

Democracy in Action: Nonpartisan Election Toolkit

1. Voter Readiness & Action Tools

- **Verify Voter Registration:** Direct staff, volunteers, and constituents to confirm their active voter status via the [NYC Votes Portal](#).
- **Register to Vote:** Request or submit registration applications directly through the official [NYS Board of Elections Registration Page](#).
- **Set Election Reminders:** Avoid missing key deadlines by setting customized alerts on [Vote.org](#).
- **Locate Polling Sites:** Find assigned early voting locations or Election Day polling sites using the [NYC Poll Site Finder](#).

2. Nonpartisan Guides & Information

- **Balanced Candidate & Issue Summaries:** Review side-by-side, nonpartisan candidate comparisons on [Guides.vote](#).
- **Community Organizing Playbook:** Access civic strategies for protecting community access via the [People's Election Playbook \(Freedom Trainers\)](#).
- **Voting Rules & Hours:** Check operational schedules, mail-in rules, and local voting procedures on the [NYC Board of Elections Portal](#).
- [National Council of Nonprofits](#) Voting and Community Engagement Guide

3. Sector Involvement & Legal Compliance

- **Serve as a Poll Worker:** Sign up to help staff local polling locations through the [NYS Board of Elections Volunteer Page](#).
- **501(c)(3) Legal Guidance:** Access compliance resources to ensure your nonpartisan voter activities stay within IRS guidelines via [Bolder Advocacy / Alliance for Justice](#).
- **Nonprofit Legal Workshops:** Review educational events and legal training hosted by the [Lawyers Alliance for New York](#).

4. Direct Campaign & Organizational Tools

- **State & Local Nonpartisan Engagement Guides:** Access customized state-level guides and templates for organizing nonpartisan voter registration drives via [Nonprofit VOTE](#).
- **Automated Voter Reminders & Tools:** Direct constituents to digital voting tools and automated alert systems managed by [Democracy Works](#).
- **Local Election Information:** Point voters to local election updates, voter guides, and candidate profile archives on the [NYC Campaign Finance Board Portal](#).

5. Accessibility & Multilingual Voting Support

- **Language Assistance:** Access voter materials translated into Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Bengali directly from the [NYC Civic Engagement Commission](#).
- **Voters with Disabilities:** Access [resources](#) for voters with disabilities, including accessible polling sites, voting assistance, ballot marking devices, and [requesting an accessible ballot](#) from NYC Board of Elections.

Key Dates for the 2026 Election

Voter Registration (General Election)

Mon, October 19, 2026

- **Change of Address Deadline (General):** Last day to update your address for the General Election.

Sat, October 24, 2026

- **Voter Registration Deadline:** Last day to register or update your voter registration for the General Election.

Mail Ballot Deadlines (General Election)

Sat, October 24, 2026

- **Mail Ballot Request Deadline - Online or Mail:** Last day to request a General Election mail ballot online or by mail.

Mon, November 2, 2026

- **Mail Ballot Request Deadline - In Person:** Last day to request a General Election mail ballot in person.

Early Voting Periods (General Election)

Sat, October 24, 2026 - Sun, November 1, 2026

- **Early Voting Period:** Early voting opens for the General Election. **Find your poll site.**

Election Days (General Election)

Tue, November 3, 2026

- **General Election Day:** Polls are open 6am-9pm. **Find your poll site.** Last day to submit mail ballots.

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