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Primary Election Day: May 8, 2018

General Election Day: November 6, 2018

Polls are open 6:30am - 7:30pm

**WHY SHOULD I VOTE?**

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.

ELECTION DEADLINES

Voter registration deadline (primary): April 9, 2018
 Absentee app deadline (primary): May 5, 2018
 Absentee ballot receipt deadline (primary): May 8, 2018
 Voter registration deadline (special): July 9, 2018
 Absentee app deadline (special): Aug 4, 2018

Absentee ballot receipt deadline (special): Aug 7, 2018
 Voter registration deadline (general): Oct 9, 2018
 Absentee app deadline (general): Nov 3, 2018
 Absentee ballot receipt deadline (general): Nov 6, 2018

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 Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/> or call 1-877-767-6446.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

Yes. Ohio law requires that every voter, upon appearing at the polling place to vote on Election Day, must announce their full name and current address, and provide proof of identity. Acceptable forms of ID 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 all forms of ID must include the voter's name and present address. For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2qQtunp>.

EARLY VOTING

Ohio does offer in-person early voting for voters interested in voting before election day. Early voting begins April 10th and ends at 2:00pm on May 7th for the primary election. Early voting begins October 5th and ends at 2:00pm on November 5th for the general election. Early voting locations are often different from your usual election day polling location. To find an early voting polling place, contact your county board of elections: <https://bit.ly/2hzNwxT>.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Voters who cannot make it to the polls on election day can apply to vote by absentee ballot. Application for absentee ballots can be picked up at your local county board of elections office or online: <https://bit.ly/2qOyEAg>.

Your absentee ballot application must be received by the County board of elections office by noon on the third day before the election. Applications must be received by May 5th at 12:00pm for the primary election, and November 3rd at 12:00pm for the general election. In order to be counted, the completed absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than the day before the election, or you may submit it in person to the county board of elections office by 7:30 p.m. on election day. For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2J9AT91>.

RESOURCES For more information on voting in your state please visit www.aaiusa.org/ohio.