# Time to Vote!

### Virtual Youth Voter Registration Presentation



**MAY 2020** 

### Goals

- Learn how voting affects the issues you care about
- Find out how to register to vote online

 Identify the things you need to be prepared to cast your ballot





Projected Percentage of Voting Population by Generation in 2020\*





\*Source: Pew Research Center projections of the 2020 electorate based on U.S. Census Bureau 2017 population projections \*\*Age ranges represent generation age range in 2020 Young people care about the future of democracy 

| Percentage of Youth, Ages 18-24, Who          | Have     |
|---|----------|
| Participated in Various forms of Political En | gagement |

| Political Actions  | 2016 | 2018 |
|--|------|------|
| Signing a petition                                       | 34%  | 48%  |
| Following a candidate or campaign<br>on social media     | 16%  | 23%  |
| Displaying a sticker or a sign<br>supporting a candidate | 12%  | 14%  |
| Attending a demonstration<br>or a march                  | 5%   | 15%  |
| Source: Tisch College's CIRCLE 2018 Pre-Election Poll    |      |      |



### What do you care about?

| National     | State        | Local       |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|              |              | <b>18</b> ; |
| College Debt | Roads        | Traffic     |
|              | \$           |             |
| Environment  | Minimum Wage | Immigration |
| LWV          |              |             |

### Three Steps to Making your Voice Heard!







### Can I Register to Vote?

### You can register to vote today if you are...

A U.S. citizen

- □ 18 years old on or before Election Day
- A Michigan resident (at the time you register)
- A resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)



# Acceptable Forms of ID

- Michigan driver's license or state ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck



- Government check
- Another government document (i.e. passport, etc.)



### Four Ways to Register to Vote

• Online

https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/registervoter

- By mail
- In person at your city clerk's office
- In person on Election Day at city clerk's office





### GO TO VOTE411

- Coronavirus-related changes to election dates and processes at VOTE411.org/coronavirus
- Check your registration status, get an absentee ballot & more
- First-time voter checklist
- Detailed candidate information at all levels







### Use VOTE411 to Make a Plan!

- When is the next election?
- What am I voting on?
- Where can I vote?
- What do I do if I am going off to college or I am not in town on Election Day?





## What am I voting on?

# Find out what's on your ballot at VOTE411.og



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Submit





Check Your Voter Registration

Find Your Polling Place

Discover Upcoming Debates In Your Area

And Much More!

### Enter Your Address to Get Started:

Street address

City

Zip code

Select a state



### Where can I vote?

Once you have entered your address, you can find out where your polling place is located by clicking "Find your Polling Place" under "More Resources".





### **Absentee Voting**



- Any Michigan Registered Voter can request an Absentee Ballot sent to them whether they are home, at college or to another address.
- Michigan's constitution guarantees the right to absentee voting for ANY reason. This means you can:
  - Receive your ballot in the mail
  - Vote early
  - Vote from the comfort of your home or dorm
  - Take your time to fill out the ballot without feeling rushed
  - Mail it back
  - Deliver it to the clerk's office or drop off box



### How Do I Get an Absentee Ballot?

- Complete an Absentee Ballot Application
  - You can download it from MI.gov/vote **or**
  - You can contact your local clerk
- You must return the application for an absentee ballot to your local clerk by mail or in person.





# You Have the Right To:

### <u>VOTE</u>

- ✓ If you are in line when the polls close
- ✓ By secret ballot
- ✓ By absentee ballot, early or by mail, no reason necessary
- ✓ With poll worker help to cast your ballot
- ✓ A new ballot at the polls and get help if you make a mistake before your vote is cast
- ✓ Even if you forgot your ID,

### **OBSERVE**

by signing an affidavit and getting a regular ballot

- ✓ The election process
- ✓ Question the election procedures
- ✓ Report any problems you see to the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE



### **Upcoming Election**

### November 3, 2020







# Thank you!

