**DANCE/USA ELECTION TOOLKIT – NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTIONS - #DANCE2VOTE**

Dance/USA, as a nonpartisan organization, remains focused and committed to ensuring that its members, the dance community, and the arts sector overall, not only survives the current pandemic, but thrives beyond the pandemic to continue to provide highly-valued performances, educational events, and cultural programs. Dance/USA champions an inclusive and equitable dance field by leading, convening, advocating, and supporting individuals and organizations. The November 2020 elections at all levels are consequential elections – like all elections – for the future viability of the dance industry and the arts sector. It is essential for all dance artists and dance professionals to do their civic responsibility as American citizens and ambassadors of the arts sector to vote to protect the arts no and in the future. The intent of this election toolkit and this get-out-to-vote campaign - **#Dance2Vote** - is to ensure dance artists, dance professionals, supporters of the arts, and the general public have the most accurate information about voting during the November 3, 2020 elections and know the relevant issues impacting the dance industry and the arts sector.

**HOW NONPROFITS CAN LEGALLY PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS**

***What a 501(c)3 Organization Cannot Do***

It is important to note the Internal Revenue Code that governs section 501(c)(3) organizations concerning elections. Under the Internal Revenue Code, such organizations are “absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Any contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity.” **In other words, 501(c)3 organizations cannot ask people to vote for specific candidates and they cannot donate funds to political candidates or political campaigns.**

***What a 501(c)3 Organization Can Do***

**However, 501(c)3 organizations can encourage people to participate in the election process, including voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, in a non-partisan way and without bias towards a certain candidate(s) or political party.** 501(c)3 organizations can contact candidates and parties in an election, both to seek their views on issues and to communicate the organization’s views. **501(c)3 organizations CAN also take public positions on local referenda, ballot initiatives, propositions, tax levies, etc., if they do not cross the line into party or candidate endorsement.**

***What Individuals Can Do***

Individuals within 501(c)3organizations CAN get involved in elections, as American citizens, as much as they want. However, individuals are not allowed to associate themselves with their organization in any way in their political activities.

Click [**HERE**](https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/the-restriction-of-political-campaign-intervention-by-section-501c3-tax-exempt-organizations) for further information concerning allowable and prohibited activities during elections under the Internal Revenue Code that governs 501(c)(3) organizations. Click [**HERE**](https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/lobbying) for further information concerning lobbying activities under the Internal Revenue Code that governs 501(c)(3) organizations.

**COVID19 ELECTION INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

It is important for voters to be safe if they decide to vote in person or deliver their ballots in person to their respective polling places. Please social distance (at least 6 feet), wear personal protective equipment, including masks and gloves, and wash your hands or use sanitizer immediately after voting to protect against the virus. Please note that states and local governments may have additional health and safety protocols for the November 2020 elections. Please check your state and local election office websites for further information.

The Centers for Disease Control issued [guidance for election polling locations and for voters](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html) to consider if they will be heading to their polling places in person.

Additional federal COVID19 resources and information can be found on the [U.S. Election Assistance Commission website](https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources).

**Dance/USA encourages all who are supportive of the arts to vote, vote early, and to spread the word throughout the arts sector and in their local communities to vote to support the arts that strengthen schools, students, families, local communities, and the nation!**

**\*\*\* VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

Every American citizen should be registered to vote as this is a civic responsibility. Below are the voter registration deadlines for voting in the federal election for each of the 50 states, Washington, DC and the U.S. territories. Click on the state to find out how to register and/or register with your secretary of state. State election websites also provide **polling place locators** and **voter ID requirements** (i.e. current driver’s license or state-issued ID).

