

PROTECTING YOUR VOTE

Vote by Mail UPDATE

From Joyce Vance, former U.S. Attorney: "...the U.S. Supreme Court decided that states would continue to use the existing rules for the 2026 election, and that Trump's Executive Order would NOT go into effect. That's an important decision to protect the midterm elections . . . I've been concerned that if the Supreme Court ruled against him, Trump would blame the courts, using a fake tale of fraud, to explain any losses his party suffers in the midterms, inevitably complaining the results are invalid. We *know* that is coming, and we'll deal with it when we get there. For tonight, let's celebrate the win—and use this decision to **encourage friends to register and have a plan to vote no matter what**, because massive turnout will be our strongest response to Trump's lies about the election. We know he won't stop just because of this one loss."

Make YOUR PLAN TO VOTE in the Nov. 3rd Midterm Election!

"There are many ways, many days to Vote. All the ways and days are now available to you." -

California Attorney General Rob Bonta (who led the lawsuit against the Trump Administration's efforts to thwart mail in voting.)

- **REGISTER to vote, check your registration status, or update your name, address or Party, by October 19** (you can register at age 17 if you will be 18 by election day) [click here](#).
- **Vote ON DEMAND ("Early") at Voter Services:** If you already applied for a mail in ballot, or plan to before the *deadline of Oct. 27th*, the County Voter Services office can print out your mail in ballot at their office once they are ready (typically several weeks before the election). Go to the main Voter Services office at [601 Westtown Road, Suite 150, West Chester](#), OR one of their satellite offices (check [Chester County Voter Services](#) website for locations and hours.) You will be able to get your ballot, fill it out, put it in the envelopes, sign and date the outer envelope, and hand it right back to Voter Services all in one visit. Watch this [short video](#).
- **Vote by Mail:** If you will be away on Election day or think you may have difficulty getting to the polls, apply for a Mail In/Absentee ballot now (deadline is *October 27*) [here](#). Be sure to return your completed ballot at one of the Ballot Drop Boxes that will be operating throughout the County, starting several weeks before election day (Nov. 3). The boxes will also be open until 8pm on election day. **AVOID RELYING ON THE US POSTAL SERVICE.** Drop box locations and hours will be posted on the [Chester County Voter Services](#) website. You may only drop YOUR OWN BALLOT in a drop box.
- **Vote on Election Day between 7:00 am - 8:00 pm** Find your polling place [here](#). NOTE: If you already applied for a mail in/absentee ballot but change your mind and decide to vote in person at the polls on election day, here's what to do:
 - a. *If you received your mail in ballot*, bring it and the return envelope with you to your polling place to surrender. It will be "spoiled" and you will be given a regular ballot to use.
 - b. *If you never receive your mail in ballot*, you have the right to vote using a Provisional Ballot at your polling place. Democratic greeter tables will have written instructions, as will the Judge of Elections in charge of your polling place. Provisional ballots are real ballots that are counted only after Voter Services verifies that you didn't already vote by mail.

We ALL NEED TO VOTE to protect our democracy and freedoms from the authoritarian takeover that this Administration is attempting.

DEFEND DEMOCRACY IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Hands Off Our Votes! - Week 6: Mail in Ballots

TONIGHT Thursday October 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Manavon/Fisher Park, 750 Tyson Street, Phoenixville

Join Chester County Indivisible to learn what you need to know about completing, returning and tracking mail in ballots. [Sign up here.](#)

Chester County Voter Services Public Meeting

Friday October 2, 9:00 - 11:00 am

[313 W. Market Street](#), Board Room (6th Floor), West Chester

Republican Commissioner Eric Roe has been recruiting election deniers to attend these meetings and whip up public concern about the integrity of mail in voting and ballot drop boxes in our county. Please consider attending this next meeting to share your perspective, especially if you have worked at the polls. We need to counter this false narrative with truth. You can also join the meeting via zoom and raise your hand during the public comment period; use [this link](#).

