

# CLEVELAND VOTES

EDUCATE CONNECT EMPOWER



## DEMOCRACY ANNOUNCEMENT!

#COMMIT2CLE:  
HOW CAN YOU PLUG IN?

Strengthen Your voice.  
**Stay educated about your equitable  
civic engagement.**

### *Understanding* VOTER REGISTRATION



#Commit2CLE

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Thank you for checking out our #Commit2CLE toolkit. For those we have not yet met, Cleveland VOTES is a nonpartisan democracy building and mobilization entity that aims to strengthen civic muscle and power to ensure we have a more informed, participatory, and cohesive community. We strive to curate equitable civic engagement experiences and opportunities that reflect our community. Our work is communal and co-created with fellow democracy builders.

As stated in the report *Building Civic Capacity in an Era of Democratic Crisis* 'civic engagement must be understood as a constant, sustained practice that outlives election cycles and stretches beyond voting or formal channels for citizen input'. This practice must be constantly cultivated and nurtured. Every day we are confronted with practices and policies that stand to compromise or jeopardize the viability of ourselves and our community. To affect change, we must be informed so we know how to exercise our power. Educating, connecting and empowering our collective communities across Northeast Ohio is a huge step towards equitable civic engagement that we, Cleveland VOTES, believe needs to be taken seriously by ourselves as democracy-builders.

We truly believe that we all have a role in nonpartisan democracy building. We encourage you to find your lane and lean in! We are encouraging any and all folks committed to affecting change, undesigning oppressive and systemic policies/practices and creating pathways for equitable civic engagement to keep reading! This toolkit is designed for both individuals and organizations (private and/or public). While the lens and focus of this toolkit is for the 2020 Census and General Election, it is very much a living and breathing document that will be continuously updated.

In peace, power+ equity,  
Cleveland VOTES

[VISIT OUR DIGITAL TOOLKIT HERE](#)

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**DO YOU HAVE A VOTING PLAN?  
EARLY VOTING BEGINS STARTING OCTOBER 6TH!**

# Early In-Person Voting Hours

## November 3, 2020 General Election



Weekdays	October 6 - October 16	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Weekdays	October 19 - October 23	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	October 24	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	October 25	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Weekdays	October 26 - October 30	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday	October 31	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	November 1	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday	November 2	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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### ARE YOU READY TO ACTIVATE FOR THE 2020 ELECTION?

- Confirm, Update and Register to vote: [ohvotes.org](http://ohvotes.org)
- Make a voting plan:
  - 1) Vote from Home/Vote by Mail: Request your vote by mail application NOW
  - 2) Early Vote: Early voting will take place October 6 - November 2, 2020. Please see the early voting hours, please click [here](#).
  - 3) In Person Election Day Voting: Confirm your polling location for Election Day by clicking [here](#).
- Prepare and research the candidates and issues by reviewing your [sample ballot](#) and checking out our [voter guide](#).

### UPCOMING: STATE OF THE CULTURE TOWNHALL SERIES

MUSICON SUMMIT

THE STATE OF THE CULTURE

TOWNHALL SERIES

FEATURING

THE DAVID BANNER  
PODCAST

LIVE AT THIRDSPEACE ACTION LAB

OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 | 6:00-8:30 PM

[musiconsummit.com](http://musiconsummit.com)



Cleveland VOTES, INDI Media, XYLUM Management, and KS Creative Presents the Musicon Summit with David Banner. Join us for a conversation about the 2020 election, civic engagement, and voter education in the Black community.

Live at ThirdSpace Action Lab on October 2nd, 2020 at 6:00p - 8:30p

Learn more about the State of the Culture at [www.musiconsummit.com](http://www.musiconsummit.com)

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**NEED A RIDE TO VOTE EARLY?  
CHECK OUT VOTER DRIVE COMMUNITY!**



### **Voter Drive Community Partners**

VoterDrive consists of nonpartisan local leaders collaborating to drive voters to the polls both literally and figuratively: we want every eligible voter to be able to vote, and we have established a number of services to ensure Clevelanders have the opportunity to vote safely and reliably.

Cleveland is stronger when we all vote - no matter what we look like or what neighborhood we call home. When we are all in for democracy, our voices are heard and we can make the best choices for our families and our community.

Learn more at [www.voterdrivecle.com](http://www.voterdrivecle.com).