[Alabama](https://www.alabamainteractive.org/sos/voter_registration/voterRegistrationWelcome.action) – October 19, 2020

[Alaska](https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/) - October 19, 2020  
[Arizona](https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration/selectLanguage) - October 19, 2020  
[Arkansas](https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/voter-information) – October 5, 2020  
[California](https://registertovote.ca.gov/) – October 19, 2020  
[Colorado](https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/verifyNewVoter.xhtml) – November 3, 2020  
[Connecticut](https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do) - October 27, 2020

[District of Columbia](https://dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Register-to-Vote) – October 13, 2020  
[Delaware](https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView) – October 10, 2020  
[Florida](https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home) – October 5, 2020  
[Georgia](https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/welcome.do#no-back-button) - October 5, 2020  
[Hawaii](https://olvr.hawaii.gov/) - October 5, 2020  
[Idaho](https://elections.sos.idaho.gov/ElectionLink/ElectionLink/ApplicationInstructions.aspx) - October 6, 2020  
[Illinois](https://ova.elections.il.gov/) - October 6, 2020

[Indiana](https://indianavoters.in.gov/) - October 5, 2020  
[Iowa](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html) - October 24, 2020  
[Kansas](https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg/Default.aspx) - October 13, 2020  
[Kentucky](https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky) - October 5, 2020  
[Louisiana](https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Pages/OnlineVoterRegistration.aspx) - October 5, 2020  
[Maine](https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/votreg.html) - October 13, 2020  
[Maryland](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html) - October 13, 2020  
[Massachusetts](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm) - October 24, 2020  
[Michigan](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-175878--,00.html) - October 19, 2020  
[Minnesota](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/) - October 13, 2020  
[Mississippi](https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/Voter-Registration-Information.aspx) - October 5, 2020  
[Missouri](https://s1.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register.aspx) - October 7, 2020  
[Montana](https://sosmt.gov/elections/vote/) - October 5, 2020

[Nebraska](https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/) - October 16, 2020  
[Nevada](https://www.nvsos.gov/sosvoterservices/Registration/Step0.aspx) - October 6, 2020  
[New Hampshire](https://sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/register-to-vote/) – November 3, 2020  
[New Jersey](https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml) - October 13, 2020  
[New Mexico](https://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/Instructionsstep1.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1) - October 6, 2020  
[New York](https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application) - October 9, 2020  
[North Carolina](https://www.ncsbe.gov/registering) - October 9, 2020  
[North Dakota](https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalList.aspx) – [*Does not require voter registration*](https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalListDetails.aspx?ptlhPKID=79&ptlPKID=7)   
[Ohio](https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/) - October 5, 2020  
[Oklahoma](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Register_to_Vote/index.html) - October 9, 2020  
[Oregon](https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en) - October 13, 2020  
[Pennsylvania](https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx) - October 19, 2020

[Rhode Island](https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Home/RegistertoVote?ActiveFlag=1) – October 4, 2020  
[South Carolina](https://www.scvotes.gov/south-carolina-voter-registration-information) – October 2, 2020  
[South Dakota](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/register-to-vote/default.aspx) – October 19, 2020  
[Tennessee](https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/) – October 5, 2020  
[Texas](https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/index.html) - October 5, 2020  
[Utah](https://vote.utah.gov/additionalInfo.html) – October 23, 2020  
[Vermont](https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/registration/) – November 3, 2020  
[Virginia](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration/DmvPage1Lookup) - October 13, 2020  
[Washington](https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx) – October 26, 2020  
[West Virginia](https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing) - October 13, 2020  
[Wisconsin](https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/RegisterOnline) - October 14, 2020  
[Wyoming](https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/RegisteringToVote.aspx) - October 19, 2020

**U.S. Territories**

[American Samoa](https://aselectionoffice.gov/status.php) – October 5, 2020

[Guam](https://gec.guam.gov/index.php/for-voters/for-voters) – October 23, 2020

[Northern Marianas Islands](https://www.votecnmi.gov.mp/downloads/registration_package-f.pdf) – September 4, 2020

[Puerto Rico](http://consulta.ceepur.org/) – September 15, 2020

[U.S Virgin Islands](https://www.vivote.gov/voters/register-vote) – October 23, 2020

*\*\*\* Most of the Information is compiled from the* [*U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)*](https://www.eac.gov/)*, an independent, bipartisan commission established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, that serves to be a national clearinghouse of information on election administration.*

**ABSENTEE VOTING/VOTE BY MAIL REQUEST INFORMATION**

Due to the current pandemic, all states have established and implemented processes for their residents to request and mail in their voting ballots for the November 2020 elections either through absentee voting (AV) or by vote by mail (VBM). **Please note the deadlines to submit AV or VBM applications in order to receive a mail-in ballot by mail below. Click on the link for your state to get specific instructions and guidance.** Please note that the deadline to apply **via mail** for AV or VBM ballots may be different than the deadline to apply via in-person and/or online for your state. Moreover, Dance/USA encourages its voters to request and mail in their ballots **as soon as possible** to ensure they are received by the local election office in a timely manner and by November 3, if not earlier.

