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2020

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**Voter Mobilization Part 2:
Protecting Against Voter Intimidation and Suppression**

September 17, 2020

General Logistics



- We will allow for time at the end of today's webinar for questions. If you have a question, please use the Q&A box in your webinar browser.
- We will provide access to both a video recording and a copy of today's slides to all participants following the webinar.
- If you are experiencing any technical difficulties, please send an email to Brooke Schipporeit at bschipporeit@nlihc.org.

Agenda



1. Introduction
2. Overview of Our Homes, Our Votes
3. Become an Affiliate of Our Homes, Our Votes
4. Housing Providers Council
5. Protecting against Voter Suppression and Intimidation

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INTRODUCTION

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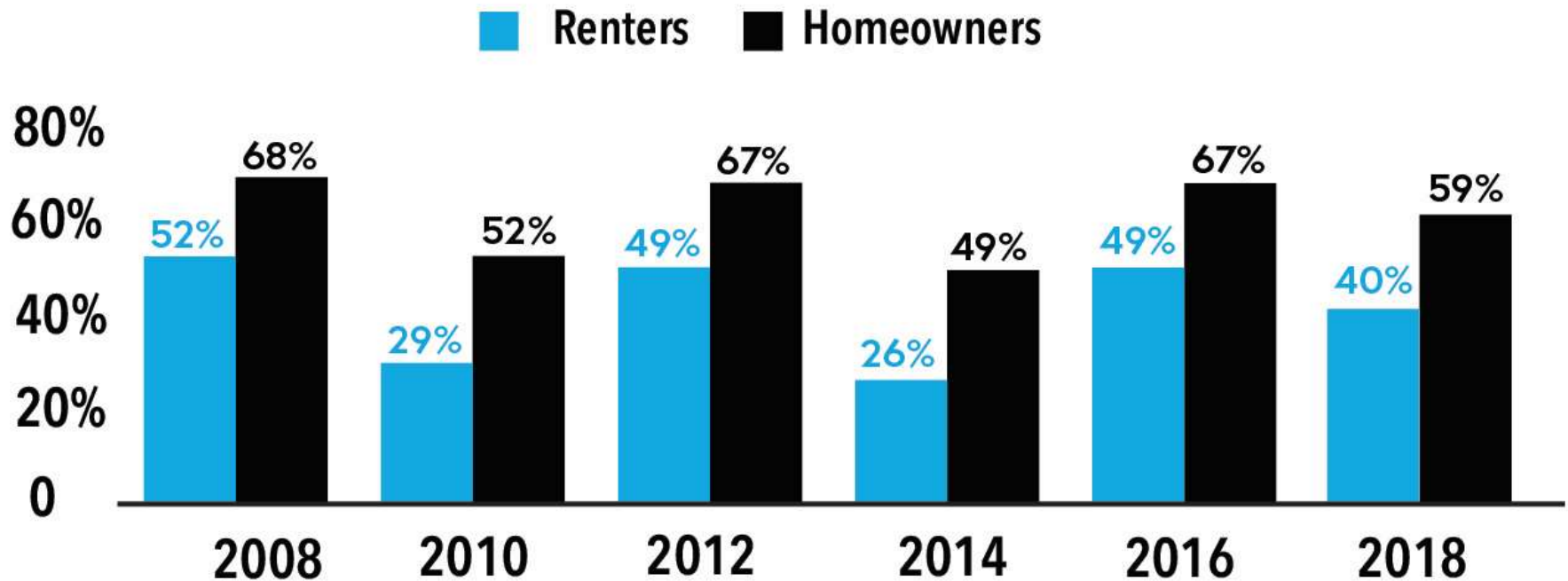
Engaging Voters and Candidates



