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Ten Steps to PROTECT YOUR VOTE



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Make sure your vote counts!

Here are **TEN SIMPLE STEPS** you can take to protect your voting rights.

1. **Call the local elections office to verify the location of your polling place and ask about any new voting procedures or requirements.** Locations may have changed, and a vote cast at the wrong place might not get counted. Ask about any new procedures or ID requirements.
2. **Check to make sure you are Registered.** If you just registered this year and did not receive a registration card in the mail, check to make sure that there were no problems with your registration. It is important to check especially if you have moved recently, changed your name, or have not voted in recent elections.
3. **Find out whether you can vote early.** If it is allowed, then do it.
4. **Bring identification to the polls** in case it is needed, preferably government-issued ID or a utility bill, phone bill or paycheck with your name and current street address.
5. **Ask for help from poll workers** and check posted information signs if you have questions or need assistance.
6. **Make sure you cast a vote.** If you arrive late in the day and are in line when the polls close, you should stay in line because you are entitled to vote.
7. **If you are offered a provisional ballot because of a question about your eligibility,** ask if you can cast a regular ballot by providing additional ID or if you have moved recently, by going to your previous polling place. If no alternative is available or practical, cast a provisional ballot.
8. **Bring in a friend.** Voters can be assisted and accompanied into the ballot booth by a person of their choice to translate the ballot for them.
9. **If you have a voting rights problem,** ask to speak with the chief election official or a voting rights volunteer at the polls or call the toll-free nationwide **Election Protection Hotline, 1-866-OUR-VOTE.**
10. **Report voting irregularities or voting by provisional ballot to AALDEF.** Call **1-800-966-5946** or email votingcomplaints@aaldef.org. The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) is working to ensure that all API provisional ballots are counted!

Problems Voting?

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to report problems.