[Alabama](https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/absentee-voting) – AV - 5th calendar day prior to election day

[Alaska](https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov/) – AV - 10 days prior to election day  
[Arizona](https://my.arizona.vote/Early/ApplicationLogin.aspx) – VBM - 10 days prior to election day  
[Arkansas](https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/voter-information/absentee-voting) – AV - 7 days prior to election day  
[California](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/) – VBM – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters  
[Colorado](https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/electionInfo.html?menuheaders=5) – VBM – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters; any address changes – 8 days prior to election day  
[Connecticut](https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting) – AV - 7 days prior to election day

[District of Columbia](https://dcboe.org/) – VBM – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters  
[Delaware](https://elections.delaware.gov/pubs/pdfs/VoteByMail_ApplicationForm.pdf) – VBM - 4 days prior to election day  
[Florida](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/vote-by-mail/) – VBM - 10 days prior to election day  
[Georgia](https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/absentee_voting_in_georgia) – AB - 4 days prior to election day  
[Hawaii](https://elections.hawaii.gov/hawaii-votes-by-mail/) – VBM – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters  
[Idaho](https://elections.sos.idaho.gov/ElectionLink/ElectionLink/BeginAbsenteeRequest.aspx) – AV – 11 days prior to election day  
[Illinois](https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/VotingByMailAgreement.aspx?T=637342033548109962) – VBM - October 6, 2020

[Indiana](https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm) – AV - October 22, 2020  
[Iowa](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html) – AV – 10 days prior to election day  
[Kansas](https://sos.ks.gov/elections/voter-information.html) – VBM - October 27, 2020  
[Kentucky](https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/abrweb/) – AV - October 9, 2020  
[Louisiana](https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Vote/VoteByMail/Pages/default.aspx) – AV - 4 days prior to election day  
[Maine](https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl) – AV - October 29, 2020  
[Maryland](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep1) – VBM October 20, 2020  
[Massachusetts](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleev/early-voting-by-mail.htm) – VBM - October 20, 2020  
[Michigan](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-21037--,00.html) – AV - Friday before election day  
[Minnesota](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/) – VBM - before election day  
[Mississippi](https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/Voter-Registration-Information.aspx) – AV - before election day  
[Missouri](https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/howtovote#Mail) – VBM – 2nd Wed. prior to election day  
[Montana](https://sosmt.gov/elections/faq/#absentee-voting) – AV - day before election day

[Nebraska](https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/early-voting-0) – AV - October 23, 2020  
[Nevada](https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/absentee-voting) – AV - 14TH calendar day prior to election day  
[New Hampshire](https://sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/register-to-vote/absentee/) – AV – 7 days prior to election   
[New Jersey](https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml) – VBM - 7 days prior to the election day  
[New Mexico](https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/absentee-and-early-voting/) – AV - October 20, 2020  
[New York](https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html) – AV – 7 days prior to election day  
[North Carolina](https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail) – AV - October 27, 2020  
[North Dakota](https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalList.aspx) –AV – 7 days prior to election day  
[Ohio](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting/#byMail) – AV - 3 days prior to election day  
[Oklahoma](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Absentee_Voting/index.html) – AV - 6 days prior to election day  
[Oregon](https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/myvote.aspx?lang=en) – VBM – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters; address change at least 5 days before Election Day  
[Pennsylvania](https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx) – VBM – October 27, 2020

[Rhode Island](https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Voter/VotebyMail?ActiveFlag=4) – VBM - October 13, 2020  
[South Carolina](https://www.scvotes.gov/absentee-voting) - AV – 4th day prior to election day  
[South Dakota](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/Covid-19ElectionInformation.aspx) – AV – Will automatically send AV applications to all registered voters   
[Tennessee](https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting) – AV - October 27, 2020  
[Texas](https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/index.html) – VBM – 11th day prior to election day  
[Utah](https://vote.utah.gov/) – VBM – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters   
[Vermont](https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/) – AV – 1 day prior to election day  
[Virginia](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/) – AV - 11th day prior to election day  
[Washington](https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/faq_vote_by_mail.aspx) – Ballots will automatically be sent to all registered voters  
[West Virginia](https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/AbsenteeVotingInformation.aspx) – AV - 6th day prior to election day  
[Wisconsin](https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee) – AV - October 29, 2020  
[Wyoming](https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/AbsenteeVoting.aspx) – Before election day

