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**Knowing Your Rights: Voter Protection During  
Election Season**

**October 7, 2024**

# Agenda

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- Kimiya Factory, senior national coordinator for election protection, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Nicole Burns, former national director, Patient Voting
- Amirah Noaman, executive director, Pizza to the Polls
- Q&A
- Closing announcements

# Housekeeping Items

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- This webinar is being recorded.
- Recording, slides, and links will be distributed in our Friday email newsletter, “The Connection,” and recording will be posted on NLIHC YouTube channel by the end of the week
- Closed captioning is enabled
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- Ensure respectful dialogue in the chat
- *Our Homes, Our Votes* is 100% nonpartisan

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## **Kimiya Factory**

*Senior National Coordinator for Election  
Protection*

**Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**

# ELECTION PROTECTION

**EP 101 Informational Session  
October 7th, 2024**

**Kimiya Factory - Senior National Coordinator EP**





# Part 1: LCCRUL, Who are we?



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# Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

## WHO WE ARE:

- Emerged out of the Civil Rights movement
- Non-Partisan Organization comprised of Civil Rights Attorneys and National Coordinators
- National Convener of Election Protection Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Partner with and fund state-led efforts for Election Protection respective to their coalitions, working groups and steering committees



# ELECTION PROTECTION



## Part 2: What is Election Protection?



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# Election Protection

## Election Protection:

- Largest non-partisan voter protection program in the country
- 300+ participating, diverse organizations
- Thousands of volunteers for the Hotline, Social Media Monitoring, & Field Programs

**WHAT WE DO:** Ensure all voters can cast a ballot freely, fairly, and securely. We empower and support voters and communities who have been historically disenfranchised and underrepresented in our democracy.

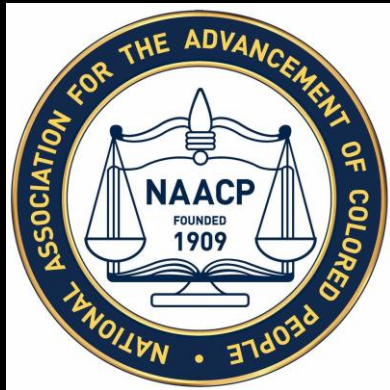


# EP Steering Committee



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**Verified Voting**



 **Common Cause**



# About 866-OUR VOTE

866-OUR-VOTE received **200,000+ calls** in 2020 from all 50 states

- Voters can contact 866-OUR-VOTE 365 days a year to ask questions about the voting process or to report problems at the polls.
  - Call
  - Text
  - Facebook Messenger
  - Webchat
- Trained legal volunteers man the hotline to support people at any stage in the voting process.
- More severe issues or calls that indicate systemic issues are escalated to our state partners command centers.



# Hotline Operation

**Step 1: Voter Calls In**

**Step 2: Hotline volunteer takes call**

**Step 3: Trained legal volunteers document how the voter received access in OVL**

**Step 4: Outcome of ticket (decides to contact local election office, potentially legally escalate tickets) depending on level of concern, follow-up with voter**

Voting Problems?  
Call:  
**ELECTION PROTECTION**   
**1-866-OUR-VOTE**

Spanish 888-VE-Y-VOTA    Asian Languages 888-API-VOTE    Arabic 844-YALLA-US

# The Language Lines



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## Election Protection Hotlines

English

**866-OUR-VOTE**

866-687-8683

Español

**888-VE-Y-VOTA**

888-839-8682

हिन्दी Tagalog اردو  
廣東話 普通話 한국어  
tiếng Việt বাংলা

**888-API-VOTE**

888-274-8683

عربي

**844-YALLA-US**

844-925-5287

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democracy is a **multi-**  
language **democracy.**

