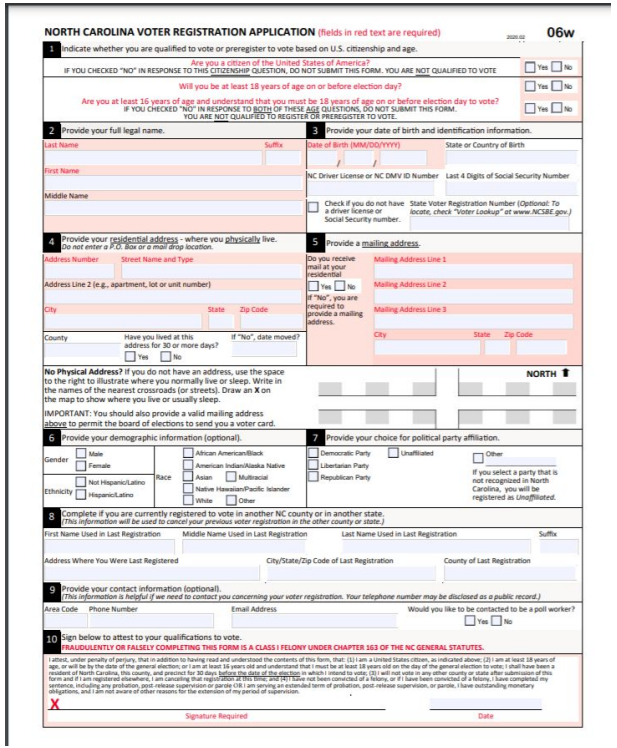
NORTH CAROLINA VR FORM

You will need

- Proof of Citizenship

- Don’t forget: Applicants should register at the **address where they live**, not their P.O. Box or Student Union Mailbox. There is a separate box for mailing address.



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Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS CITIZENSHIP QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE

Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes No

Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote? Yes No
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO BOTH OF THESE AGE QUESTIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM.
YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE.

2 Provide your full legal name.
Last Name Suffix
First Name
Middle Name

3 Provide your date of birth and identification information.
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) State or Country of Birth
NC Driver License or NC DMV ID Number Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number
Check if you do not have a driver license or Social Security number. State Voter Registration Number (Optional: To locate, check "Voter Lookup" at www.NCSBE.gov.)

4 Provide your residential address - where you physically live. do not enter a P.O. Box or a mail drop location.
Address Number Street Name and Type
Address Line 2 (e.g., apartment, lot or unit number)
City State Zip Code
County Have you lived at this address for 30 or more days? Yes No If "No", date moved?

5 Provide a mailing address.
Do you receive mail at your residential address? Yes No If "No", you are required to provide a mailing address.
Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
City State Zip Code

No Physical Address? If you do not have an address, use the space to the right to illustrate where you normally live or sleep. Write in the names of the nearest crossroads (or streets). Draw an X on the map to show where you live or usually sleep.
IMPORTANT: You should also provide a valid mailing address above to permit the board of elections to send you a voter card.
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6 Provide your demographic information (optional).
Gender: Male Female
Ethnicity: Not Hispanic/Latino Hispanic/Latino
Race: African American/Black; American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian; Multiracial; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; White; Other

7 Provide your choice for political party affiliation.
Democratic Party Unaffiliated Other
Libertarian Party
Republican Party
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8 Complete if you are currently registered to vote in another NC county or in another state. (This information will be used to cancel your previous voter registration in the other county or state.)
First Name Used in Last Registration Middle Name Used in Last Registration Last Name Used in Last Registration Suffix
Address Where You Were Last Registered City/State/Zip Code of Last Registration County of Last Registration

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Area Code Phone Number Email Address Would you like to be contacted to be a poll worker? Yes No

