

Housing Action Illinois

Learn to Register & Engage Voters

WEBINAR



A stronger Illinois begins at home

Thank you!



- This Voter Registration Campaign is made possible by our grantmaking partners. If all twenty grantees meet their 250 registrations goal, **we will register 5,000 new voters with your help.**
- Voters registered by NonprofitVOTE partners are more likely to vote, and voters who sign the pledge card have a turnout rate of 93%.



Webinar Agenda

- Who is Housing Action Illinois?
- Why are we registering voters?
- How do we register voters?
- What do we do after we have registered voters?

Election Day is November 6, 2018



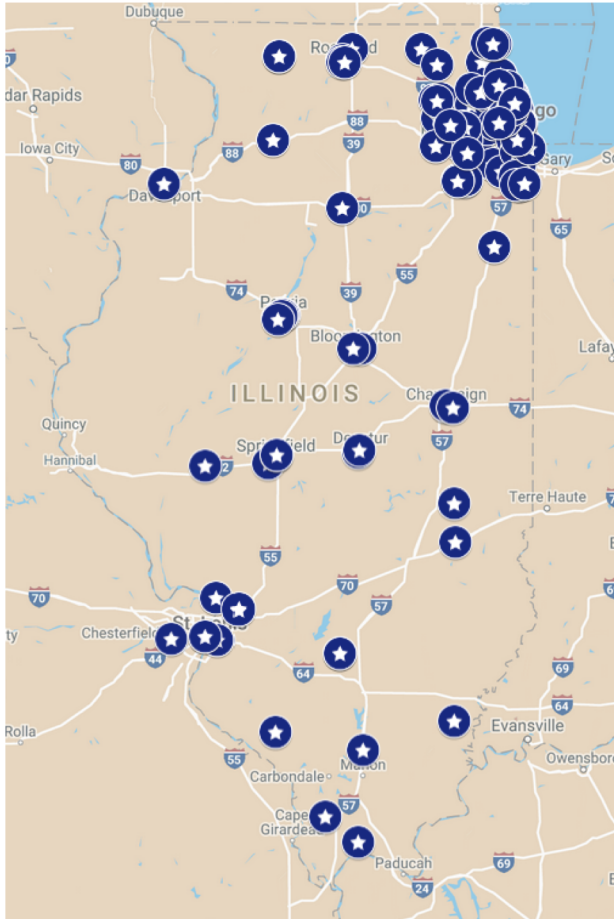
Did you know?

- 501(c)(3) voter registration is legal as long as it is nonpartisan.
 - May not suggest what candidate to support or party to join
 - If someone asks who to vote for or what's on the ballot, you can point them towards a nonpartisan voting guide or sample ballot
- Programs that receive funding through Head Start,, AmeriCorps/Corporation of National Community Service, and Community Service Block Grants have further restrictions.
- See more info here:

