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Hi y'all,

The national news this week has been nothing short of a zoo. If you're anything like me, you might feel like your head is about to explode trying to take it all in. There is good news! If you come down to the Texas state level and focus there, things are easier to wrap your head around, relatively speaking anyway.

There's less than a month left to get to work to flip our state, so let's get focused!

Make sure any last-minute voter registration gets done on Monday, October 5 - the last day to register for the November election!

1. Say NO to Voter Suppression

Call Governor Abbott at 512-463-2000 and urge him to reverse his restriction limiting ballot drop-off locations to one per county. On Thursday, Governor Abbott issued an order allowing counties no more than one drop-off ballot location. This means that Harris County, a county with a population larger than the entire state of Rhode Island, can only have 1 location for elderly or disabled voters to drop their ballot. This act is plain and simple voter suppression by the Governor. Call his office and urge him to reverse his order. Drop-off locations can and will be made secure, even if there is more than 1 per county.

For more: [NPR: Texas Governor Limits Ballot Drop-off; Local Officials Vow to Fight Back](#)

Read: [Houston Chronicle Editorial: Abbott's Order is Voter Suppression](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm a constituent of Governor Abbott. I'm calling today to urge him to reverse his order that limits the number of drop off ballots in each county. While I appreciate his concerns about securing our voting process, surely there are measures that counties have taken to protect their ballot drop-off locations that address his concerns. I urge the Governor to do more to help Texans vote and vote safely this year, in the age of COVID. Otherwise, his actions appear to border on voter suppression. If he wants to earn my vote in 2022, he needs to reverse his order. My zip code is _____. Thank you."

Write: [Indivisible Austin: Tell Greg Abbott: Stop Suppressing Voters](#)

2. Finalize Your Plan

Understand what plans your county has for voting and finalize your plans as needed.

Some counties are doing more than others to adjust voting options for their residents. Some have extended hours, some have drive-through voting, and some are offering vote by mail ballot tracking. Look up what options your county is offering - you can google search "[your

county] election information". Remember, these are the key questions to answer to make sure you have a plan to have your vote count this election:

- How do you plan to vote - in person or by mail? By-mail ballot requests are due October 23!
- When will you find your sample ballot and how will you decide who you're voting for in each race?
- If voting by mail:
 - Will you mail in your ballot or drop it off? When and where? What ID will you bring when dropping off in person?
 - How will you follow-up to see if your ballot was counted?
- If voting in person:
 - Which polling location will you go to?
 - When will you go - which day and when?
 - How will you get there?
 - What ID will you bring?
 - What PPE will you bring to keep you and poll workers safe?

3. Get out the Vote!

Volunteer to phone bank, text, or write letters and GOTV! Since more traditional door knocking is on hold this year because of COVID, phone banking is where it's at. If you've phone banked in the past, and didn't like it - please consider giving it another shot this year. I'm not sure if it's because of COVID or what, but people seem much more interested in talking to volunteers over the phone this year. We've tried to compile as many phone banks for State Rep candidates as we could. If you know of others, please let us know! And if you've never phone banked before, have no fear - there is always a brief training before you'll jump into phone calls.

[IndivisibleTXLege.org Events Calendar](https://www.IndivisibleTXLege.org/EventsCalendar)

That's it for this week, folks. If we can focus our energy on increasing voter turnout this month and next, we have a shot at flipping the Texas House. When we do that, we get a state legislature that's no longer a single party, no longer a place where representatives work for special interests more than the interests of their constituents.

Let's keep up the hope and the drive to get us over the finish line!

Much love,
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