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**CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND'S  
DEMOCRACY WEEK**

# ★ DEMOCRACY WEEK

City Club of Cleveland Presents

## Events this Week

Presidential Debate Watch 9/29

Cleveland Race Relations 9/30

2020 Issues Forum 10/1

Who's Permitted to Vote 10/2

5 Days of Democracy 10/4

Congressional Cand. Forum 10/7

Visit City Club of Cleveland

GOTV is quickly approaching and now it is time to elevate voter education!  
Check out the City Club virtual forums happening everyday this week!

### **Presidential Debate Watch @ 9/29**

Watch Here:

<https://www.cityclub.org/forums/2020/09/29/presidential-debatewatch2020>

### **Cleveland Race Relations @ 9/30**

Watch Here:

<https://www.cityclub.org/forums/2020/09/30/cleveland-race-relations-from-civil-rights-movement-to-black-lives-matter>

### **2020 Issues Forum @ 10/1**

Watch Here:

<https://www.cityclub.org/forums/2020/10/07/2020-congressional-candidate-forum>

### **Who's Permitted to Vote @ 10/2**

Watch Here:

<https://www.cityclub.org/forums/2020/10/02/who-is-permitted-to-vote-lessons-from-the-reconstruction>

### **5 Days of Democracy @ 10/4**

Watch Here:

<https://www.cityclub.org/forums/2020/10/04/5-days-for-democracy-event>

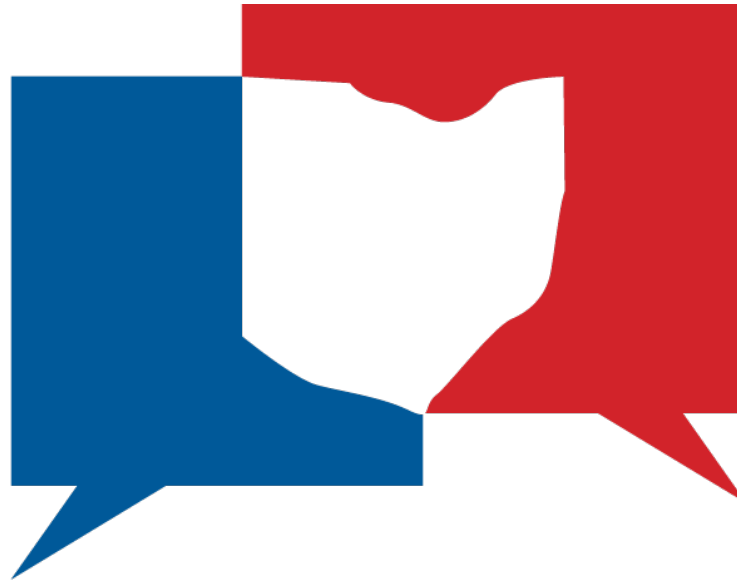
### **Congressional Cand. Forum @ 10/7**

Watch Here:

Learn more by visiting City Club of Cleveland.

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**UPCOMING EVENT:  
OHIO DEBATE COMMISSION'S OHIO SUPREME COURT  
CANDIDATES VIRTUAL FORUM**



**OHIO DEBATE  
COMMISSION**

OHIO DEBATE COMMISSION SETS NEW DATE, HAS AGREEMENT WITH ALL OHIO SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES FOR VIRTUAL FORUM  
CLEVELAND - Four candidates for the two 2020 Ohio Supreme Court races have agreed to participate in a virtual forum organized by the nonpartisan Ohio Debate Commission. The virtual event will take place on the evening of Friday, October 9, with plans to record and release it shortly afterwards for coverage in as many parts of the state as possible. The original date of Tuesday, September 22 was changed due to the Court hearing arguments.

Contact Ohio Debate Commission at [info@ohiodebatecommission.org](mailto:info@ohiodebatecommission.org)

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**MIX: AMPLIFY**



October 2, 8:00 p.m - 9:00 pm.

(A **FREE** Digital Dance Party)

**MIX:** Amplify celebrates how music and art have promoted social justice and combatted racism through messages of rage, hope, and protest. The event is inspired by and in partnership with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, whose exhibition *It's Been Said All Along: Voices of Rage, Hope & Empowerment* highlights iconic performing artists from Public Enemy to Nina Simone. You don't want to miss this Zoom party, featuring a live DJ set from Vikter Duplaix, a showcase of different styles of street dance from hip-hop ambassador and choreographer Samuel McIntosh of 10K Movement, video art by Wil Frierson, and surprise guest appearances.