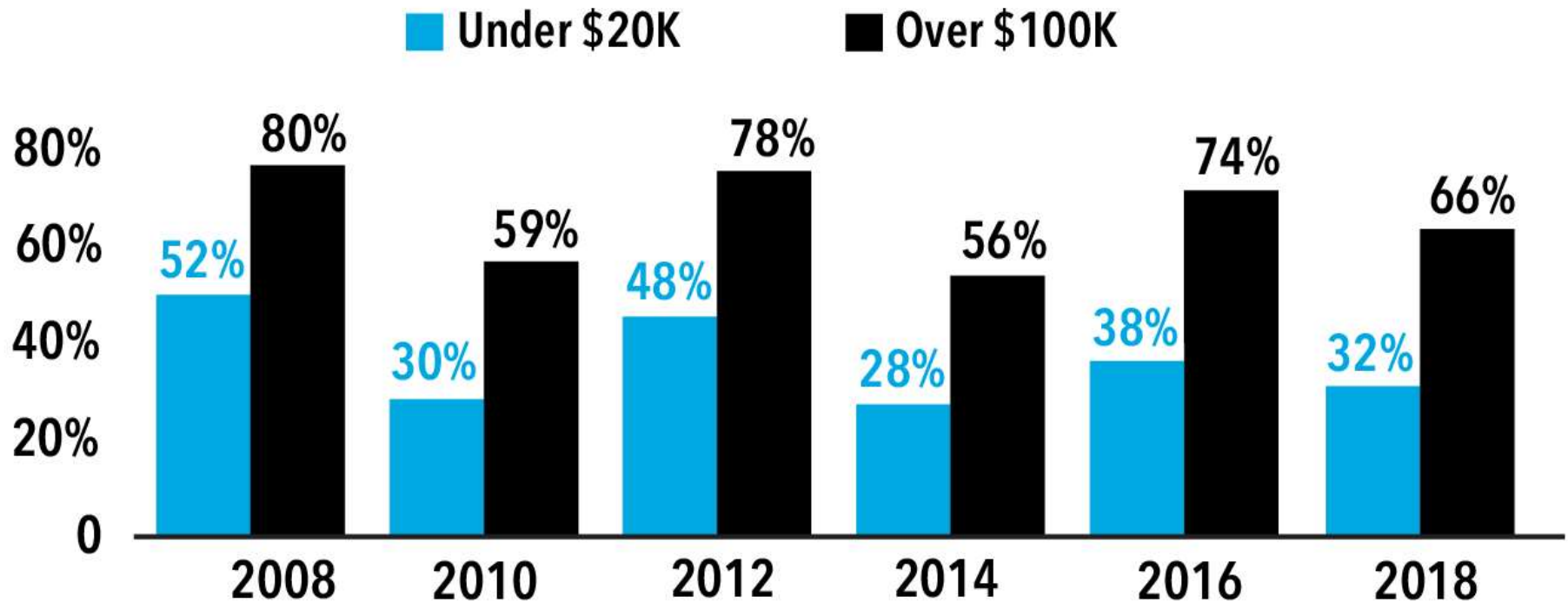
Our Homes, Our Votes is NLIHC's voter engagement effort focusing on increasing voter registration and turnout among low-income housing renters and advocates.



U.S. Citizens Who Reported Voting in National Elections by Housing Tenure (2008-2018)



U.S. Citizens Who Reported Voting in National Elections by Family Income (2008-2018)



83%

of the public agrees that elected officials are not paying enough attention to the cost of housing and the need for more affordable housing.



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76%

say they are more likely to vote for a candidate that has a detailed plan for making housing more affordable.

Source: Public Opinion Poll Feb 25-Mar 4, 2019 Hart Research Associates

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COVID-19 Response

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Call to Action!

COVID-19



The Issue: Additional resources are needed to mitigate harm from the COVID-19 pandemic and to prevent a wave of evictions and homelessness

The Asks:

1. \$100 billion in emergency rent assistance
2. Comprehensive, national eviction moratorium
3. \$11.5 billion in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to support the work of homeless service agencies

Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act



Senate Bill 3529

- Introduced by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Ron Wyden (D-OR)
 - 36 co-sponsors currently, all democrats
- Ensures that all voters in all states have the option to request absentee balloting
- Requires at least 20 days of early voting in all states
- Provides \$3 million to Election Assistance Commission to begin implementing all requirements of the act

Shifting Rules for Voters



Stay aware of what's happening in your state

- Webpage for each state is up at www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org
- NLIHC will be updating in an ongoing manner
- Share information about activities in your state

Things You Need To Know

1. Primary Date:

June 9

2. Presidential Primary Date:

March 10

3. Polling Times:

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; close between 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

4. Is Early Voting Available:

Early voting is not available in North Dakota

5. Can I Vote by Mail:

Yes, You can register [here](#).