Logic & Accuracy Testing of Voting Equipment

L&A Testing is required by the Department of State (DOS) prior to every election. All vote-tally equipment (voting machines at polling locations and the tabulators at central scan) must be tested to confirm that each ballot style is correctly tallied in each precinct and contest. In past elections, Republicans have observed and became very aggressive towards Voter Services staff, accusing them of every conspiracy theory out there. Democratic volunteers are needed to attend, observe, ask questions and share back any issues or concerns. There are two Sessions - sign up for a shift at one or both:

Testing #1: Polling Location Scanning Equipment

Monday October 5, 8:30 am

Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 040, West Chester

[Sign-up here.](#)

Testing #2 – Ballot Counting Equipment at Central Scan

Thursday October 8, 8:30 am

Central Scan, 313 W. Market Street, 5th Floor, West Chester

[Sign-up here.](#)

Election Protection "Volunteer Raisers"

ChesCo Dems are preparing to protect our elections and need your help. Come learn about election security, voter protection and the critical role of Poll Watchers from the experts: Brendan Mattox, PA Democrats Voter Protection Specialist, and Chester County Democratic Committee solicitor, Liz Swain. Q & A format. **The ask:** Give 2 - 4 hours on Nov. 3 (Election Day) as a Poll Watcher to make sure Chester County elections are free and fair! NO previous election experience or political background

needed. Please plan to attend one of these sessions - pick the most convenient location for you, and bring a friend!

Organized by CCMF's Social Justice Committee in coordination with the Kennett Area Dems, Central Chester County Dems, Chester County Democratic Committee, and the PA Dems.

1. Monday October 5, 7:00 pm

Kennett Area Dems HQ, [*135 Church Alley, Kennett Square*](#)

Use [*this link*](#) to register.

2. Wednesday October 7, 7:00 pm

Central ChesCo Dems HQ, [*401 Gordon Drive, Suite B, Exton*](#)

Use [*this link*](#) to register.

PA Dems Voter Assistance Volunteer Training

Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays - various times

This one hour virtual session is required for anyone volunteering with one or more of these PA Dems Voter Protection programs: Voter Assistance Hotline, Voter Assistance Textline, Ballot Cure. (These volunteering opportunities are virtual, and open to anyone in the United States.) Register here:

[*https://www.mobilize.us/pacoordinated2026/event/991997/*](https://www.mobilize.us/pacoordinated2026/event/991997/)

Postcards to Young Voters: Write for the Future!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday October 4, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Private Exton location (provide with rsvp)

Join CCMF to hand-write postcards encouraging young voters in [*Chester County*](#) to make their voices heard at the ballot box. Personal, handwritten notes are one of the most effective ways to boost turnout — especially for first-time voters. All supplies provided. Bring a friend! Every postcard is a small act with big impact. Sign up [*here*](#) for address and to reserve your spot.

You can also do these from home if you can't make this event! We can deliver them to you (in packs of 30). Just handwrite the provided address and add a 1st class stamp, and mail by the end of September.

Email us at [*ccmf4communications@gmail.com*](mailto:ccmf4communications@gmail.com)

Multiple Opportunities to Work with the PA Dems

1. On-site ballot curing. Starting in mid-October through Election Day, you'll knock on the doors of voters whose ballots have an error to help them fix the errors. The PA Dems will provide a short self-service launch video and leave-behind material. Sign up [*here*](#).

2. Be a Designated Agent helping disabled voters get and submit their ballots, or drive them where they need to go. Sign up [*here*](#).

Remind Seniors to VOTE this November!

Seniors are one of the largest voting cohorts in America. CCMF has created a palmcard urging Seniors to vote for Democrats this year. We have printed a supply and could use your assistance distributing them. Do you know someone living in a Senior community who is upset with this Administration? Please

consider taking several of these cards to them to share with their friends. Senior facilities will not want to put these out because they are partisan, so this is a way to organically spread the word. They also fit into a business sized envelope if you want to mail them to friends and family - they are not specific to Chester County. Email us at ccmf4communications@gmail.com and we will get them to you. A PDF can also be downloaded from our website [here](#) to print or share electronically.

3 Mail In Ballot Drop Off Tailgate Parties!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday October 17th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Drop off your mail-in ballot, enjoy great food, music and community vibe. No mail-in ballot? No problem! Everyone is welcome to join the tailgate! Come out, have fun, and show some community spirit!

- [Oxford](#)
- [Chester Springs](#)
- [West Chester](#)

Please reach out to indivisiblescc@yahoo.com for more information about how you can volunteer to help at these events!

STRATEGIC NONCOOPERATION

Creatives for Democracy: Open Mic Event

Saturday October 3, 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Temenos Retreat Center, [1564 Telegraph Rd., West Chester](#)

Our local Creatives for Democracy group is hosting an Open Mic afternoon. Come perform or just enjoy! A \$15 requested donation will benefit VoteRiders.org, an organization that helps voters get to the polls. This event is part of the Fall of Freedom weekend of Oct 2-4, a nationwide open invitation to artists to counter fascism, repression and censorship. More information here:

<https://mobilize.us/s/nTfKhI>

If you would like to PERFORM, please email jsbneen@gmail.com

Show Pennsylvanians how Republican Leadership is Failing Them - On a Billboard!

