

ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE

Election Day: November 8, 2016
Polls are open 7:00am - 8:00pm



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 18, 2016

Absentee application deadline: November 1, 2016

Absentee ballot postmark deadline: 10:00am on November 18, 2016

HOW TO VOTE

To find out if you are eligible to vote in Maryland, for information on how to register to vote, to find your polling place, and to access online forms please visit the Maryland State Board of Elections website at www.elections.state.md.us or call (410) 269-2840.

WHO IS RUNNING?

For information on candidates please view the Yalla Vote 2016 Candidate Profiles and Voter Guides, available online at www.aaiusa.org/election_central_candidate_profiles_voter_guides.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

First time voters will be asked to show ID before casting his/her ballot. Valid forms of ID accepted at polling places are:

- Driver's license
- Maryland state issued ID card
- Student identification
- Employee identification
- Military identification
- U.S. passport
- Current utility bill or bank statement
- Current government check or paycheck

EARLY VOTING

Maryland allows voters to vote early without providing any reason. Early voting opens October 27, 2016 and closes November 3, 2016. For information on early voting locations and hours, please contact your local Board of Elections Office which you can find online at www.voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day, you can apply to cast your ballot by mail. You must apply to vote absentee by contacting your local Board of Elections Office, or by requesting an absentee ballot online at www.elections.state.md.us/voting/documents/Absentee_Ballot_Application_English.pdf. Applications to vote by mail must be received no later than November 1st, and completed absentee ballots must be received by 10:00am on November 18, 2016.