

DEMOCRACY IN YOUR HANDS: 10 WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

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PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE:

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU TURN 18! PRE-REGISTERING ONLINE TAKES UNDER TWO MINUTES AND ENSURES YOU'LL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT AS SOON AS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE.

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FIND YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES:

USE OUR CIVIC DIRECTORY TO LOOK UP OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR YOUR MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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SEND AN EMAIL:

WRITE A CONCISE EMAIL TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SHARING A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE ON ISSUES LIKE LOCAL TRANSIT, PUBLIC PARKS, OR SCHOOL RESOURCES.

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SERVE AS A STUDENT POLL WORKER:

GET PAID WHILE SEEING HOW LOCAL ELECTIONS OPERATE BEHIND THE SCENES. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (16+) CAN APPLY WITH THEIR COUNTY REGISTRAR TO STAFF ELECTION CENTERS.

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ATTEND A PUBLIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE! ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY, AND SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION TO PUT YOUTH CONCERNS ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

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JOIN A LOCAL YOUTH COMMISSION:

APPLY TO OFFICIAL CITY YOUTH COMMISSIONS (AGES 12-24) TO ADVISE LOCAL LEADERS ON POLICY AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

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CONNECT WITH LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES:

FOLLOW POLICY BODIES LIKE THE AAPI LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS TO LEARN HOW REGIONAL LEGISLATION IMPACTS DIVERSE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND HOW YOUTH CAN ADVOCATE.

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VOLUNTEER ON A LOCAL CAMPAIGN:

LOCAL ELECTIONS OFTEN COME DOWN TO JUST A FEW DOZEN VOTES. HELP CANDIDATES BY PHONE BANKING, CANVASSING NEIGHBORHOODS, OR MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA.

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START A CIVIC CLUB AT SCHOOL:

HOST A CLUB RUSH TABLE, ORGANIZE VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION DRIVES DURING LUNCH, OR HOST STUDENT FORUMS ABOUT UPCOMING LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES.

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LAUNCH A COMMUNITY PETITION:

IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC LOCAL ISSUE (IE. ADDING SPEED BUMPS) AND GATHER STUDENT AND RESIDENT SIGNATURES, PRESENTING IT DIRECTLY TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL.