



COUNTDOWN TO DECISION 2020



5-STEP VOTING PLAN WORKSHEET

My name is _____ and I am leaving nothing to chance. My goal is to be an informed voter and earn my sticker!



Step One...Let's Fill In The Blanks...Gathering The Facts

<u>Who?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Why?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Who is on the ballot?	What are the responsibilities of the positions on the ballot?	When do the polls open and close?	Where do I go if I want to do early voting?	Why am I voting?	How am I going to cast my vote?
Who can I contact if I need information about voting?	What kinds of identification do I need to take with me if I decide to vote in person?	When should I mail my absentee ballot?	Where is my voting precinct?	Why should I vote for all of the positions on the ballot?	How do I find out information about the candidates?
Who can I contact if I have a problem voting?	What do the referendums mean?	When should I expect the Board of Elections to receive my absentee ballot?	Where are the drop-off boxes in my area?	Why should I gather information about the candidates?	How is my family's future impacted by each box I check?
Who are the local candidates?	What do the Constitutional amendments represent?	When does early voting begin?	Where can I go to request an absentee ballot?	Why should I do my own research about the three voting methods?	How do I make sure that I am eligible to vote?
Who is seeking to represent me at the federal level?	What is the purpose of attending a candidate forum?	When can I vote on Saturday?	Where can I go to practice on the voting machine?	Why should I encourage my family and friends to go with me to vote?	How do I mark my ballot to make sure it counts?
Who is hosting political forums in my area?	What is the best website to go to for information?	Where do I get a sample ballot?	Where can I get an I.D. if I don't have one?	Why should I compare the platforms of candidates?	How do I determine if my ballot has been received?



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Step Two... Creating My Plan (I've decided how I am going to vote ...)

___ Absentee Ballot (Upon Receipt/Must be received no later than closing of polls on November 3, 2020)

___ In Person-Early/Advance (October 12-30, 2020)

___ In Person-Election Day (November 3, 2020)



Step Three... Taking Out My Calendar(Planning My Steps...Beginning to End)

- October 5, 2020 – Last day to register for General and Special Elections
- October 12, 2020 - Advanced In Person (Early) Voting begins for the November General and Special Elections.
- October 24, 2020 - Mandatory Saturday Voting for the November General and Special Elections.
- **NOVEMBER 3, 2020 – ELECTION DAY**
- **DECEMBER 1, 2020 - GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFFS FOR LOCAL AND STATE OFFICES**
- December 14, 2020 - Advanced In Person (Early) Voting begins for the General Election Runoff for Federal Offices.
- **JANUARY 5, 2021 – GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF FOR FEDERAL OFFICES**



Step Four ...I know I am ready to cast my ballot because...



Step Five... CONGRATULATIONS!!! VOTE AND COLLECT YOUR STICKER! YOU'VE EARNED IT!