<https://www.nonprofitvote.org/nonprofits-voting-elections-online/>

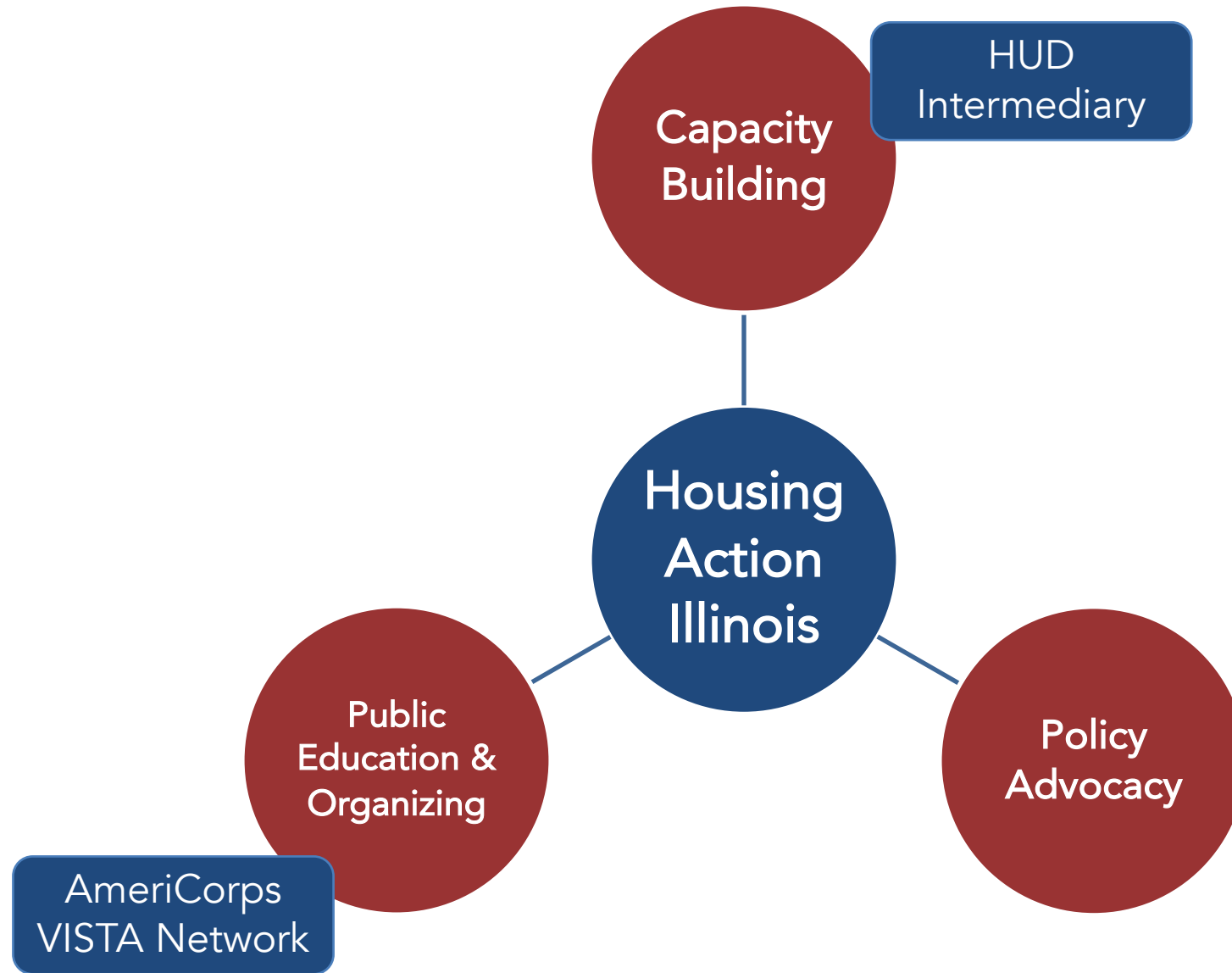


Housing Action Illinois



- To increase and preserve the supply of decent, affordable, accessible housing in Illinois for low-and moderate-income households.
- That's why we unite 160+ organizations across Illinois in protecting and expanding housing.





Why register voters?

- Individuals with lived experiences make the best advocates
- Every voting age citizen deserves to speak and to be heard.
- Political campaigns are constrained by time and resources in a winner take all electoral system. Campaigns view populations who don't vote as "unlikely voters" and leave them out of their political strategy.

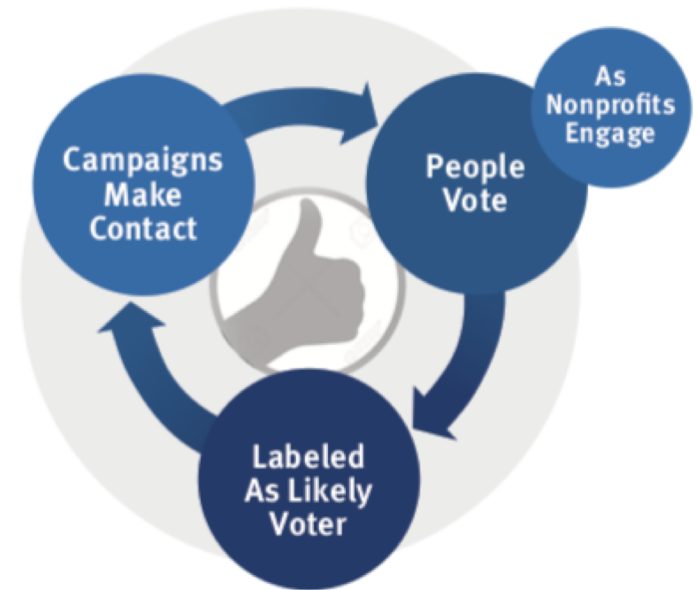


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- Foster community-based leadership
- Elect representatives that reflect the diversity of your community
- You can reach voters that no one else can
- Create a community of lifelong voters



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How to register voters?

- Steps to partner with us
 - Help the population you serve complete voter registration forms and voter pledge cards
 - Scan the completed documents and send us copies
 - Mail or deliver the original voter registration documents to the State Board of Elections in Springfield or your local election authority
 - Celebrate our success!



ILLINOIS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Suggested September 2017
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FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS ONLY

TO VOTE YOU MUST:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old (some 17 year olds may vote in the General Primary, Consolidated Primary or Caucus)
- Live in your election precinct at least 30 days
- Not be convicted and incarcerated.
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere else

TO VOTE IN THE NEXT ELECTION:

- Mail or deliver this application to your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners no later than 28 days before the next election. ([click here for County Clerk/Election Board listings](#)) or go to <http://www.elections.il.gov>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

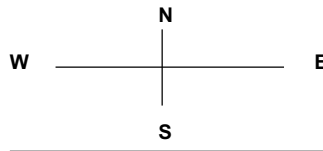
- If you do not have a driver's license, State Identification Card or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you are now registering in, then you must send, with this application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If you do not provide the information required above, then you will be required to provide election officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first time you vote in person or prior to voting by mail.
- If you change your name you must re-register.
- If you register at a public service agency, any information regarding the agency that assisted you will remain confidential as will any decision not to register.
- If you do not receive a Notice within 2 weeks of mailing or delivering this application, call your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners.

TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

- Box 1-If you do not have a middle name, leave blank.
- Box 3-If mailing address is same as Box 2, write "same".
- Box 4-By providing an email address you agree to receive election related notices via email.
- Box 5-If you have never registered before, leave blank. If you do not remember your former address; provide as much information as possible.
- Box 6-If you have not changed your name, leave blank.
- Box 10-If you have an Illinois Driver's License or Secretary of State ID, check the first box and fill in the number. If you do not have a Driver's License or SOS ID, check the second box and fill in the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have a SSN, check the third box and send a copy of the appropriate document (as described in the "Important Information" section) along with this form.
- Box 11-Read, date and personally sign your name or make your mark in the box.

IF YOU HAVE NO STREET ADDRESS,

below describe your home: list the name of subdivision; cross streets; roads; landmarks; mileage and/or neighbors' names.



If you have questions about completing this form, please call the State Board of Elections at (217)782-4141 or (312)814-6440 (or webmaster@elections.il.gov).

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>				Office Use	
Will you be 18 years of age on or before the next election day OR are you currently 17 and will be 18 by the day of the next General or Consolidated Election? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>					
If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, then do not complete this form.					
You can use this form to: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> apply to register to vote in Illinois <input type="checkbox"/> change your address <input type="checkbox"/> change your name					
1. Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial	
				Suffix (Circle One) Jr. Sr. II III IV	
2. Address where you live (House No., Street Name, Apt. No.)			City/Village/Town		Zip Code
					County
					Township
3. Mailing address (P.O. Box)			City/Village/Town, State		Zip Code
					4. Email (optional)
5. Former Registration Address: (include City and State and Zip Code)			Former County		6. Former Name: (if changed)
7. Date of Birth: MM/DD/YY		9. Home telephone number including area code (optional)		10. ID number – check the applicable box and provide the appropriate number	
		() -		<input type="checkbox"/> IL Driver's License or, if none, Sec. of State ID or <input type="checkbox"/> Last 4 digits of Social Security Number <input type="checkbox"/> I have none of the above-listed identification numbers.	
8. Sex (circle one)					
M F					

11. Voter Affidavit – Read all statements and sign within the box to the right. I swear or affirm that:

This is my signature or mark in the space below.

• I am a citizen of the United States;

• I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election (**or the next General or Consolidated Election**);

• I will have lived in the State of Illinois and in my election precinct at least 30 days as of the date of the next election;

• The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, then I may be fined, imprisoned, or if I am not a U.S. citizen, deported from or refused entry into the United States.

Today's Date: ____/____/____

12. If you cannot sign your name, ask the person who helped you fill in this form to print their name, address and telephone number.

Name of person assisting: _____ Full Address _____ Telephone No. _____

- This form is valid for all counties in Illinois
- This form can be used for name and address changes
- Citizens who are not currently convicted AND incarcerated have the right to vote in Illinois (recommended to reregister)



How to register voters?

- Asking people about their registration status and offering registration while you are providing services
 - Case managers, housing counselors, etc.
- Offering voter registration services during group meals and/or meetings and events.
 - Transitional housing providers, emergency shelter, etc.
- Setting up a table in a common area with a lot of foot traffic
 - Affordable housing provider
- Offering to assist with voter registration during the intake process



Pledge Cards

Please contact me about the upcoming election.

First Name

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name

Street Address

Apt. or Unit

City

State

Zip

(____) _____
Phone Number*

Mobile Home

Email Address

* I understand & agree that by providing my cell number, I consent to receiving occasional reminders to vote, sometimes using text or prerecorded messages, or an autodialer.



- Voters who sign this pledge voted at a 93% rate in the 2016 election
- Make people promise!
- NonprofitVOTE will use this contact information to send election reminders



Form is filled out! Now what?

- Scan the registration forms/pledge cards and email them to us at jerome@housingactionil.org
 - This will let us know who has registered and pledged to vote and be in contact with people to remind them to vote
- Mail the registration forms to State Board of Elections, Voter Registration Department at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704: Must be received by October 9
- Alternatively, submit the forms by mail or in person to your local election authority by October 9. Find yours at <https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionAuthorities/ElecAuthorityList.aspx>



Voting and registration deadlines

- **September 27:** First day of early voting
- **October 9:** Last day to register to vote for November 6 election by regular registration: Registration forms must be received by State Board of elections or local election authority by October 9 to register for November 6 election using the printed form.
- **October 10:** Grace period voting registration begins. Registrations must be done in person at designated locations/polling places
- **October 21:** Last day to register to vote online for November 6 election
- **November 5:** Last day of early voting
- **November 6:** Election day and last day of grace period voting registration



A few additional items

- Stay alert for National Voter Registration Day events in your area
 - Scheduled events in Illinois are underway
- You can help every citizen check their voter registration status on our State Election Board website
- Every citizen of Illinois can vote by mail- regardless of absentee status
- You can register to vote online



How many voters can you register?

- What is a realistic goal for your organization?
 - How many registrants do you think you can achieve?
 - Some organizations may be able to register ten voters; some might be able to register fifty.
 - Contact me and let's set a goal
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