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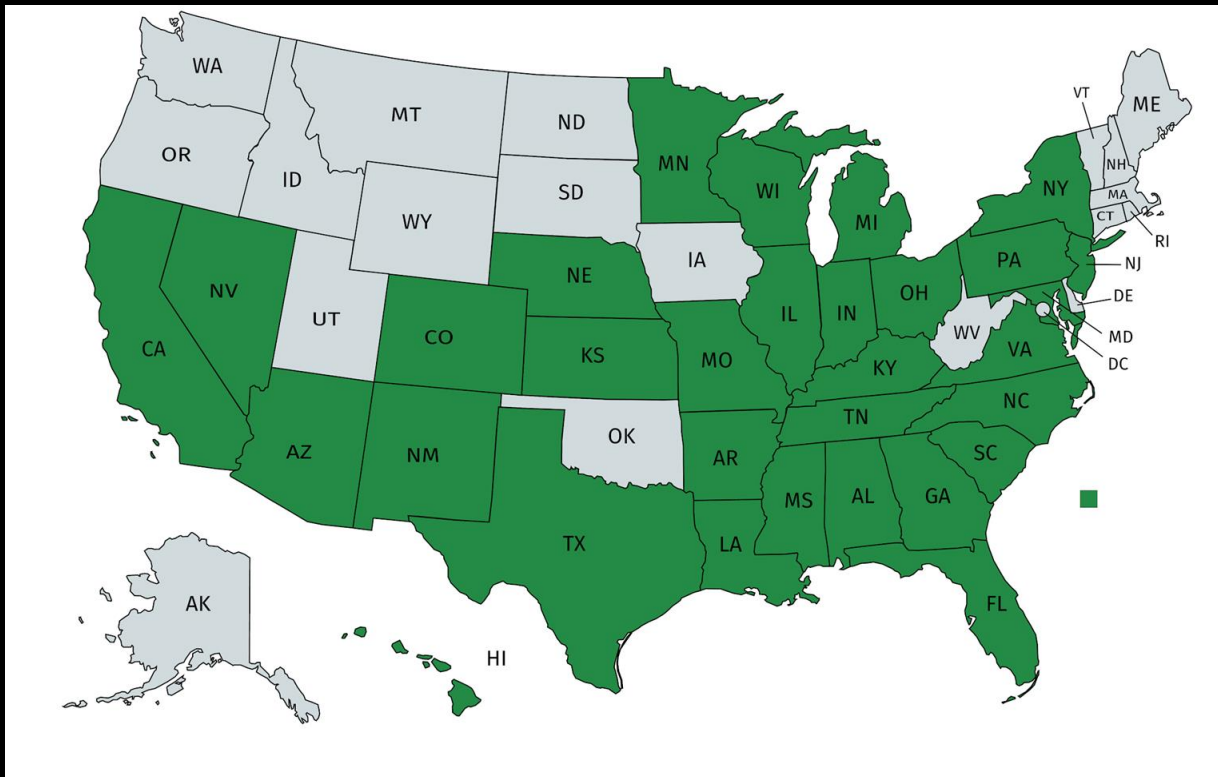


## Part 2: How to Get Involved



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# Grassroots Field Programs



In 2020..

Field programs were active in 34 states, with over **40,000 volunteers** at polling locations around the country.





# BECOME A TEXAS POLL MONITOR



SIGN UP USING THE LINK IN OUR BIO  
OR SCAN THIS QR CODE


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## TRAININGS


**TUESDAYS**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**THURSDAYS**  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**SATURDAYS**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE! 

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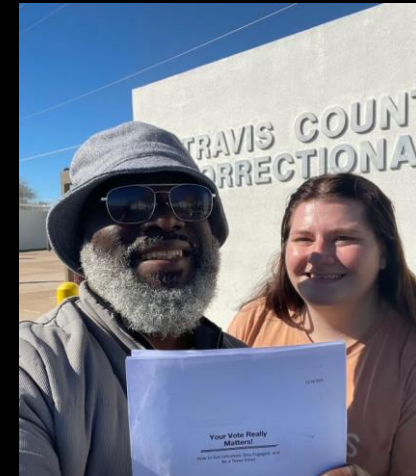
## Poll Monitor Trainings

- Tuesdays**  
(6:00 PM - 8:00 PM) CST
- Thursdays**  
(12:00 PM - 2:00 PM) CST
- Saturdays**  
(10:00 AM - 12:00 PM) CST

[Sign Up Now](#)

# Grassroots Volunteering

- Learn an introduction to your **state's election laws and rules.**
- Discover common issues and challenges voters face and how to solve them.
- **Interface with voters** to learn about their voting experience and help remedy problems.
- **Join Us By:**
  - Helping to recruit volunteers or volunteering yourself– The more people we have, the larger the impact we create!



# Hotline Volunteers



- Help **answer live voter's questions** about any stage in the voting process.
- **Provide information and support** to voters like finding their polling place, when polls close and more.
- **Join Us By:**
  - Helping us recruit legal professionals (lawyers, law school students, paralegals, etc.) or signing up to volunteer!
  - Promote the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline number.



