

# I AM GOING TO VOTE! WHAT ABOUT YOU?



## INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW TO VOTE

### WHEN IS ELECTION DAY 2017?

The 2017 Municipal Election for local elected offices will be Tuesday, November 7 between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. There may be long lines to enter your voting place. If you are registered and in line by 8 p.m. you will be allowed to vote. If you are not in line before 8 p.m., you will not be allowed inside the voting place to vote.

### WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must be at least 18 by Election Day
- You must be a resident of the Connecticut city or town in which you intend to vote
- Learn more at the Secretary of the State website [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) or the League of Women Voters of Connecticut's Election Site [www.votect.net/](http://www.votect.net/)

### WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO REGISTER AND VOTE?

- **To register** you may use your driver's license number or the last four numbers of your Social Security.
- **To vote** ALL VOTERS should bring identification such as a driver's license, Social Security card, a US passport, or signed credit card.
- Current and valid Connecticut driver's license  
Student ID with photo and address  
Bank statement, telephone bill, or rental agreement all showing your name and address
- If you have none of these, ask to sign a form swearing that you are the person whose name and address are on the official voter checklist.

### MUST I REGISTER TO VOTE? YES!

You must register VERY soon. Deadline is October 31. •

- Register online at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov>
- Register at any DMV Office during business hours.

Get a paper registration form in English or Spanish from the Registrar of Voters office in your city or town hall or from any public library. Mail IMMEDIATELY or take it in person to the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk in your city or town hall. These offices are open during regular business hours.



*To vote, just slide your paper ballot into the scanning machine slot.*

### WHERE IS MY VOTING PLACE?

New voters will receive a letter from your city or town Registrar verifying that you are registered. That letter will tell you the name and address of your voting place—usually a school, a government building or a public library. If election day is near and you have not received this letter, call the Registrar's office to learn why or check your status on the website below. Your voting place will open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Registered voters can check their voting place and status anytime online at the Secretary of the State website [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) - or by calling your local Registrar of Voters office during normal business hours.

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### WHAT IF IT IS ELECTION DAY AND I AM NOT REGISTERED BUT WANT TO VOTE?

If you forgot to register and wish to register and vote on Election Day, November 7, you will have to go to your city or town's "Election Day Registration Location" (usually your city or town hall). Bring your documents that show both identification AND your residency in your town. If you have your registration form, fill it out in line or before you arrive. Try to arrive by 7 p.m. or earlier. If your registration is not being processed by 8 p.m., you will not be able to vote.



### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE ELECTION INFORMATION?

- Nonpartisan election information can be found from: The Secretary of the State's office at 860. 509.6200 or its website as [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov)
- The League of Women Voters of Connecticut Education Fund at 203.288.7996 or its Election Site at [www.votect.net/](http://www.votect.net/)
- Listen to local news radio stations
- Watch local TV news programs, read local newspapers, or visit for online news networks such as The Connecticut Mirror, Connecticut News Junkie, and any local news site for your town or city.
- Go to your public library for help.
- Visit LWV of Connecticut Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LWVofCT>
- Search for a local League of Women Voters chapter in your city or town at [www.LWVCT.org](http://www.LWVCT.org)
- Use an Internet search tool such as Google to locate nonpartisan sites such as [ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org) or [RockTheVote.com](http://RockTheVote.com)

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY



REPUBLICAN PARTY



INDEPENDENT PARTY



### DO I HAVE TO JOIN A POLITICAL PARTY?

No. In Connecticut you do not have to join a political party and may register as an "unaffiliated" voter and cast your vote in a general election, such as this November 7th Municipal Election. Political parties can help you register to vote and provide information about candidates. In primary elections, only enrolled members of a party can vote. See the logos for some of the parties active in Connecticut on this page. The major parties are the Democratic Party and Republican Party. The minor parties include the Working Families Party, Green Party, Libertarian Party and Independent Party.