**Why Should I Vote?**
Over the last 6 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 11, 2016
Absentee applications must be received by November 5, 2016
Absentee ballots must be received by 7:30pm on November 8, 2016

**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 1-877-767-6446.

**WHO IS RUNNING?**
For information on candidates please view the Yalla Vote 2016 Ohio Voter Guide, available online at www.aaiusa.org/Ohio.

**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 12, 2016 and closes November 7th. 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/electionsofficials/boeDirectory.aspx

**ABSENTEE VOTING**
In the state of Ohio 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/sos/elections/voters/votingabsenteebymail.aspx. Upon completion, your Absentee Ballot Application Form must by mailed to your county board no later than November 5th. The completed ballot must be received by 7:30pm on November 7th, 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.