



Civic Action After the Election

COUNT EVERY VOTE

This general election cycle saw the highest percentage voter turnout in the United States since 1900 and widespread public engagement - but it did not come easy. There is still a lot of work left to protect and expand voting rights across the country and in New York City.

- **ADD YOUR NAME TO PASS “[FOR THE PEOPLE ACT](#)” (HR 1):** Urge the next president to expand and protect voting rights, end gerrymandering, and enact campaign finance reform.
- **HELP 900,000 NEW YORKERS VOTE:** [Let your councilmember know](#) that allowing noncitizen New Yorkers to have a voice in municipal elections will strengthen democracy.

STAY INVOLVED AFTER YOU VOTE

Once elected officials are sworn in, how do we hold them accountable? How can we make people in power and resources more accessible to everyone?

Advocate for Fair Redistricting after the Census

With the census cut short, we need to make sure every community is accurately represented in local and congressional redistricting processes. Here are some ways you can advocate for fair and representative maps:

- [Prepare to offer feedback and testimonies](#) when legislators start redistricting to inform fair, representative maps.
- Organize a [community mapping drive](#) to represent **communities of interest (COI)** groups of individuals with common social and economic interests, to help map drawers, journalists, analysts, and activists create and evaluate proposed district maps.

Get involved in local politics

How you can gear up **NOW** to prepare for the 2021 election:

- **JOIN A MAYORAL OR COUNCIL CAMPAIGN:** [Find your council district](#) and check out this [running list of candidates](#).

- **RESTORE THE VOTE:** [Call for an end to criminal disenfranchisement laws](#), which disproportionately impact low income people of color, and make it easier to vote.

Play a more hands-on role in your community

- **ATTEND A COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING:** Monthly meetings are open to the public, where you can voice concerns about your neighborhood.
- **JOIN A COMMUNITY BOARD:** Community boards assess the needs of their neighborhoods and address community concerns. Appointees are chosen by the borough president or City Council members each spring. Application instructions can be found on each [community board's website](#).
- **FUND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:** Become a [Budget Delegate or Volunteer](#) for New York City's [Participatory Budgeting program](#) by working with city agencies and staff to develop proposals for their districts ballot.

Join a neighborhood's mutual aid group

- **What is mutual aid?** Mutual aid groups gather and share access to human, food, material, and financial resources to support people-powered responses. Find your or a nearby neighborhood's group or set up regular donations using [Mutual Aid NYC](#).
 - **[QUOTE]** "Mutual aid projects are a form of political participation in which people take responsibility for caring for one another and changing political conditions, not just through symbolic acts or putting pressure on their representatives in government, but by actually building new social relations that are more survivable."
- **How can I learn more about mutual aid?**
 - [Mutual Aid 101 Toolkit](#)
 - [Big Door Brigade](#)
 - [Mutual Aid Disaster Relief](#)