**U.S. Territories**

[American Samoa](https://aselectionoffice.gov/node/7) – AV – Before election day

[Guam](https://gec.guam.gov/index.php/for-voters/for-voters) – AV - October 30, 2020

[Northern Marianas Islands](https://www.votecnmi.gov.mp/downloads/2020/2020_GE_Absentee_Application-Fillable-v2.pdf) – AV - Before election day

[Puerto Rico](http://ww2.ceepur.org/sites/ComisionEE/es-pr/EducacionyAdiestramiento/Solicitudes/Solicitud%20Voto%20Ausente%20Elecciones%20Generales%20y%20Plebiscito%202020.pdf) – AV - September 19, 2020

[U.S Virgin Islands](https://www.vivote.gov/voters/absentee-ballot) – AV - Before election day

**\*\*\* EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING DATES**

Please find below the dates for states when their residents are able to start voting early in-person. Dance/USA encourages voters to adhere to all federal, state, and local health and safety guidelines for dealing with the current pandemic, including wearing masks, social distancing, and washing hands after submitting their ballots at their voting precincts.

**Alabama** – none

**Alaska** - October 19, 2020  
**Arizona** - October 8, 2020  
**Arkansas** – October 19, 2020  
**California** – October 5, 2020  
**Colorado** – October 19, 2020  
**Connecticut** - none

**District of Columbia** – Oct. 28 – Nov. 3, 2020  
**Delaware** – none  
**Florida** – October 24, 2020  
**Georgia** - October 12, 2020  
**Hawaii** - October 24, 2020  
**Idaho** - October 19, 2020  
**Illinois** – September 24 - October 19, 2020

**Indiana** – October 6 – November 2, 2020  
**Iowa** - October 5 – November 2, 2020  
**Kansas** - October 14, 2020  
**Kentucky** - October 13, 2020  
**Louisiana** - October 20-27, 2020  
**Maine** - October 4-29, 2020  
**Maryland** - October 26 – November 2, 2020  
**Massachusetts** - October 17-30, 2020  
**Michigan** - none  
**Minnesota** – September 18, 2020  
**Mississippi** - none  
**Missouri** - none  
**Montana** - October 4, 2020

**Nebraska** - October 5, 2020  
**Nevada** - October 17-30, 2020  
**New Hampshire** – none  
**New Jersey** – September 19, 2020  
**New Mexico** - October 17-31, 2020  
**New York** - October 24 – November 3, 2020  
**North Carolina** - October 15-31, 2020  
**North Dakota** – October 19, 2020   
**Ohio** - October 6 – November 2, 2020  
**Oklahoma** - October 29, 2020  
**Oregon** - none  
**Pennsylvania** - none

**Rhode Island** – October 14, 2020  
**South Carolina** – none  
**South Dakota** – September 18, 2020  
**Tennessee** – October 14-29, 2020  
**Texas** - October 13, 2020  
**Utah** – October 20, 2020  
**Vermont** – September 19, 2020  
**Virginia** – September 18, 2020  
**Washington** – October 26, 2020  
**West Virginia** - October 21-31, 2020  
**Wisconsin** - October 20, 2020  
**Wyoming** – September 18, 2020

*\*\*\* Information compiled from “*[*When and How to Vote in all 50 States*](https://www.axios.com/how-to-vote-by-state-2020-307c3d17-ee57-4a1b-8bad-182ca1cdb752.html)*,” Axios, 13 August 2020*

**ENGAGING CANDIDATES ON THE ISSUES**

Besides voting and voting early, dance artists, dance professionals, and all who are supportive of the arts should engage candidates from all the political parties about various issues impacting the arts. There will be numerous opportunities this fall to engage in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, candidate forums, debates, social media chats, and town halls. **Nonprofit VOTE** has great information about [effectively engaging political candidates](https://www.nonprofitvote.org/npv-resource-library/engaging-with-candidates/). Below are a listing of major issues impacting the dance community and the arts sector.