Community Partner: Cleveland VOTES, a nonpartisan democracy-building and mobilization entity that aims to strengthen and amplify equitable civic engagement to ensure we have a more informed, participatory, and cohesive community.

[Join the Digital Dance Party](#)

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## **CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS HERE**

Point your cell phone's camera to the screen and you will be directed to check your voter registration status.

**35 days from the General Election!**





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**VOTE411 IS NOW IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH!  
LEARN WHAT IS ON YOUR BALLOT NOW!**



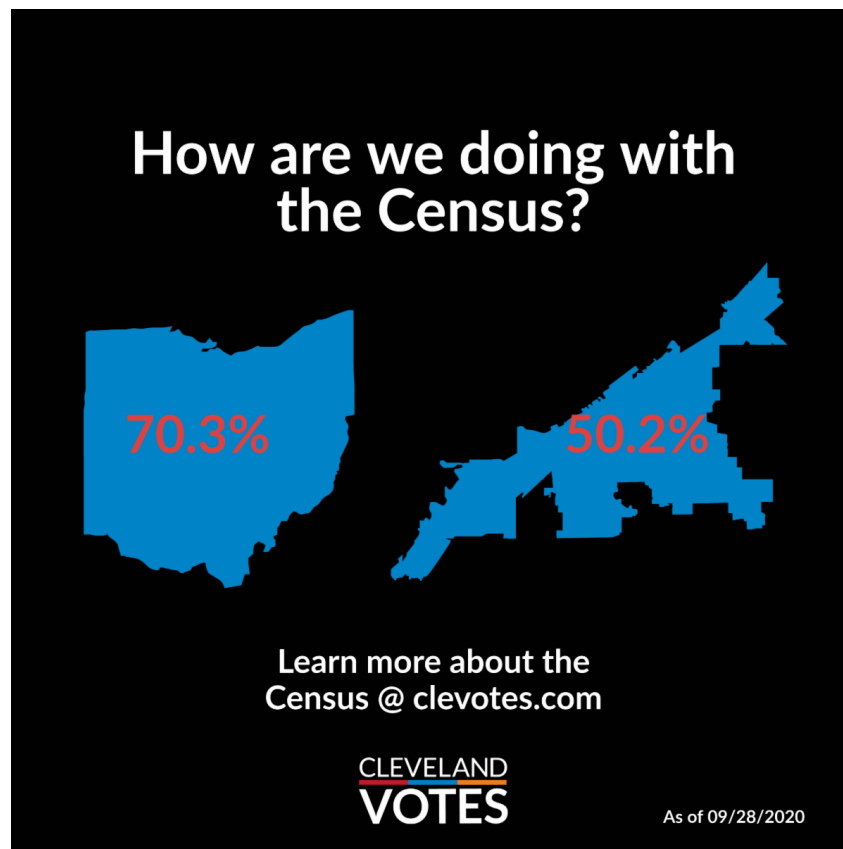
**¡¡¡A-TEN-CIÓN!!!**

Don't forget to check out the [#Vote411](#) website. It is now available in English and Spanish! Learn more about ballot education by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

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**TAKE THE CENSUS NOW!**

Point your cell phone's camera to the screen and you will be directed to check your voter registration status. We are near the completion of the 2020 census. Complete your census now!



## **CENSUS 2020 TEXT-TO-PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**

Imagine a world where everyone counts. That's the new normal we all want. Make sure you count in the #2020Census and we can start to build this world together by texting "PLEDGE" to 614-295-9592.

Support us in the Statewide Census Text Campaign!

PLEDGE TO COMPLETE  
THE 2020 CENSUS

Text **PLEDGE**  
to **614-295-9592**

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What is the completion rate in your community?

Showing How We Count: Census and Civic Participation PSA



Want to Support our Democracy-Building Work?

Visit our site and donate below!  
[www.clevotes.com](http://www.clevotes.com)

Donate Here

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## HAVE QUESTIONS?

Have questions about the extended General Election or the 2020 Census?  
Contact Cleveland VOTES at [info@clevotes.com](mailto:info@clevotes.com)

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*dēmokratia*: *dēmo*= 'the people' + *kratia* = 'power'