

After May 2 it's time to take action in your community. Below are a few ways that you can activate this year to impact the election, in order to make a change.

## **Volunteer on a campaign.**

Volunteering on a campaign is one of the most direct ways you can ensure that your voice is heard. Having good elected officials in office means that policies benefit everyone. We don't have to tell you what happens when we have the wrong people in office.

*How to choose a campaign:*

Choose an issue that matters to you, and consider which positions could make an impact on this issue. For example, if you want to prevent book bans in your schools, look at candidates running for board of education, school board, or library board. If you want to stop an abortion ban in your state, look at candidates running for state legislature or governor.

Once you choose an issue, you can look up candidates in your area and see where they stand on it. [Ballotpedia](#) is a good place to find people running at every level. Reach out to their campaign by searching their name and reaching out via their campaign website or social media to see if you can help. That's all it takes!

## **Register people to vote.**

Helping people register to vote is one of the best ways to impact this year's election. Check out [Rock the Vote](#) and [When We All Vote](#) to get more information on how you can get your friends, family, and community ready to vote.

## **Organize your community to confirm their voter registration.**

Many states are engaged in purging voter rolls, meaning they could remove your name from the list of people eligible to vote before you show up at the polls. Don't let that happen to you, or your community. Visit the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#) to view your voter status and reregister, if needed.

## **Serve as a poll worker.**

Poll workers staff polling places on election day to ensure that voters have the resources, support, and information they need to successfully cast their ballot. Visit the [U.S. Elections Assistance Commission](#) website to learn more about how you can volunteer to perform this essential job.



*Take the Next Step*

## **Run for office.**

Oftentimes the decisions don't change until we change the decisionmakers. Running for office might be the most direct way that you can help us protect our rights and ensure that our democracy stays intact.

Did you know that although women make up 51% of the US population, we are less than a third of elected officials? That's because more of us aren't running! Research shows that when women run they win at the same rate as men.

Organizations like [Emerge](#) can help you get the training you need to run and win. If you are not ready to run, check out Emerge's leadership development program: [WLE](#).

## **Thank you for taking the next step and getting involved!**

More questions? Reach out to us at [hello@womentalkpolitics.org](mailto:hello@womentalkpolitics.org) and we will get back to you.