Join as an Affiliate



Benefits of Joining Our Homes, Our Votes

- Swag package
- Use of the logo and images on co-branded materials
- Amplification through media engagement
- Guidance and assistance from NLIHC staff



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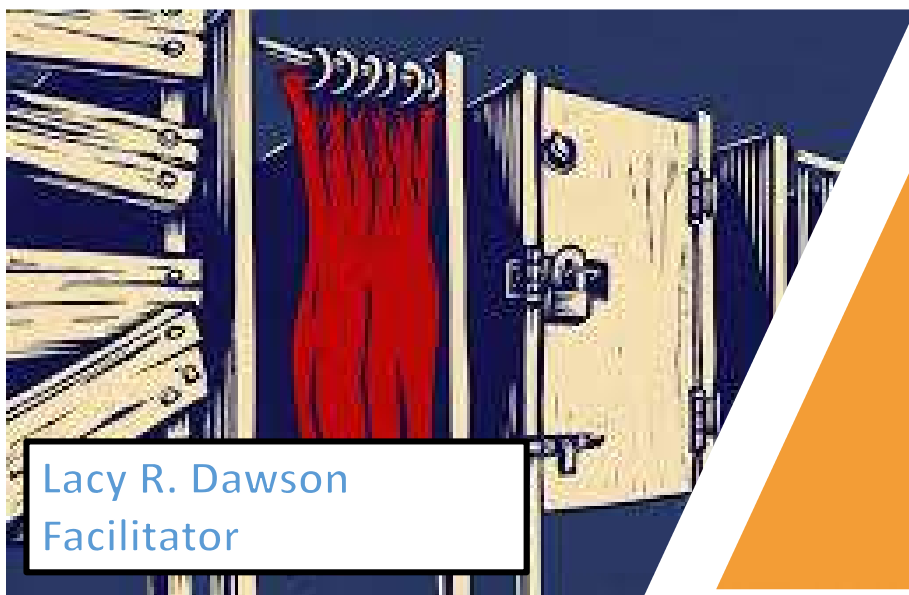
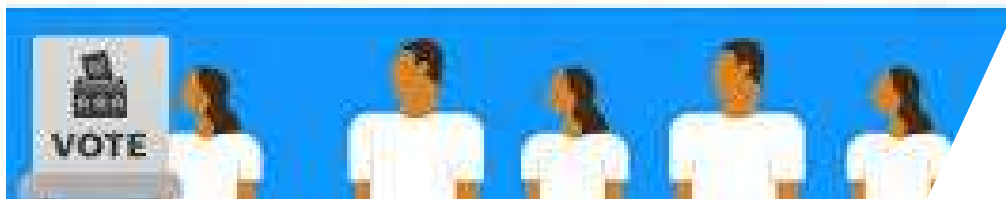


Protecting Against Voter Suppression

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VOTER SUPPRESSION



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Facilitator



Any action or behavior intended to deter an individual or group from voting.



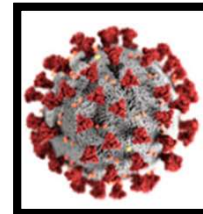


I wasn't allowed to


VOTER SUPPRESSION TACTICS

- COVID 19
- VOTER ID LAWS
- MISINFORMATION & PROPOGANDA
- POLLING LOCATION CLOSURES
- LACK OF NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES
- LACK OF EDUCATION ABOUT THE PROCESS
- POLL CHALLENGERS
- & More...

This polling location is
CLOSED.



You might be asking???



What can
I do?

EDUCATE
ELEVATE
ENGAGE



Some Valuable Resources...

**KNOW YOUR ✓
VOTING RIGHTS.**

MICHIGANVOTING.ORG

Michigan
Voter
Information
Center



**Ballot
Ready**



**PROBLEMS
VOTING?**

FREE VOTER HOTLINE

1-866-OUR-VOTE

1-888-VE-Y-VOTA

Don't Be Turned Away!



