

Voter Information Sites

Downtown

Community Teamwork, Inc.

167 Dutton St.
Lowell, MA 01852
978-459-0551

United Teen Equality Center

10 Kirk St.
Lowell, MA 01852
978-441-9949

The Acre

Lowell Community Health Center

586 Merrimack St.
Lowell, MA 01854
978-746-7870

Back Central

Mass. Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

11 Mill St.
Lowell, MA 01852
978-970-1250

Lower Highlands

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell

657 Middlesex St.
Lowell, MA 01851
978-458-4526



Why should I vote?



Elected officials are more responsive to people who vote because they are dependent upon voters to elect them into office. Once into office, these elected officials make laws that determine the quality of your life. They decide how to spend your tax dollars, where to build new schools, which roads to repave and how to fight crime to ensure public safety.

If you want your tax dollars spent on things that are important to you and your family such as good education for your children, safer neighborhoods, and housing that meets your needs then you must vote. Your vote will have an impact on the future of all residents of Lowell.

Common Concerns About Voting

My vote doesn't count.

Of course your vote counts! Many close elections have occurred in the United States. For example, in 1988, a candidate from Lowell for Governor's Council won an election by one vote-- 14,716 to 14,715 against an incumbent.

I don't speak English and all of the ballots and questions are in English.

This year there will be bilingual workers at the polling location to help you. By law you have the legal right to bring a translator into the voting booth with you to help you fill out your ballot.

If I register to vote, I will be called for jury duty.

Although serving on a jury is a privilege of citizenship, people are selected at random for jury duty based on their residence, *regardless* of whether or not they are registered to vote. Registering to vote does not increase the likelihood that you will be selected for jury duty.

I can't take the time off of work to go to the polls on Election Day.

On Election Day the polls are open from 7am until 8pm so that you can vote either before or after work. You can also ask your employer to allow you to leave during your lunch hour.

I have no transportation to the polls on Election Day.

There are a number of agencies that can arrange transportation to the polls for free. Please call the ONE Lowell Coalition for more information (978) 654-6957.

Who is eligible to vote?

In order to vote in the state of Massachusetts you must be:

- *A current resident of Massachusetts*
- *A United States citizen*
- *18 years old by the date of the next election*
- *Registered to vote*

How do I register?

You must fill out a voter registration card that is available in diverse languages. You can mail the form to City Hall or return it to one of the Voter Information Sites, which are listed on the back. Voter registration forms are available at all Voter Information Sites as well as the Elections Department in City Hall. **You must register by October 15th to vote in the November elections.**

How do I vote?

When you register to vote you will receive a form in the mail telling you where your voting site (polls) is located. On Election Day, proceed to your voting location with a photo identification such as a driver's license, student I.D. or passport. There you will be given a ballot with instructions on how to fill it out. For more information on how to vote please visit one of the Voter Information Sites. If you need help at the polls because you do not speak English you may either bring someone to assist you or ask for the assistance of one of the bilingual poll workers or volunteers.