Engaging Your Community on Voting Rights

Here are three easy ways to get involved and engaged on voting rights during the upcoming election

Volunteer as a poll worker.
• Many people who have been poll workers in the past are still unable to volunteer due to the pandemic.
• Volunteering to work the polls during early voting or on election day is a straightforward way to lower barriers to voting in your community.
• You can learn more and find applications for election work at the Work Elections website – a project of the Fair Elections Center.

Create a voting plan and encourage others to create their own.
• Research shows encouraging voters to plan for how and when to cast their ballot is one of the most reliable ways to increase turnout.
• Voters should create their own plan detailing how they will vote (in-person or by mail), when (on Election Day or before), and where (if in person, where is the polling place and how will they physically get there).
• Sharing this plan with friends, family and colleagues will encourage them to create their own plans – and hopefully share with the people in their lives.
• Vote.org is a helpful resource as voters make their voting plans.

Volunteer as a poll monitor on election day.
• Poll monitors work to ensure everyone is granted free and fair access to the polls on Election Day by monitoring irregularities and providing support.
• This could involve being physically present at polling sites or by staffing a hotline for support.
• Dedicated track for legal professionals to provide support unique to their skill set.
• Election Protection is a leader and established ADL partner. Their site makes it easy to sign up.