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Election Day: November 4, 2014
Polls are open 6:00am - 9:00pm

**WHY SHOULD I VOTE?**

Over the last 5 years, you've watched people all over the world put their lives at stake to elect their governments, to hold accountable those in office, and to make sure that the interests of the people guide the actions of the state. 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 are 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.

DEADLINES

Voter registration deadline: October 15, 2014

Absentee applications must be postmarked by: October 10, 2014

Absentee ballots must be received by: November 11, 2014

HOW TO VOTE

To find out if you are eligible to vote in New York, for information on how to register to vote, to find your polling place, and to access online forms please visit the New York State Board of Elections website at www.elections.ny.gov or call 1-800-533-8683.

WHO IS RUNNING?

For information on candidates please view the Yalla Vote 2014 Michigan Voter Guide, available online at www.aaiusa.org/pages/yalla-vote-2014-voter-guides.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

Photo identification is not required to vote in the state of New York unless you did not provide identification with your voter registration form, in which case you will be asked for it the first time you vote. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Current and Valid Photo ID
- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Government Check or Paycheck
- Government Document that shows name and address.

EARLY VOTING

While some states allow all voters to cast ballots prior to Election Day, New York does not have early voting. Of course, New York voters can cast an absentee ballot prior to Election Day.

ABSENTEE VOTING

In the state of New York you may vote by mail if you are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day. Absentee ballots are available at your county board of elections, or online at <http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html>. Upon completion, your Absentee Ballot Application Form must be mailed to your county board no later October 28th or delivered in person before November 3rd. Once you receive your Absentee Ballot, the completed ballot must be postmarked on or before November 3rd, or must be delivered in person by your designate before the close of polls on Election Day.