WHY VOTING MATTERS
Here in the U.S., it's your right to cast a ballot. Whether you are interested in school improvements, better roads, or lower taxes; whether your priority is immigration reform or loosening restrictions on small businesses; whether you’re concerned about government accountability, environmental protection, or U.S. foreign policy- the ballot box is where you get to choose your city priorities, your state laws, and our federal policies.

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*Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day

HOW TO VOTE
Voters can learn about their eligibility to vote in Illinois, how to register to vote, how to find their polling location, and how to access online forms by visiting the State Board of Elections website at [https://www.elections.il.gov/](https://www.elections.il.gov/) or call (312) 814-6440.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Illinois state law does not require voters to provide proof of identification to cast a ballot, but it is advisable to bring a valid photo ID when voting. Voters will be asked for ID if they are registering on election day, or are a first-time voter who registered by mail but did not submit sufficient proof of identity with the registration application. These voters must bring two of the following IDs, one of which must contain the voter’s current address:

- Driver’s license or state issued ID card
- Passport
- Employee ID card
- Credit or debit card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Insurance plan ID
- Social Security card
- Utility bill in your name
- Public assistance ID card
- Lease or rental contract


IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING
Illinois allows voters to vote early in-person without providing any reason. Early voting begins the 40th day before the election and ends the day before the election. A list of early voting hours and locations will be made available on the Illinois State Board of Elections website at least 10 days before early voting begins. Learn more here: [https://bit.ly/2fc7Elu](https://bit.ly/2fc7Elu)

MAILED ABSENTEE VOTING
If voters are unable to make it to the polls on election day, they can apply to cast their ballot by mail. Voters must apply to vote absentee, and applications can be obtained from their local Election Authority either online or in-person. Visit the State Board of Elections website for more information: [https://bit.ly/2D7cXDE](https://bit.ly/2D7cXDE)

RESOURCES
For more information on voting in Illinois, please call our Yalla Vote Hotline at 1-844-YALLA-US (1-844-925-5287). Voter support is available in both English and Arabic, year-round.