



VOTE FOR HOMES

c/o Project HOME 1515 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130
Ph: 215- 232-7272 Fax: 215-232-7277 www.voteforhomes.org

Philadelphia Election 2019 Fact Sheet

Primary Election: Tuesday, May 21
General Election: Tuesday, November 5

If you have any difficulty registering to vote or voting at the polls on Election Day, Contact Vote for Homes at 215-232-7272, x3042, the Committee of Seventy at 215-557-3600, or the Philadelphia Election Day Complaint Hotline at 215-686-1590.

You cannot be prevented from voting for the following reasons:

- You are homeless – just provide a temporary mailing address
- You are physically/mentally disabled – you can bring someone into the booth to help you vote
- You have a criminal justice system record – people with prior convictions can register and vote
- You do not have your ID – you can vote by provisional ballot

See below for more information.

- **The voter registration deadline for the Primary Election is Monday, April 22. The registration deadline for the General Election is Monday, October 7.** Voter registration forms are available at Project HOME located at 1515 Fairmount Avenue and at most government offices.
- **Voters registered as Democrats or Republicans may vote in their party's Primary Election on Tuesday, May 21.** Registered voters with no party affiliation may only vote on ballot questions during the Primary Election. **All registered voters may vote for candidates and ballot questions in the General Election on Tuesday, November 5.** You must vote at the polling place that corresponds to the address where you most recently registered. *Call the City Commissioners' Office at 215-686-1520 or 1523, the Committee of Seventy at 215-557-3600, or visit www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us to find the polling place designated for your address.*
- **People who were formerly incarcerated who are now released from prison, people awaiting trial or serving time for a misdemeanor, and those on probation, parole, and house arrest can vote.** In Pennsylvania, all people convicted of felonies have the right to vote as long as they are not actually *serving time* for a felony conviction when they vote or on Election Day. People on parole or probation and living in a halfway house or community corrections center cannot use the address of the halfway house as their registration address. They must use a previous or future address. They can vote with an absentee ballot or at their home district in person.
- Also, the five-year waiting period for felons has been eliminated. The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court restored the right to vote for people formerly incarcerated with a felony conviction in December 2000.
- **If you do not have a permanent address, you can use the address of a shelter program where you have an established relationship such that the facility will accept non-forwardable mail. To establish a temporary address for this purpose, visit:**
 - Broad Street Ministry (215-735-4847) at 315 S. Broad Street, 19107
Open Mail Hours: Mon-Fri 11:30am-2pm

- **If you are a victim of domestic violence, you can register to vote and still keep your address confidential and out of public records.** The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) is a free program that provides a substitute address for people who have moved to a new location unknown to their abusive partner. Applications to the ACP program must be done through a local domestic violence, sexual assault, or victim service program. The applicant must have a residential address where the program can forward first-class mail, which can be anything except for a 30-day emergency shelter. The ACP substitute address can be used for voter registration, and that process is explained to participants once they enter the program. *For assistance or more information, contact 1-800-563-6399 or visit www.ova.pa.gov/Programs/AddressConfidentialityProgram*
- **You have the right to assistance with voting inside the voting machine.** You must fill out a Declaration of Assistance form at the polling place on Election Day. Then, anyone you select may enter the voting booth with you to help you cast your vote. The only people who may not assist with voting are your employer, your union leader, or the Judge of Elections at your polling place.
- **Voters do not need photo ID to vote,** and poll workers should not ask every voter for ID. In January 2014, the Commonwealth Court held that Pennsylvania's strict photo ID law was unconstitutional. Only first time voters or voters voting for the first time at a polling site, must show ID. First time voters can show photo or non-photo ID. Acceptable forms of ID include a voter registration card, valid PA driver's or non-driver's license, valid passport, federal government ID, current student ID, firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. Even if this is your first time voting at your polling place, you do not need to have identification with you to vote, BUT bringing any form of approved ID will mean that your vote will be counted that day rather than in the days following the election. If you vote at the wrong polling place by provisional ballot, your vote will only count in the races for which you are eligible to vote, based on your registration address. *If you do not have identification and you have problems at the polls, call Vote for Homes at 215-232-7272, x3042.*
- **If you go to the wrong polling place on Election Day,** ask the election official to call the County Board of Elections to see if and where you are eligible to vote. *If the election official is unable or unwilling to call, you should find a telephone – even a pay phone – and call the County Board of Elections at 215-686-1590 or Project HOME at 215-232-7272.* If you cannot determine your polling place, you can vote at any polling place by a provisional ballot (see above for more information).
- **If you are unable to get to the polls on Election Day because your polling place is inaccessible, you have several voting options.** If you are disabled or over 65 years of age, you may vote by alternative ballot at City Hall. Contact the County Board of Elections at (215) 686-0505 for more information. If you will be absent from home on Election Day because of work responsibilities or other duties or if you are unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability, you may vote by absentee ballot. **You must apply for an absentee ballot by May 14, 2019 to vote in the Primary Election and by October 29, 2019 to vote in the General Election.** Please note that you must include a photocopy of your identification when you mail in your absentee ballot if you are a first-time voter in Philadelphia and you registered to vote by mail. If you have questions about accessibility issues at the polls, please contact the City Commissioner office at 215-686-3460 or the Committee of Seventy at 215-557-3600.

These organizations can help you find your polling place and other helpful information:

Committee of Seventy: 215-557-3600 — www.seventy.org
Pennsylvania Department of State: 800-552-VOTE — www.votespa.com
City Commissioners: 215-686-3460 — www.philadelphiavotes.com

To get involved or learn more about *Vote For Homes*,
Call Jennine Miller at 215-232-7272 or visit www.voteforhomes.org.