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## Voting Advocates Help Register Voters for National Voter Registration Day

COLUMBUS, OH — Voting advocates are helping Ohioans verify their voter registration status to ensure they can cast their ballots in the upcoming midterm election. Nonprofits are organizing events across Ohio on National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 20 to register thousands of new Ohio voters and re-register other voters who may have been removed from the voter rolls.

“Every vote matters in this midterm election. That’s why Ohioans should double check their registration now to make sure that their information is accurate” said **Jen Miller, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio**. “Fortunately, you can easily register to vote or update your registration online at [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov).”

It’s particularly important for those who haven’t voted in a few years to verify their registration status, since they may have been purged from the voter rolls.

“If it’s been a while since you last voted, your registration may have been canceled and you will need to re-register,” said **Camille Wimbish, Election Administration Director of Ohio Voice**. “Your vote is your voice, so verify and update your registration before October 11 to make sure your voice is heard this November.”

For National Voter Registration Day, civic engagement organizations are focused on reaching and registering under-represented communities by meeting people where they are at. For example, the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus will be hosting events at public libraries, community centers, and even jails, where the overwhelming majority of people there have not been convicted of a crime and are still eligible to vote.

“Under-represented communities, such as low-income and BIPOC communities, are more likely to experience barriers to voting and believe that their vote doesn’t matter as a result,” said **Elizabeth Grieser, Operations Manager at League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus**. “We strongly believe that when we all have access to the ballot and make our voices heard, we create a democracy that is more equitable, inclusive, and reflective of the values we want to see in Ohio. It’s extremely important to get these communities registered and empowered to vote.”

Ohio’s early voting period begins October 12, when voters can start voting in-person at their county’s early voting location or mail in an absentee ballot. Voters can fill out an absentee ballot

request form at any time and return it to their county board of elections by November 5 in order to receive a ballot in the mail.

“Before you cast your ballot for Ohio’s governor, U.S. senator, Ohio Supreme Court justices, and other elected officials, be sure to check your registration and confirm that you are on the voter rolls at [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov),” said **Catherine Turcer, Executive Director of Common Cause Ohio**. “Everyone should make a plan for how they want to vote — whether it’s voting early in-person, by mail, or on Election Day.”

Founded in 2012, National Voter Registration Day creates an annual moment when the entire nation focuses on registering Americans to exercise their most basic right — the right to vote. Nearly 4.5 million Americans have registered to vote on the holiday since the inaugural National Voter Registration Day.

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The **Ohio Voter Rights Coalition** is a non-partisan network of local, state, and national voter advocates dedicated to ensuring that all elections are modern, secure, and accessible to all Ohioans. For more information, visit [ohiovoterrights.org](http://ohiovoterrights.org).