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Hi y'all,

We're getting down to the wire with just under a month to get folks registered to vote for November (deadline is October 5!), and just over a month until early voting starts (it starts October 13!). In light of that, we'll be sending actions out weekly. We'll also try tweaking the format a bit to make it easier for you to get the information you need. Please send any and all feedback to indivisibletxlege@gmail.com, or simply reply to this email.

One other general note before we dive into actions - most of the actions we list in these emails can be done by anyone in the state. You don't have to live in a particular district or county to volunteer for or donate to various candidates. Obviously you can only vote in elections in which you are a resident, but other than that, we try to keep these actions pretty broad. Think of these emails as your menu of actions to choose for the week. You can choose to do one or two, or if you're feeling energetic and have the time, do them all! And please feel encouraged to share these in your activist networks! We have no problem with you copy/pasting and sharing.

Now let's get to work!

1. Sponsor the Vote

Donate to Register2Vote's voter registration efforts. The number 1 priority right now is registering people to vote. Because Texas requires voters to register 1 month ahead of an election (many other states offer same-day registration...the TX Lege could fix that!), we only have until October 5 to get people registered to participate in the 2020 General Election. Anyone (in Texas or not!) can donate to help register voters in a few key, flippable districts, and donate anywhere else you'd like!

Donate: [register2vote.org: Sponsor the Vote - Texas House Districts](https://register2vote.org/Sponsor-the-Vote-Texas-House-Districts)

We recommend: HDs 26, 28, 54, 64, 66, 67, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 108, 112, 121, 126, 134, 138

Read more: [Texas Observer: Texas is an Anti-Voting State](#)

2. Spread the news about SD30

Let friends and family in North Texas know they have a special State Senate election coming up! The Republican State Senator for SD 30 ([map](#)), Pat Fallon, was nominated to replace US Representative John Ratcliffe who became the Director of National Intelligence. 5 Republicans have put their hats in the race, with one Democrat running. Balancing the power in the State Senate can help make it a more useful body, instead of the one that's mostly voted straight down party lines in the last decade, rubber stamping Lieutenant Governor Dan

Patrick's agenda.

Early Voting: September 14 - September 25

Election Day: September 29

Read: [Texas Tribune: Six Running in Special Election](#)

Donate or Volunteer: www.minterfortexas.com

For More: [Houston Chronicle: Opinion - Former Texas Senators Encourage Republicans to Stand Up for Bipartisanship](#)

3. Postcard!

Write postcards to unregistered voters in Texas. As we said up top, we're just under a month away from the deadline to vote in the General Election. Postcarding is one way to reach unregistered voters safely, in the time of COVID. You can postcard on your own, or form a group to postcard as a team. Any way you do it, every bit of voter engagement helps!

Volunteer: [Envoys for Humanity Postcarding](#)

Volunteer: [Reclaim Our Vote](#)

Volunteer: votefwd.org [Texas GOTV](#) (this one targets registered voters)

4. Push Paxton on Voting Rights

Call Attorney General Ken Paxton and urge him to drop his suit against the Harris County Clerk. Harris County recently had planned to send vote-by-mail applications. Instead, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sued Harris County, putting a halt to the plan. There is no law that prohibits county clerks from making mail-in ballot applications easy to access. And don't forget, Ken is up for reelection in 2022.

For more: [Houston Public Media: Paxton Charges Hollins with Breaking Texas Election Law](#)

Read: [Texas Tribune: Texas Republicans Fight Vote-By-Mail Expansion and Encourage Their Voters to Use It](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm a constituent of Attorney General Paxton's, and I'm calling today to urge him to drop the lawsuit against Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins. People over 65 are legally allowed to vote by mail, as are any Texans with a disability that puts their safety and health at risk if they voted in person. So why is it illegal for Counties to make it easier for voters to get access to mail-in voting applications? What is Mr. Paxton worried about? Making it feasible for more Texans to vote? I am very concerned with Mr. Paxton's actions, especially when so many Texans continue to get sick and die from COVID-19. My zip code is _____. Mr. Paxton is obstructing democracy and he needs to stop."

That's it for this week y'all. Don't forget to take some time for yourself in the coming weeks. It's hard to do this work and help others if you're not taking care of you!

Much love,
Marieke

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