# Thank You!

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**For additional information and resources please visit  
[www.866ourvote.org](http://www.866ourvote.org)**



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**Nicole Burns**

*Former National Director*

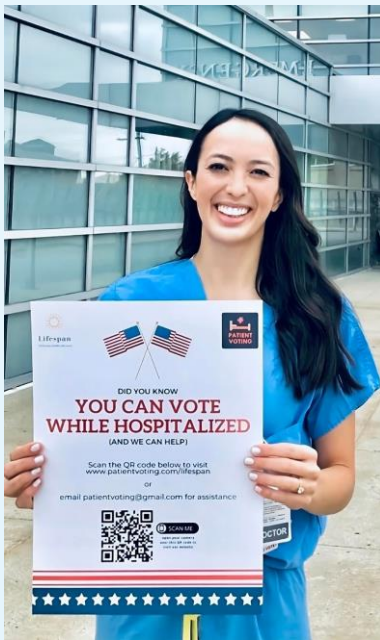
**Patient Voting**



# Patient Voting: How to Vote from the Hospital



A nonpartisan, non-profit program aiming to increase voter turnout of patients through emergency absentee processes



I just voted from my hospital bed!! I am deeply grateful for the energetic doc who helped me through this process and most of all that a program like this exists. Our right to vote is sacred in this country so access to hospital patients is critical!! Thank you thank you to the program and Dr. Wong!!



# Why Emergency Voting is Important

- According to the US Census, there are an average of 611,000 people in hospitals daily
- Who ends up in the hospital?
  - Patients experiencing chronic illness
  - Patients living with disabilities
- Low-income citizens in poor health are **~10% more likely** to “cite sickness as an impediment to voting” compared to otherwise similar high-income citizens who are also in poor health

## When our patients vote, campaigns are more likely to address their needs.

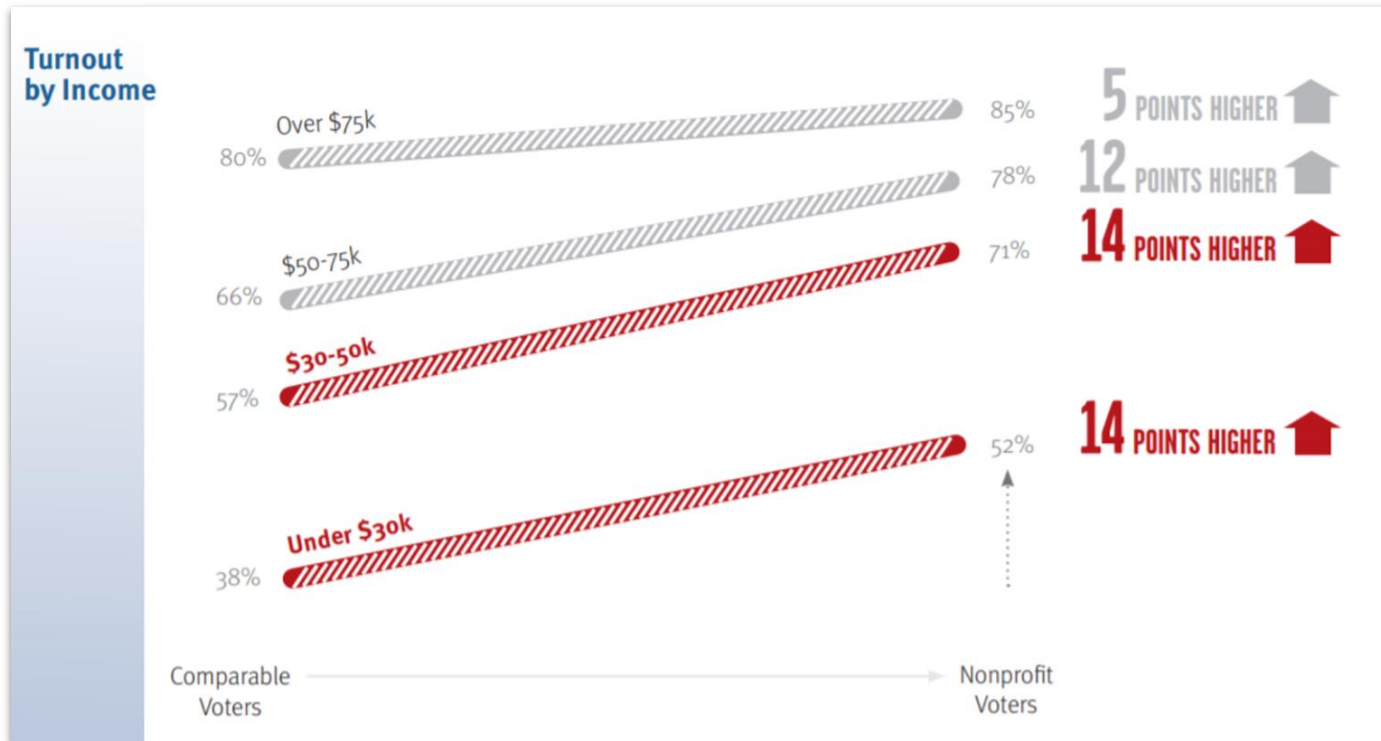
As our patients vote more often, they are labeled as likely voters and campaigns start contacting them, at which point a positive feedback loop begins to take shape.







