

ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE

Election Day: November 4, 2014
Polls are open 6:30am - 7:30pm



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 6, 2014

Absentee applications must be received by November 1, 2014

Absentee ballots must be received by 4:00pm on November 4, 2014

HOW TO VOTE

To find out if you are eligible to vote in Ohio, for information on how to register to vote, to find your polling place, and to access online forms, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/ or call 1-877-889-6446.

WHO IS RUNNING?

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

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

Yes. Ohio law requires voters to present their full name, current address, and provide proof of identity. Acceptable forms of identification include: A valid Ohio driver's license or state ID card; military identification; photo ID issued by the federal government or state of Ohio that displays the voter's name and current address; an original copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document. "Current" is defined as within the last 12 months and must include the voter's name and current address.

EARLY VOTING

Ohio allows voters to cast their ballot in person before Election Day. Early voting opens October 2, 2014 and closes November 3rd. Please note that early voting polling places are often different from Election Day polling places. To find an early voting polling place visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/Voters/2014daysVoting.aspx

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 www.sos.state.oh.us. Upon completion, your Absentee Ballot Application Form must be mailed to your county board no later than November 1st. The completed ballot must be received by 7:30pm on November 4th, or postmarked on or before November 3rd. Please note that unlike previous years, new legislation prohibits county election boards from mailing out unsolicited absentee ballot applications, so you must request an application in order to receive one.