***COVID19 Relief***

Candidates from all political candidates need to know how the pandemic has impacted your organization, individual artists, and the arts sector. It is important that they know how you, your organization, and the arts sector can be supported during the pandemic and beyond to thrive as the arts sector is a unique and major contributor to the state and local economy. Most state arts councils have economic data that you can share with political candidates about the arts sector’s economic contributions beyond the cultural and creative contributions.

***Key Policy Issues***

* [National Endowment for the Arts (NEA): Promoting Creativity and Public Access to the Arts](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/1.%20National%20Endowment%20for%20the%20Arts.pdf)
* [Tax Policy: Encouraging Charitable Giving and Supporting Public Access to the Arts](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/8.%20Tax%20Policy.pdf)
* [Tax Fairness for Artists and Writers: Strengthening the Creative Sector and Providing Public Access to America's Artistic Heritage](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/9.%20Tax%20Fairness.pdf)
* [Improving the Visa Process for Foreign Guest Artists](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/14.%20Visa%20Process%20for%20Foreign%20Guest%20Artists.pdf)
* [Cultural Exchanges Through the U.S. Department of State: Strengthening Ties Between the United States and the World](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/13.%20Cultural%20Exchange.pdf)
* [Reinforcing Arts Education - Helping Children Achieve in School, Work, and Life](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/5.%20ESSA.pdf)
* [Funding the Assistance for Arts Education Grant Program at the U.S. Department of Education: Improving Access to Arts Education for All Students](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/3.%20Arts%20Education%20Funding.pdf)
* [Boosting the Creative Economy - Supporting Artists, Entrepreneurs, and Small Business](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/12.%20Creative%20Economy.pdf)
* [Protecting Wireless Technology for the Arts at the Federal Communications Commission](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/20.%20Statement%20of%20Concern-Whitespaces.pdf)

***Additional Policy Issues***

* [Fair Compensation for Music Creators - Supporting All Artists' Right to Earn Fair Compensation on Terrestrial Radio](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/18.%20Music%20Licensing.pdf)
* [Office of Museum Services (OMS) - Promoting Lifelong Learning and Protecting Our National Heritage](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/10.%20Office%20of%20Museum%20Services.pdf)
* [Corporation for Public Broadcasting - Supporting Public Broadcasting as Part of Our National Arts Infrastructure](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/11.%20Corporation%20for%20Public%20Broadcasting.pdf)
* [Strengthening the Arts in Higher Education: Putting Students on a Path for an Affordable Future](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/4.%20Higher%20Education.pdf)
* [Arts in Healthcare](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/15.%20Arts%20in%20Health.pdf)
* [The Arts and Juvenile Justice](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/6.%20The%20Arts%20and%20Juvenile%20Justice.pdf)
* [Arts and the Military: Improving the Health of Active Military and Veterans Through the Arts](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/16.%20Arts%20and%20the%20Military.pdf)
* [Arts in Transportation and Infrastructure: Supporting Art in Public Transit Projects](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/17.%20Supporting%20Art%20in%20Public%20Transit%20Projects.pdf)
* [Net Neutrality: Preserving an Open Internet](https://dance-usa.s3.amazonaws.com/page_uploads/19.%20Net%20Neutrality.pdf)

**OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES**

Below are additional resources to inform voters during the November 2020 elections at all levels. **Please note that Dance/USA is a nonpartisan organization and does not endorse or oppose any political candidates or political parties.** Please let Dance/USA know if there any additional resources that should be listed to ensure all who are supportive of the arts have the most accurate information heading into the November 2020 elections. Please contact Tony Shivers, Director of Government Affairs, at [tshivers@danceusa.org](mailto:tshivers@danceusa.org) with any further resources or information.

