

Young Democrats Canvassing (aka Door Knocking) Setup & FAQ

— Canvassing Setup

Before you go to a canvassing event, make sure that you:

- Have installed the MiniVan 9 app (also known as the MiniVan touch app) onto your phone; and
- Have created an Action ID account in the MiniVan 9 app.

After you do that, watch this tutorial to learn about how to use the app:  [Canvassing with MiniVAN](#) .

Some notes on MiniVan/the video:

- If you ever talk to anyone not on your list, there is no need to use that crummy “search” feature. It’s kind of creepy to ask someone their first and last name + zip code (in my opinion).
- When going out canvassing with a partner, only one person should put responses into the app. The sync feature doesn’t actually work.

— Do I have to talk to people?

Yes, you’ll have to talk to people, however not as much as you may think. The “conversations” you have mainly consist of exchanging pleasantries and polling, as opposed to convincing someone to vote blue. If you’re worried about this, you can always ask to go out with an experienced canvasser when you’re at the event!

— What do I have to know?

You don't really need to know much about the specifics of the proposed amendment (though, you can read the lit before heading out, which has all that information). It's important to have a reason as to why you're supporting democrats and know some information about early voting, which you can find at fairfaxvotes.org.

— Why should I go canvassing?

Canvassing is one of the most vital activities our volunteers do. The data that canvassers collect is central to campaigns and helps candidates to dictate their policy platforms. Canvassers also establish a democratic presence in our community and encourage others to get more involved. In this election, it is even more essential. We need to make sure that every single democrat votes to drive support for the Freedom Amendments – many people in Fairfax assume the Democratic candidate will win, and don't turn out for that reason.

— Who will I be talking to?

You'll only be talking to strong democrats with great voting records. It's less about getting these people out to the polls, and more about making sure they know that there are polls to get to.

— How much work is it?

Not too much! Just show up, and do what you can in two hours. If you have to leave a bit early, then that's fine as well. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about claiming volunteer hours for staffing the polls!