

## Maximizing Your Members' Impact on Election Day Activities

After engaging in voter registration and get out the vote (GOTV) activities, your volunteers will be excited about Election Day. Just because the preparation is completed doesn't mean the work is done. Plan ahead and speak with your volunteers about the importance of the following activities.

### Participate in meetings with local election officials to determine possible needs

Local community groups have great opportunities to work with local election officials to ensure a smooth Election Day voting process. A few months before Election Day, set up a meeting with your local official to find out what common problems they predict for voters on Election Day and find ways to help alleviate them. Examples can include, informing voters during your GOTV that polling locations may have changed, planning to message about voter ID while serving as a poll monitor outside the polling location, or helping man hotlines in the election office for foreign language assistance.

### Sign up to be a poll worker on Election Day or during early voting

In the months leading up to an election, local election offices will recruit and train poll workers to work at polling locations checking in voters and assisting them in the voting process. Every experience at a polling location is impacted by the number and quality of poll workers present. Encourage your volunteers to sign up to be a poll worker early. While some counties have last minute needs, many have enough applicants that spots fill up quickly. Once your members are signed up, encourage them to serve in every election possible. The more often they serve as a poll worker, the more likely they are to be selected for major elections. Serving as a poll worker allows volunteers to have a direct impact on the voting experience and guarantees that they will be able to help voters on Election Day in the polling location.

### Volunteer with the Election Protection Hotline as a poll worker

Voters who encounter problems on Election Day due to misinformation, confusion, or inexperienced or misinformed poll workers (among other issues) are encouraged to call the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE. For the hotline to be useful, voters need to know to call with their questions. In most elections, NALEO will also operate a Spanish language Hotline (1-888-VE-Y-VOTA). Volunteer poll monitors are recruited and trained every election to stand outside polling locations and help voters contact the hotline. You can also include the hotline number on GOTV materials. The more people who know about the Election Protection Hotline, the more assistance it can provide. Contact the State Voices table in your state or the Lawyers' Committee to sign up your volunteers as poll monitors.