

NAACP Voter Registration Drive in Full Swing

The October 17, 2016 voter registration deadline is quickly approaching and hundreds of thousands of eligible voters remain unregistered to vote, or still need to update their registration information to reflect recent change of name or address. Here are a few frequently asked questions that may help you or someone you know to prepare your plan to vote this Election.

■ ***I am not sure of my registration status or where my polling place is located?***

You can check by going to www.elections.virginia.gov or call 703.222.0776.

■ ***I am a College Student and will be away at college on Election Day?***

You can submit an absentee ballot request through November 1, 2016 at www.vote.elections.virginia.gov

■ ***I have concerns on how I will get to the polls on Election Day?***

You should consider voting early. You, and along with many Virginia voters, may qualify to vote before Election Day, in-person absentee voting. All you will need to do is to go to one of the Early Voting locations within Fairfax County, or County in which you reside, and select the appropriate code for the reason you need to vote early. There are 19 valid reasons to vote in-person absentee, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day; traveling outside of your County/city of residence, or being a College Student, Active Military, First Responder; Disabled/Ill, Caregiver or Pregnant. Check the Virginia Department of Elections for more information and to review the codes at: <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

■ ***If I vote by mail or in-person absentee will my vote be counted?***

Yes, your absentee ballot is counted on election night and your vote is included with the reported results.

■ ***Where would I go to vote in-person absentee?***

Early Polling Location and Times

Fairfax Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Rm 2/3 Fairfax 22035

- Weekdays Sept 23-Oct 14, 8am-4:30pm; Thurs until 7pm.
- Weekdays Oct 17-Nov 4, 8am-8pm
- Saturdays: Oct 1-Nov 5, 9am-5pm

OR any of these 8 Fairfax County Satellite Early Voting Locations:

- Weekdays Oct 17–Nov 4, 2pm-8pm
- Saturdays: Oct 1-Nov 5, 9am-5pm

- Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Rd
- McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd Community Rm (map)
- North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Cmnty Rm
- West Springfield Governmental Center – 6140 Rolling Rd
- Mason Governmental Center – 6507 Columbia Pike
- Mount Vernon Governmental Center – 2511 Parkers Ln
- Sully District Governmental Center – 4900 Stonecroft Blvd
- Providence Community Center – 3001 Vaden Dr. (NEW!)
- New Saturday-Only location: Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Hwy

■ ***Will I need a photo ID to vote?***

Yes, Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of **photo identification** (photo ID) when voting in person at their polling place. In addition to using your DMV issued driver's license or passport, there are many

other types of photo IDs that you can use when they vote. All of the acceptable forms of photo ID can be used up to a year after ID has expired. Go to <http://elections.virginia.gov/registration/photo-ids-required-to-vote/> for a complete listing of acceptable photo IDs.

■ ***What do I do if I do not have a valid photo ID or afford to get one?***

If you don't have one of these photo IDs, or you do but it's expired, simply go to your nearest *Voter Registration Office* (and apply for a **free** Virginia Voter Photo ID Card.

Fairfax County NAACP will continue to reach out to the community to conduct Voter Education and Registration drives. Please join us in reaching out to everyone, including our young voters, recently naturalized citizens and returning neighbors to make sure they are registered and ready to vote this November. This is a non-partisan effort, all are welcome.

If you have any questions, require additional information or would like to volunteer please contact us at fairfaxnaacp@gmail.com.