

NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE.

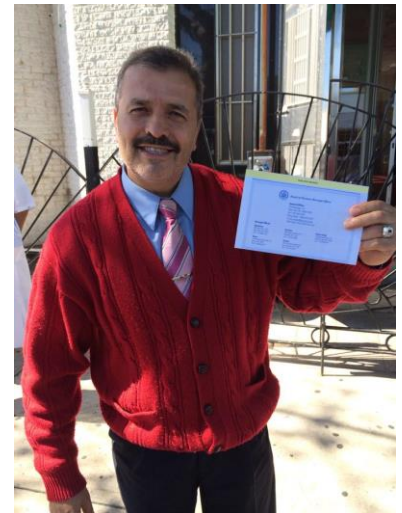
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#MYARABAMVOTE

On Friday, September 26th, the National Network for Arab American Communities joined forces with the Arab American Institute, the Network of Arab American Professionals and American



Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee to conduct voter registration drives in key Arab American Communities across the country. This national day of action served to help register voters and raise awareness around the significance of civic participation for Arab Americans. The message the groups promoted is that voting can be used as a tool to change the policies that directly impact them, including unwarranted surveillance by federal and local law enforcement and lack of access to culturally and linguistically competent social services. Arab Americans

also took to Twitter on Friday, using the hashtag #MyArabAmVote to share experiences and issues that motivate them to get out and vote.



From Orlando, Florida to Brooklyn, New York, to Chicago, Illinois, Arab American volunteers registered a total of 481 new voters at universities, religious institutions, train stations and street corners. “We have worked for years to build the political power of the Arab American



community, and this year is no different. Participation in the democratic process is one way to change the status of our community and address civil rights concerns that impact Arab Americans. We are very proud of this initiative and hope to make National Arab American Voter Registration Day an annual event,” said **Nadia Tonova, Director of the National Network for Arab American Communities.**

Organizations in the National Network for Arab American Communities that participated were: Arab American Action Network, Arab American Association of New York, Arab American Family Support Center, Arab American Family Services, Arab American Heritage Council, Access California Services, Arab American Community Center –Orlando.

