

Hey there!

We're super excited that your organization is fired up about turning out voters in 2023!

We know that when elected bodies don't represent reality, policy decisions are made without input from the community members who are often most impacted by them. That's why it's so important to make sure that all Kansans are empowered to vote, especially those who have been routinely excluded in the political process: youth, communities of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and single women.

Your organization has the trust of your networks, which makes your outreach much more effective (our results back that up!). Please use any of the materials or language found in this toolkit to encourage your networks to make a plan to vote this year. And, as always, feel free to reach out with specific requests for resources, presentations, or with any question!

## **Simple Action Steps Email Template**

## Four things you can do in the thirty days before the election

Every year is an election year! And, while we know that life is as busy as ever these days, 2023 is not the year to sit on the sidelines. This **November 7**, we'll be electing the mayors, city council members, and school board members that will shape our cities for the coming years. These elections typically get low participation, so your vote is incredibly powerful! [Our organization] is working hard to empower all Kansans to participate this year. Here are three easy things **you** can do to make sure your voice is heard.

**1. Check your registration status and sign up to vote by mail.** <u>KSVotes.org</u> makes registering to vote or checking your registration status simple. **October 17** is the last date to register before the November 7 election!

At that same website, you can request your general ballot be mailed to you by filling out a simple form, no printer required! If you turn in an application, the election office will mail your ballot to you, which you can fill out at home and mail back in.

**2. Get to know your ballot.** The Kansas general election on November 7 is a big one! We have many races on our ballot that will determine how our local schools are supported and how our cities are administered. These are less popular races, but <u>KSBallot.org</u> lets you read about the candidates and the issues on your ballot so that you're prepared when you hit the polls.

**3. Vote as early as you can!** Don't wait until Election Day to vote. Every county in Kansas offers in-person early voting, and if you requested an advance ballot, get it mailed back in quickly, or drop it off. By early October, <u>KSBallot.org</u> will have all those early voting sites and ballot drop box locations listed. You'll also be able to look up your Election Day polling location!

**4. Help turn out your family and friends.** We know you're going to vote, but democracy works best when we all participate. Can you commit to getting ten people to vote with you this year? Voter to Voter is a nonpartisan, Kansas-based voter turnout initiative that gives you the tools and support to turn out all your people this election (and track your progress!). You can sign up as an individual or start a team. Sign up for <u>Voter to Voter</u> today.

What you do in this election matters. Don't let anyone convince you otherwise. These three steps are an easy, simple way to bring your community together and make sure you are represented!