## Promising Indicators of Success: **Income**



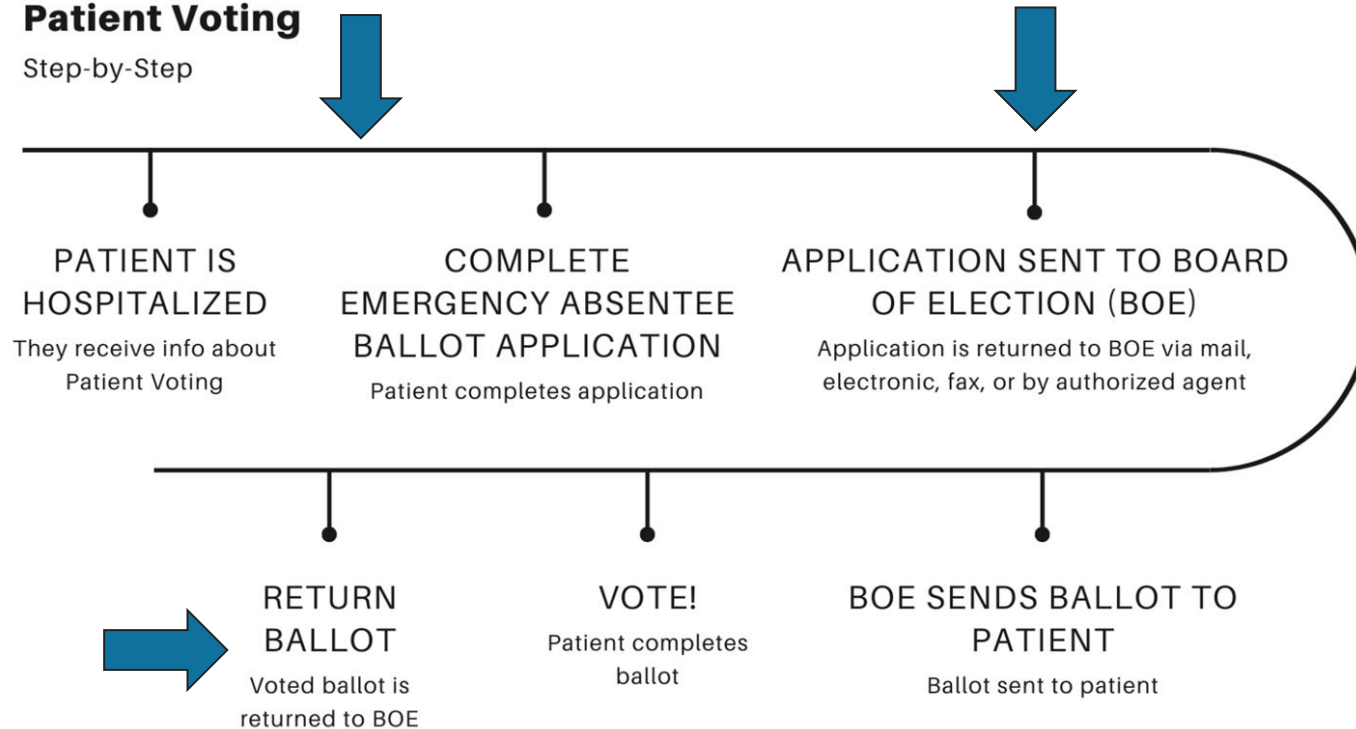
**Lower income** clients and patients who were encouraged to vote **by the nonprofit institution** they received services from had the **largest turnout advantage**.

Source: Engaging New Voters 2018, 'If Nonprofits Don't, Who Will?', *Nonprofit Vote Executive Summary*.