Our local One Million Rising Billboards Team is raising money for this billboard, which will run through October in a PA district (TBD) where a Democrat is running to flip a Republican seat in the US House of Representatives. TurnPABlue has set up this [dedicated donation link](#) just for us. Please contribute what you can, and share this image and action with your networks and contacts. We MUST flip the Congress to Democratic control, so they can finally act as a check on this Authoritarian regime!

WEEKLY RALLIES AND ACTIONS

Weekly Rally in Coatesville

Every Friday, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Gateway Park, intersection of Route 82 and business Route 30

Honk for Democracy in Kennett Square

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Corner of STATE and S. UNION

[More info](#)

Weekly Tesla Takedown Rally in Devon

Every Saturday, 11:00 am – Noon

[470 W. Lancaster Ave., Devon, PA](#)

[More info](#)

Weekly No Kings Rally in West Chester

Every Saturday, 11:00 am – Noon

Tesla Dealership, [1568 West Chester Pike, West Chester PA](#)

[More info](#)

Weekly Pop-Up Rally south of Kennett Square

Sunday mornings, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

The location is different each week, so please contact Melissa to get information on how to find us. indivisibleccc@yahoo.com

Overpass Bannering in Kennett Square

Sunday mornings, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Walnut Street Overpass, Kennett Square PA

(over Route 1 in Kennett Square just past Anson Nixon Park)

Please contact hilbetj@aol.com **before attending** so the organizer can coordinate safely and effectively.

Weekly Stand for Democracy Rally

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

[1101 West Chester Pike, West Chester](#) (park in 1st lot, walk across the lawn)

DelCo Visibility Brigade

Bannering events Thursday, Friday, and Sunday afternoons to catch weekend shore traffic. [Details and times](#)

Join the West Chester and Mainline Visibility Groups

To learn about local bridge demonstrations, or to find a group near you if you aren't in our area, [go here](#), select Group Directory, then choose your state. Participate when you can, as your time allows.

BUILD COMMUNITY

Banned Books Bingo

Wednesday September 30, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Chester County Library, Struble Community Room, Exton

The 1 Million Rising Libraries team is kicking off Banned Books Week (October 4-10, 2026) with a Banned Books Bingo night! Expect at least 5 rounds of bingo with prizes for each winner. Along the way, learn about the importance of intellectual freedom from our librarians and civil rights/first amendment attorney Garen Meguerian, and nab some banned book goodies. Attendees must be aged 13 and up, no exceptions. [More information](#)

"Bad Faith 2026" Film and Discussion

Sunday October 4, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Hyatt House King of Prussia, [240 Mall Blvd, King Of Prussia](#)

Join Red Wine & Blue for a screening of **Bad Faith 2026** and a conversation about something women have been doing forever: lifting each other up.

Katie Paris will talk about the power of women coming together to push back against extremism, protect our communities, and create the change we want to see. She'll share lessons from the front lines of organizing.

Anne Nelson will lead a conversation following the viewing of Bad Faith, discussing her role in the film and educating us on how much of Project 2025 has already been enacted.

[Save your spot for October 4 at 12:30 PM in King of Prussia for an afternoon with Katie Paris, Anne Nelson & surprise local content creators/activists.](#)

Volunteer With the Chester County Food Bank

Not everyone has the means to donate money to the Food Bank, but there are other ways you can really help neighbors in need of food assistance. "Whether you want to dig in at one of our partnering farms or gardens, be hands-on in our commercial kitchen or warehouse, or assist the office team, we'd love to have you or your group volunteer with us! Volunteer opportunities are available year-round; however, our need does vary based on season, weather, inventory, and program schedules." [More info](#)

FOOD PANTRIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT

In addition to volunteering, local food banks are stretched-thin, they need food, or \$ donations, or your volunteer time. The [Chester County Food Bank](#), is located at 650 Pennsylvania Drive, Exton. The Coventry Food Pantry can also use your help at these [locations](#).

Other organizations offering assistance to those impacted by food insecurity include:

[Alianzas](#): Alianzas is central to services offered to immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers in the Phoenixville area. They help people who are not comfortable seeking help elsewhere.

[Phoenixville Liberation Center](#): they have been hosting ICE Out training sessions for people who feel moved to protest and/or record ICE activity in the Phoenixville area. They have also been central to organizing some of the rallies that have been held downtown recently.