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Signature Required Date

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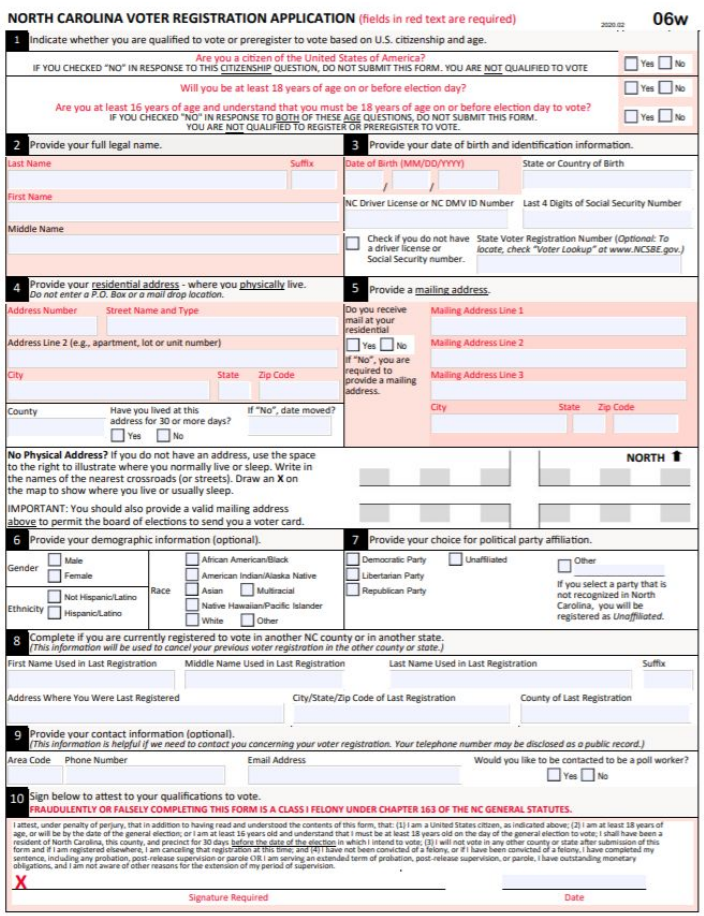
NORTH CAROLINA VR FORM- REQUIRED FIELDS

Full Name

Full Street and Mailing Addresses

Signature and Date



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X _____ _____
Signature Required | Date

Affirmations

Date of Birth

NC ID Number, Last 4 of SSN, or attach current utility bill, bank statement, or other government document

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FEDERAL VR FORM

- Federal law allows citizens to register for federal elections without providing documentary proof of citizenship.
- An applicant can register with the federal VR form with the last four digits of their Social Security Number.
- Eligible to vote for federal candidates only (President, US House, US Senate)
- Our preference is to have voters fill out the North Carolina VR Form.

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IMPORTANT DATES

The regular deadline to register is **25 days before** an election in NC

April 22nd	April 28th	May 17th
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE	EARLY VOTE BEGINS, SAME-DAY REGISTRATION	ELECTION DAY

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HOW WE REGISTER VOTERS

GETTING IN THE VR MINDSET

- Registering voters is powerful and important
- You are providing a service to the community by making it easy and convenient for people to vote
- Registering voters is **how we win**
- Be hungry for VR forms and ready to hustle for every single form

Be ready to register every voter, everywhere.

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GETTING IN THE VR MINDSET

- Be enthusiastic, energetic and positive
- Themed VR events keep things fresh and fun for volunteers
- Have fun and think outside the box! Make your own hype

Red, White and Blue VR

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PREPARATION MATERIALS

Always have an abundance of:

- Forms
- Clipboards
- Pens

Use two clipboards (or more!) so you can register multiple people at once

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PREPARATION MATERIALS

- Crowdsource location from volunteers
- Do research online and on social media to find events
- Use a hotspot tracker to keep track of potential locations and peak hours

- Consider:
  - When do people have time to register to vote?
  - Who needs to register to vote?

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VR KEY COMPONENTS

Walk in one's path	Step in front of walkers as they approach you. It encourages them to stop and listen.
Walk with people	Walk alongside people. If they're in a hurry, say you can walk with them!
Engage groups	Address every member of a group; don't let one person speak for all of their friends

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MAKING THE ASK: BODY LANGUAGE

- Make eye contact
- Smile!
- Be approachable
- Get clipboard in their hand
- Always stand in front of table

Walk voters through each field of the form.

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MAKING THE ASK: LANGUAGE

- Always ask: **“Are you registered to vote at your current address?”**
- If they say no, put the clipboard in their hands and begin walking through the form!
- Don’t give people an out
- Be assumptive and assertive
- Match the tone of the person you’re registering; be a social chameleon

Make registering to vote easy!