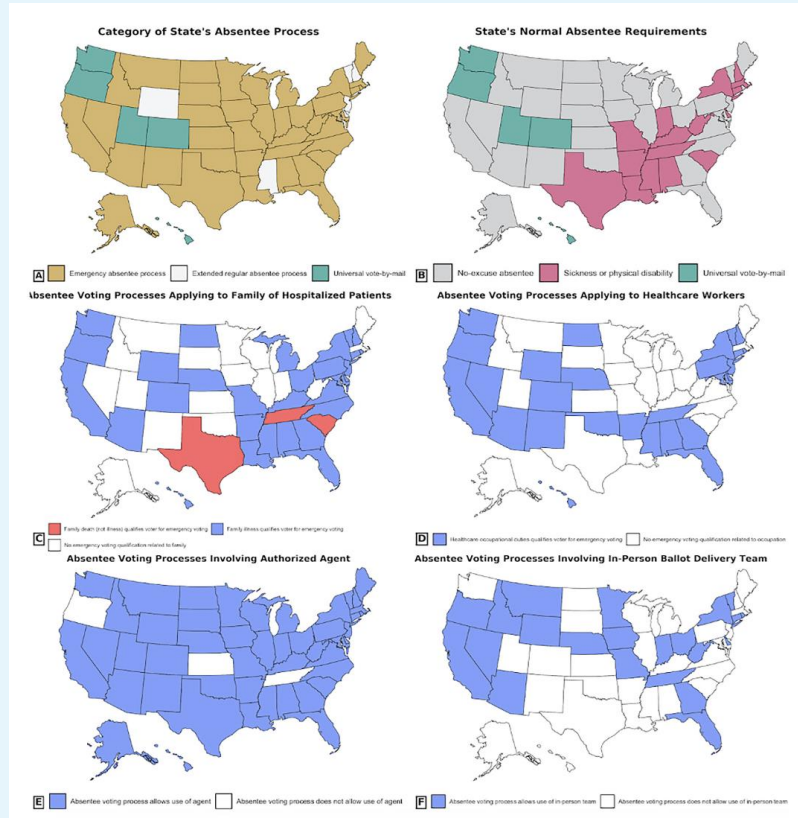
# How does it work?

## Patient Voting

Step-by-Step



# Emergency Absentee Processes Across the U.S.



Every state has a different process!

# Rhode Island



Emergency Voting begins: **Oct. 15, 2024**

Emergency Application due: **Nov. 4, 2024, 4pm**

Ballot due: **Nov. 5, 2024, 8pm**

**Process:** bipartisan delivery to hospital, or authorized agent (can be volunteer)

**Who qualifies:** ANYONE

**Forms:** available on B.O.E. website

**Partners:** Care N.E., Lifespan



# A few states where ANYONE can use Emergency Voting



- Oregon
- California
- Rhode Island
- Washington
- Delaware

# There is long-standing precedent and federal guidelines for voter engagement in 501(c)(3) spaces



501(C)(3) organizations may conduct nonpartisan voter engagement activities designed to help the public participate in elections:

- voter registration
- **voter education**
- **get-out-the-vote (GOTV)**

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 actually encourages this type of non-partisan voter engagement in health centers!



Join the movement at [vot-ER.org](https://vot-er.org)

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# 2024 Wisconsin Patient Voting Coalition





# Thank you!



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**Amirah Noaman**

*Executive Director*

**Pizza to the Polls**

# Pizza to the Polls Presentation

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- [Slides can be found here](#)

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# Questions?





# National Voter Education Week

October 7th - 11th, 2024

[NationalVoterEducationWeek.org](https://NationalVoterEducationWeek.org)

Day 1

**Register to vote!**

Day 2

**Get to know your ballot!**

Day 3

**Make a plan to vote!**

Day 4

**Understand the process!**

Day 5

**Share with friends & family!**

# OurHomes.TurboVote.Org

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Register to vote and update your voter registration, check your voter registration status, find election information for your community, and sign up for election reminders!



# Next Webinar: Countdown to Election Day—Getting Out the Vote! (Monday, October 21)

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*Early voting and Election Day are an all-hands-on-deck effort to get voters to the polls—the culmination of months of voter registration, education, and mobilization activities. Panelists will review the most effective Get Out the Vote (GOTV) tactics, such as coordinating rides to the polls, hosting community walks to the polls, recruiting volunteers to follow up with those who have not yet voted, and hosting post-election celebrations.*

# Preview: Upcoming Webinars

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- **Monday, October 21** – Countdown to Election Day: Getting Out the Vote!
- **Monday, November 4** – Overcoming Voter Suppression and Boosting Election Day Voter Turnout
- **Monday, November 18** – A Look Ahead: Next Steps for Civic Engagement and the Housing Justice Movement

# Affiliates Network

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- Open to all nonpartisan organizations that share campaign's goals
- Regular office hours, email listserv, and post-election virtual gathering
- Enhanced access to *Our Homes*, *Our Votes* tools and resources
- Sign up: [www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/affiliates](http://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/affiliates)