**SAY NO
to
VOTER
SUPPRESSION!**

Understanding Voter ID Laws



- Voter identification laws vary by state
 - A good, up-to-date resource can be found at:
<https://www.voteriders.org/get-voter-id/>
- Court decisions have established that any state with voter identification requirements must have an identification form that is available at no cost
- Vote Riders is providing no cost assistance to voters who need help access voter ID
 - National Voter ID Hotline - 844-338-8743





Other Updates

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Vote Early Day

Saturday, October 24th, 2020

Learn more at: <https://voteearlyday.org/get-involved/?source=NLIHC>

New COVID-19 Resources



Brennan Center:
New guidelines on ensuring healthy in-person voting.

Download at:
<http://alturl.com/cm35a>

NLIHC:

New resource at *Our Homes, Our Votes: 2020* on hosting voter engagement events for registration or voter education, with responsible health precautions and social distancing.



ORGANIZING VOTER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

AUGUST 28, 2020



Engaging renters in voting efforts is critical to expanding affordable housing and reducing disparities between low-income renters and homeowners. The COVID-19 pandemic presents a unique set of challenges and will require additional considerations for successful voter engagement this year.

Voter engagement efforts can still take place, organizations just need to take the proper precautions to ensure everyone's safety. This includes considering whether to host an in-person or virtual event, properly planning before the event, and then implementing the needed precautions to protect attendees, volunteers, and staff during the event.

Many national organizations are committed to helping state and local organizations get out the vote before the 2020 elections. The information provided in this toolkit was adapted from the National Voter Registration Day's Covid-Proofing Your In-person Voter Registration Event publication.

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Upcoming Training and Discussion Topics



1. Election Day! Getting Out The Vote (October 15, 2020)
2. Holding candidates to their promises (November 19, 2020)

Other webinar recordings available at
www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/webinars

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**Join us and amplify the voices of
the poorest families in need.**

**OUR MEMBERS
ARE OUR STRENGTH.**



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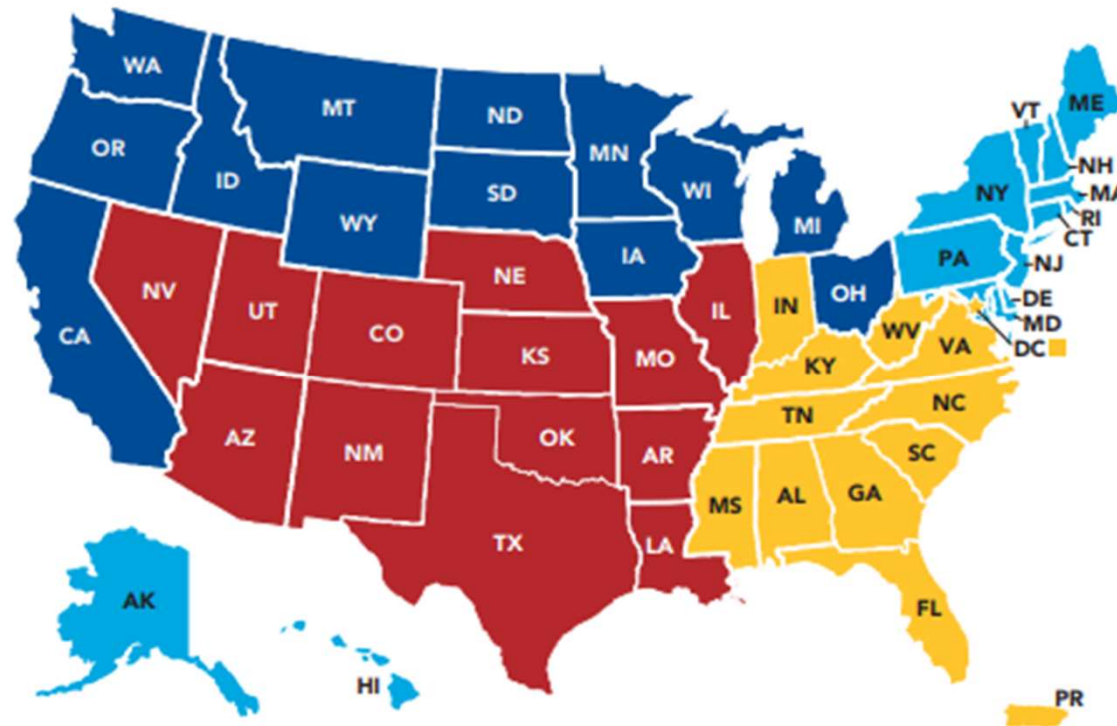
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