



**Your Disability Counts!**

**Voter Education and Mobilization**



# Objectives

- List three access deficiencies in State's voting process.
- Connect the two important voting dates, registration and voting, in state and two potential communication strategies for their "Get Out the Vote" (GOTV) plan.
- Recommend, in writing, five accessibility needs of people with different types of disabilities to State elections officials.
- List three natural allies and new coalition partners available in State.



# Poll Question

**What state or territory are you joining us from today?**



# Voter Education

- What is your state's voting process?
- How does the state share voting information?
- Where are the impediments in the process?
- How can there be more access?



# Voting Process

- Registering
- Voting
- Certifying



# Voter Registration

- Who can register?
- What do you need to register?
- How/Where do you register?
- When can you register?



# Voting

**Who?**

- US citizen
- Live in county of registration 30 days prior to election
- At least 18 yrs old by general election
- Not serving a sentence for a felony conviction, including probation, parole, or post-release supervision



# Voting

**How?**

**In-person**

**Curbside**

**Absentee**





# Voting

**When?**

## **Absentee**

Postmarked or returned by 5pm

**November 3**

## **Early Vote**

**October 15 – 31**

## **Election Day**

**November 3**



# Voting

**Where?**

**Absentee**

**November 3**

**County or State BOE**

**Early Vote**

**October 15 – 31**

**Any EV site in your county**

**Election Day**

**November 3**

**Election Day Polling Place**



# Voting

**What?**

Is ID required?

If so, what types are allowed?



# Vote Certification

## Canvass

- What is it?
- When is it?
- Where is it?
- Who can attend?
- What happens?
- How can P&A advocate?



# Voting Process

- Registering
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- Certifying

**Is every step and sub-step in the voting process accessible?**



# Poll Question

**Where do you get reliable voting information from in your state/territory?**



# Reliable Information



[www.ncsbe.gov/index.html](http://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html)

<https://disabilityrightsync.org/>

**(919) 814-0700**

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[www.accessthevotenc.org/](http://www.accessthevotenc.org/)

**888-WEVOTE2**



# Information from State Board of Elections

- Website
- Phone
- Mail

**Is information provided by the state accessible?**





# Identify Impediments

- Websites not accessible
- Absentee ballot request in person or from close family
- Absentee ballot assistance only from close family
- Absentee ballot only returned in person or mailed
- Inactive Multi-party Assistance Teams
- Cost of postage



# Identify Impediments

- Printed materials not in large print or Braille
- Mailed information not sent to facilities
- Only one accessible machine per poll site
- Accessible machines not plugged in and ready to use
- Registration only in person
- PWDs not being asked are they registered or would they like to register
- Poll sites not accessible



**Questions???**



# Recommendations to the State

- Make website accessible
- Ensure access to registration
- Ensure each poll site is accessible
- Train poll site staff and volunteers to use accessible machines
- Ensure accessible machines are plugged in and ready to go
- Curbside voting available and accessible
- Active, accessible and responsive HAVA complaint process



# Recommendations to the State

- Expand options for absentee ballot requests
- Establish fund to pay for postage to return absentee ballot
- Allow more time to process absentee ballots due to anticipated surge
- Modify restrictions on assistance in care facilities
- Make Election Day a holiday
- Increase pay for poll workers
- Match 20% of HAVA funding
- Expand early voting sites



**Questions???**



# Voter Mobilization

- Information
- Resources and Tools
- Partnerships and Collaboration



# Voter Mobilization

**Reliable  
Information**







# Information Resources

**If you have a N.C. driver's license or DMV-issued ID, you may now register to vote online.**

## *Six steps to register to vote online*

- 1 Go to <https://payments.ncdot.gov/>
- 2 Click on Continue to myNC DMV Services
- 3 Click on Continue as Guest
- 4 Scroll to Voter Registration Application
- 5 Click on Submit a Voter Registration Application
- 6 Answer the questions (includes license/id number, social security number and date of birth)

**[accesssthevote.org](https://www.accesssthevote.org)**

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**888-WEVOTE2  
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Learn More About the Candidates Inside



**North Carolina's Primary Election Day is March 3rd**  
Early Voting is February 13 – February 29th



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[accesssthevote.org](https://www.accesssthevote.org)

<http://www.ibiblio.org/trrs/CommunityConnections/CC051120A.MP3>



# Mobilization Information Tools

- Posts and Tweets
- Text
- Podcasts
- Voter safety kits
- 888-WEVOTE2 (938-6832)
- Survey
- Flyers
- Accessibility monitoring
- Fact sheets
- Monitors
- Voter guides
- Attend county BOE meetings
- Candidate forum
- Souls to the Polls
- Rides to the Polls



# Mobilization

## Partnerships and Collaboration

- Family, friends and support circle
- Allies of PWDs
- Organizations that provide services to PWDs
- Places of worship
- Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Clubs and organizations that do voter registration
- Allies and Defenders of voting rights
- Organizations who support social justice and economic parity
- Defenders of Civil Rights

**Thank you.**



**Questions???**



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