***Voter Resource Information***

* [**BallotReady**](https://www.ballotready.org/)– To find out what is on your ballot.
* [**Can I Vote**](https://www.nass.org/can-I-vote) – An initiative developed by the National Association of Secretaries of State.
* [**Polling Place Locator**](https://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/) – Developed by Vote.org
* [**Get to the Polls**](https://www.uber.com/newsroom/uber-announces-2020-get-out-the-vote-effort/) Initiative by Uber, the ride-sharing company
* [**Language Access**](https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/language-access) – U.S. Election Assistance Commission
* [**National Disability Voter Registration Week**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1359sQshCtdhuJJQpDKZbG0OfG4AcMcl-Fh-E7sbFlhA/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs) – July 13-17, 2020 – American Association of People with Disabilities
* [**Protecting the Rights of Voters with Disabilities**](https://www.ada.gov/ada_voting/ada_voting_ta.htm) – Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
* [**Ride to the Polls**](https://www.lyft.com/blog/posts/expanding-voting-access-in-2020) – Initiative by Lyft, the ride-sharing company
* [**Sign Vote 2020**](https://signvote.org/) – Developed by Communication Service for the Deaf, a nonpartisan social impact organization.
* [**U.S. Election Assistance Commission**](https://www.eac.gov/)
* [**Vote. It’s Your Right.**](http://www.bazelon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Voter-Guide-Updated.pdf) – [A guide to the voting rights of people with mental health disabilities](http://www.bazelon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Voter-Guide-Updated.pdf) produced by the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Autistic Self Advocacy Network, National Disability Rights Network, and Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP.
* [**Voter Resource Center**](https://www.aapd.com/advocacy/voting/voter-resource-center/) – Developed by the American Association of People with Disabilities.
* [**Voting, Accessibility, and the Law**](https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/center-excellence-nonvisual-access/national-center-nonvisual-election-3) – Developed by the National Federation of the Blind.

***Arts-Related Voter Engagement Resources***

* [**ArtsVote**](https://www.artsactionfund.org/ArtsVote) – Americans for the Arts Action Fund
* [**Congressional Arts Handbook**](https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/legislation-policy/legislative-issue-center/congressional-arts-handbook) **–** Americans for the Arts
* [**Headcount**](https://www.headcount.org/) – Stages voter registration drives at concerts and runs programs that translate the power of music and culture into real action.

***Other Get-Out-The-Vote Efforts***

* [**Dance the Vote**](https://www.dancethevotestl.org/) – An initiative based in Missouri that uses dance, spoken word and song to raise public awareness about the importance of using your voice at the polls.
* [**Dance the Vote**](https://www.instagram.com/p/CEw5uRys-LD/) – Social media challenge by National Water Dance during the week of September 21-26, 2020.
* [**ElectionDay**](https://www.electionday.org/) – An initiative by business leaders working to strengthen American democracy.
* [**I AM A VOTER**](https://iamavoter.com/) – A nonpartisan movement that aims to create a cultural shift around voting and civic engagement by unifying around a central truth: our democracy works best when we all participate.
* [**National Voter Registration Day**](https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/) **– September 22, 2020**
* [**Nonprofits and Elections**](https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofits-and-elections-vote-election-day) – National Council of Nonprofits

**OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES (continued)**

* [**Open Progress**](https://www.openprogress.com/) - A non-partisan initiative to reach voters under 30 years of age in **Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities of Color (BIPOC) communities**.
* [**RepresentUs**](https://represent.us/?source=pr-pr-fvbm-20200813-votebymailmap)– A nonpartisan election reform initiative to help voters get the information they need.
* [**RocktheVote**](https://www.rockthevote.org/) – A nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to building the political power of young people.
* [**When We All Vote**](https://www.whenweallvote.org/#join) – A non-profit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to increase participation in every election and close race and age voting gaps by changing the culture around voting, harnessing grassroots energy, and through strategic partnerships to reach every American.
* [**Vote.org**](https://www.vote.org/) - The largest 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan voting registration, and get out the vote (GOTV) technology platform in America.
* [**Vote411**](https://www.vote411.org/) **–** Developed by the League of Women Voters Action Fund that provides voting resources and information for voters across the country. State and local affiliates host various candidate forums during the election season.
* [**Voting and Civic Engagement**](https://nul.org/civic-engagement) – National Urban League
* [**#VoteTogether**](https://votetogetherusa.org/) – A nonpartisan initiative that is transforming the culture around voter participation from an isolated, unfamiliar activity to a celebratory event.
* [**Voto Latino**](https://votolatino.org/) – A grassroots political organization focused on educating and empowering a new generation of Latinx voters, as well as creating a more robust and inclusive democracy.
* [**Nonprofitvote.org**](https://www.nonprofitvote.org/npv-resource-library/engaging-with-candidates/) **-** Provides resources to help nonprofit organizations integrate voter engagement into their ongoing activities and services.
* [**U.S. 2020 Voting Information Center**](https://about.fb.com/news/2020/08/launching-voting-information-center/) **–** Facebook

