AS WE APPROACH THE 2012 ELECTIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE, CITIZEN OR NOT, TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE CIVIC AND POLITICAL PROCESS IN THE U.S.

INSIDE ARE TEN WAYS

YOU CAN MAKE

A DIFFERENCE IN THE

2012 ELECTIONS!





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SAALT'S 2012 ELECTION RESOURCES

- Know your Rights on Election Day
- How Can I get Involved?
- A Guide to the Presidential Election



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REGISTER TO VOTE

If you are a U.S. citizen, can meet your state's residency requirements for voters, and will be at least 18 years old by Election Day (November 6), make sure you register before your state's deadline. Visit www.866ourvote.org/state to check:

- Your state's voter registration requirements. To register in the state where you currently live, visit www.rockthevote.org or download the National Mail Voter Registration form from Resources for Voters, available at www.eac.gov.
- Your state's requirements about presenting identification in order to vote.
- Your state's early and absentee voting requirements (that is, if you cannot make it to the polling site where you are registered on Election Day but would still like to vote).
- If you are voting from abroad, visit www.votefromabroad.org or www.fvap.gov.



Volunteer with voter registration drives—contact SAALT at info@saalt.org to get connected to local nonpartisan efforts.



The more you know about the different stages and events



of the election process, the more informed you can be as a voter. SAALT's Elections 2012: A Roadmap (at www. saalt.org) provides an overview of the road to the White House.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHERE CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES STAND ON ISSUES YOU CARE ABOUT.

- Read party issue platforms from the political parties, including: Democrat (www.democrats.org/about/ party_platform); Green (www.gp.org/committees/platform); Libertarian (www.lp.org/platform); and Republican (www.gopplatform2012.com).
- Participate in a community town hall to discuss important issues.
- Attend a candidates' forum in your area.
- Get involved with a political campaign you support.



Presidential debates in 2012:

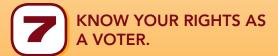
- October 3- University of Denver, Denver, CO
- October 16 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
- October 22 Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL

Vice Presidential debate in 2012:

October 11 – Centre College, Danville, KY



Write about your views on issues being discussed in local, state, and national elections. Even if you are not a U.S. citizen, you can weigh in with your views.



Voting is a fundamental right for U.S. citizens, yet this right is frequently challenged for South Asian voters. For the first time, voters will have election materials and interpreters in certain South Asian languages available in Cook County, IL;

Hamtramck, MI; Los Angeles County, CA; and Queens County, NY. Check out SAALT's *Elections 2012: Know Your Rights on Election Day* to learn more.



PROTECT VOTER RIGHTS ON ELECTION DAY.

- Volunteer to be an election monitor to document any problems at polling sites. If you would like to participate in a multi-state Asian American election protection project, visit the Election 2012 Center www.aaldef.org or contact SAALT at info@saalt.org.
- If you encounter problems during Election Day or see others having trouble voting, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights).



BE A POLL WORKER OR ASSISTANT AT A LOCAL POLLING SITE ON ELECTION DAY.

Poll workers help administer elections procedures and, in some areas, can interpret for limited English proficient voters on Election Day. Poll workers who are bilingual in South Asian languages are especially needed in Cook County, IL; Hamtramck, MI; Los Angeles County, CA; and Queens County, NY. Visit Resources for Voters at www.eac.gov to learn how to become a poll worker.





SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILIES.

We encourage you to distribute this factsheet at voter engagement efforts, town halls, voter registration drives and more!