[Kate's Casa](#): an immigrant-led organization that provides multiple kinds of support for the immigrant community in our area.

[Project Libertad](#): they provide services to newly-arrived immigrant children and youth in the greater Philadelphia area, including the Phoenixville area.

Contact Your Legislators

We Need Safe and Fair Elections!

Donald Trump's attempts to strip away voters' rights and take control of our independent election systems are threatening our democracy. With the midterms right around the corner, we must continue to call on our representatives to support safe and fair elections, which are foundational to every other issue we face. The bipartisan State and Local Election Security Act, [S. 4849](#) was introduced in June and provides federal funding to prepare and respond to security risks ahead of the midterms, as well as strengthening election systems and providing cybersecurity upgrades, paper ballot protections and resources for election workers. Tell your representatives they must defend democracy!

Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan ([202-225-4315](#))

Senator John Fetterman ([202-224-4254](#))

Senator Dave McCormick ([202-224-6324](#))

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We Have a Technology Emergency

We've seen the apocalyptic headlines, and we know AI technology is advancing at a rate that should concern everyone on the planet. In July, more than 1,300 members of the AI workforce signed an open letter warning that AI is developing faster than humans' ability to understand, oversee, or control it. The AI Kill Switch Act, [H.R. 9917](#), would require AI companies to maintain the technical and infrastructure to slow down, suspend, or fully shut down their models, report serious safety incidents and submit systems for mandatory testing before being implemented. Call Representative Chrissy Houlahan and ask her to cosponsor and support H.R. 9917.

Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan ([202-225-4315](#))

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The [5 Calls](#) app, which you can download on your phone, gives you additional current issues and suggested talking points.

TEN MINUTE ACTIONS

TELL THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY (PPSA) “NO ICE”

The PPA has a contract providing indoor garage parking for ICE vehicles while they investigate in Philadelphia. Tell PPA to end this accommodation with ICE. Contact Bill Wasser, Communications Coordinator at wwasser@philapark.org or call him at (215) 683-9616 to register your complaint.

SAVE POTTSTOWN HOSPITAL - SIGN THE PETITION

For decades, our community has relied on Pottstown Hospital’s dedicated nurses, doctors, and caregivers for timely, life-saving care. But Tower Health has plans to cut that lifeline. They are, right this very minute: Shutting down Critical Care and the Cancer Center, Eliminating higher-level inpatient surgery, Cutting a Med-Surg unit and the float team and Laying off 70 experienced direct-care nurses. The community of Pottstown needs more. Our community deserves better. [SIGN THE PETITION](#)

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS: YOU DON’T HAVE TO FOLLOW ILLEGAL ORDERS

Six Veterans in Congress, including our very own Representative, Chrissy Houlahan (see the video, link below), put out a powerful statement to active-duty service members reminding them of their oath to the CONSTITUTION and their duty to refuse to obey illegal orders. [LINK](#)

Reach out and **SUPPORT A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**. Here’s a website with nonprofit groups whose work you might want to support. The site allows you to search by causes and to view the ratings of each organization. [LINK](#)

Sign up for “**RESISTBOT**” on your Smart Phone. Use this free app to send messages to your Congressperson and Senators and other elected officials. To get started, text the word **RESIST** to **50409**. You will be asked for your name and address to connect your messages to your local officials. Once signed up, just follow the app prompts. [LINK](#)

The website [DEMOCRACY.IO](#) was created by the Electronic Frontier Foundation. The platform simplifies the process of contacting your members of Congress by providing a single interface to send messages.

5 Calls App: Choose an issue you care about and make calls in support of progressive issues. The list is updated regularly. If you don’t see your issue on the list, please [reach out](#). Enter your location and they will figure out who you need to call. They’ll provide you with a script and tell you who to call for your chosen issue, from Representatives and Senators to Governors and Attorney Generals. Once you mark the result of your call, they’ll show you the next person’s number. Link: [5 Calls](#)

PROTESTOR’S RIGHTS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WITH ICE

This is for all people in the country, documented and undocumented, all have rights. If ICE shows up at your workplace or home, remember you have rights. Stay informed, stay calm, and stand strong. Here is an [ICE CHECKLIST](#) from the Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA7).

RALLY OR MARCH PERSONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING The purpose of this information is “keeping you safe” at a rally or march. The comprehensive safety planning tool covers multiple scenarios and approaches to help you prepare for various types of risks you might face. [LINK](#)

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION – PROTESTORS SHOULD KNOW THEIR RIGHTS The ACLU has important information about protecting your rights as you participate in protests. [LINK](#)