***Election Candidate Information***

* [**Current Presidential Administration’s Second Term Agenda**](https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/trump-campaign-announces-president-trumps-2nd-term-agenda-fighting-for-you)
* [**2020 Democratic Party Platform**](https://www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-07-31-Democratic-Party-Platform-For-Distribution.pdf)
* [**Commitment to America**](https://www.republicanleader.gov/commitment/) – U.S. House Republican Policy Platform

**LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL**

Dance/USA encourages dance artists, dance professionals, and all who are supportive of the arts to vote, vote early, and spread the word to their families, colleagues, friends, and local communities. Social media and email are powerful, effective, and efficient ways to accomplish this objective. Below are sample social media posts, emails, and stickers that can be used.

***Sample Social Media Posts***

*Below are suggested posts for Twitter, Facebook, and/or Instagram heading into the November 2020 elections and during Election Day. Once you have voted in person, submitted your vote in person, or submitted your vote by mail, please take a picture with your voting sticker or once you receive your sticker to highlight the importance of voting. Please also feel free to write your own posts. Be sure to use the hashtag* ***#Dance2Vote*** *so Dance/USA can track the number of impressions.*

**LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL (continued)**

* Please register to vote and vote early during the November 2020 elections. This is your civic responsibility. More info can be found at <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote
* Find out when you can vote early during the November 2020 elections in your state. Please do not wait until November 3 to vote. More info at <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote
* Need to figure out how to request and submit your absentee or mail-in ballot application? Do not wait. Request your ballot as early as possible. More info at <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote
* I voted during the November 2020 elections. Have you voted yet? Vote and vote early! More info at <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote
* Arts and culture are an important part of any local community. We need your support! First step is voting in the November 2020 elections! Vote and vote early! More info at <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote
* Need to find your polling place or need a ride to the polls? You can find that info in the Dance/USA election toolkit – <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote
* Dance/USA urges all who are supportive of the arts to vote and vote early! More info at <https://bit.ly/33AedKK>. #Dance2Vote

***Sample General Email***

Just a reminder that the November 3 elections at all levels are consequential elections for families, individuals, and the arts community. Please register to vote, vote early, and spread the word to your family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Further information about voter registration, voting by mail or in-person, and being safe during the election season can be found at [**#Dance2Vote**](https://www.danceusa.org/election-2020-toolkit-dance2vote), which provides a variety of resources to ensure voters are informed heading into the polls.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

***Sample Arts-Specific Email***

Just a reminder that the November 3 elections at all levels are consequential elections for the arts. We need to ensure that the arts, arts professionals, and creative workers are supported during the pandemic and beyond as important contributors to the economy at all levels. Please register to vote, vote early, and spread the word to your family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Further information about voter registration, voting by mail or in-person, and issues impacting the arts can be found at [**#Dance2Vote**](https://www.danceusa.org/election-2020-toolkit-dance2vote).

Thank you in advance for your participation!

***Need a Voting Sticker?***

*For use with Avery Sticker Printer Paper*

“[I Work For A Nonprofit And I Vote](https://www.nonprofitvote.org/documents/2015/07/work-nonprofit-sticker-pdf.pdf/)” by Nonprofit Vote

“[I Voted](C://Users/TonyShivers/Downloads/IVotedPrintableElectionStickersforMailingLabels-1.pdf)”

“[Future Voter](C://Users/TonyShivers/Desktop/futurevotersheet.pdf)”

*Any questions or inquiries about the election toolkit, voting in the November 2020 elections, or issues impacting the arts sector, should be directed to Tony Shivers, Director of Government Affairs at* [*tshivers@danceusa.org*](mailto:tshivers@danceusa.org)*. Please note that this toolkit will be updated on a regular basis as new information becomes available.*

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