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RURAL VS URBAN

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VR IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

COVID BEST PRACTICES

- National Voter Registration Day: https://bit.ly/CovidSafeVR
- CDC Guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- KNOW YOUR LOCAL CONDITIONS
- Outdoor Events
- Plan for PPE
    - Masks
    - Hand Sanitizer
    - Gloves
    - Sanitizing Wipes
    - Single Use Pens

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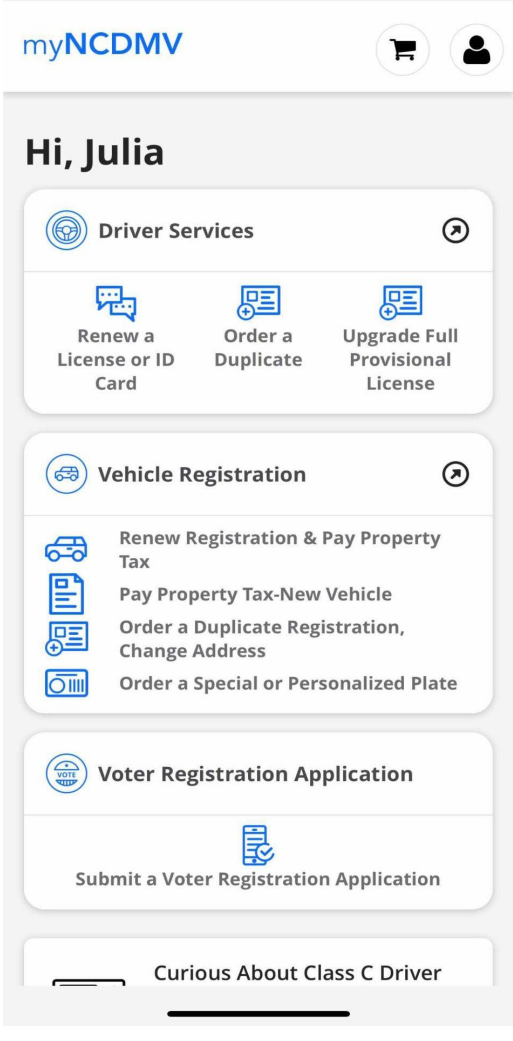
ONLINE REGISTRATION

- DMV: Online or in person
- QR CODES: (Vote411.org)
- iwillvote.com



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RECRUITING AND TRAINING VOLUNTEERS

TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: PREP

Clipboards should have:

- VR forms
- VR Best Practices handout
- VR Legal Overview handout
- Tally sheet
- Volunteer sign up

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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: AGENDA

- Sign in
- Welcome and introductions
- Review materials on clipboard
- Why do we register voters?
- Who can register and the form
- Modeling conversation
- Roleplay
- Questions and best practice sharing

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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: SETTING EXPECTATIONS

- Volunteers should collect 2-3 VR forms per shift
- Set a team goal for VR forms during the training
- When making confirm calls, remind volunteers to:
  - Wear comfortable shoes
  - Be present in the community for 2-3 hours
  - Dress for the weather
  - Wear sunscreen
  - Bring water

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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Check in throughout shift:

- Listen to ask and give feedback
- Model an effective ask
- Reiterate and reset expectations
- Make sure they're having fun

Debrief with every volunteer:

- Make sure they know their work mattered
- Get input on ask and location
- Reshift!

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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: ACCURATE FORMS

- It is imperative that VR forms are **filled out accurately and in full**.
- We disenfranchise voters if they believe they are registered, when in reality, their form was not filled out correctly.
- Volunteers should walk through each step of the VR form, and review every form they collect before the person walks away.
- Review volunteer forms at the end of each shift. Coach volunteers struggling with accurate and complete forms.

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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS: CONTINUAL THINKING

- VR is a learned skill; it takes time to get good at
- Focus on training and re-training volunteers
- Facilitate time and space for volunteers to learn from each other
    - Pair volunteers up based on experience and skill
    - Provide opportunity to share best practices

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PRACTICING YOUR VR ASK

SCENARIO 1

The Disillusioned Voter

- You're out registering voters at the bus stop. When you ask a young man to vote, he says,"I don't want to vote. My vote doesn't matter. The system is rigged."
- Find a partner and roleplay this conversation!
    - 2 mins - partner 1 practices
    - 1 min - listener shares feedback
    - 2 mins - partner 2 practices
    - 1 min - listener shares feedback

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SCENARIO 2

Now's Not a Good Time

- You ask a woman if she's registered to vote at her current address. She says she's not; she just moved. You get ready to hand her your clipboard when she says, "Now's not a good time. I'm late for an appointment. Can I take a form and send it in myself?"
- Find a ***DIFFERENT*** partner and roleplay this conversation!
    - 2 mins - partner 1 practices
    - 1 min - listener shares feedback
    - 2 mins - partner 2 practices
    - 1 min - listener shares feedback

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QUESTIONS?