



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION/JOB TITLE:	Canvasser
DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:	The Leadership LAB
REPORTS TO:	Field Organizer
TIME COMMITMENT:	8 Hours per canvassing event
LOCATION:	The Village at Ed Gould Plaza: 1125 N McCadden Pl., L.A. CA 90038

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Leadership LAB is the community organizing and political research department of the Los Angeles LGBT Center; we work locally, nationally, and internationally to further LGBT rights and reduce prejudice. We mentor activists in the art and science of leadership and launch innovative experiments in prejudice reduction. Our goals are to successfully prepare LGBT and allied leaders to fight LGBT prejudice.

JOB SUMMARY:

Canvassing—going door-to-door—is the highest priority of the Leadership LAB. Having face-to-face conversations with conflicted voters is instrumental in increasing support for LGBT rights. We have tested our conversation model with the help of two political scientists, and have proven that we can lastingly reduce voters' prejudice towards LGBT people in one 10-minute conversation. As a canvasser, volunteers will help us practice and improve our model so we can bring this to other communities in need around the country. Volunteers will also help make Los Angeles a more accepting place for LGBT people.

Our canvasses are a full day, 9:30 am – 4 pm. This includes a full training—consisting of 2-2.5 hours of talking to voters—and a group debrief. We will provide breakfast/coffee, as well as lunch.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- 1) A strong desire to fight for equality and acceptance of LGBT people, and other marginalized communities;
- 2) Canvassers should be comfortable with walking/standing for an extended period of time (2 – 2.5 hours);
- 3) Responsible, respectful and dependable;
- 4) Demonstrated ability to work effectively with people of diverse races, ethnicities, ages, sexual orientation, and gender identities in a multicultural setting.

TRAINING:

- 1) Appropriate training will be provided on-site.

EDUCATION, AND/OR LICENSURE:

None required.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center is committed to fostering diversity throughout its staff, both paid and volunteer.

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