

# Voter Registration Information

## Why it's important?

- Voting is a key part of our participation in society.
- Opportunity to engage with members
  - Find out what's important to them
  - Express importance of voting to protect what is worth fighting for – bargaining rights, secure retirement, and quality healthcare.
- Every vote counts
  - A single vote can make a big difference. In 2002, a Connecticut state House seat was determined by one vote out of more than 6,400 cast.
- Voter registration time takes an average of two minutes or less to complete.
- Everyone needs to update their voter registration if they:
  - **Changed their name.**
  - **Recently changed their address.**
  - **Haven't voted in a while.** It is good practice to update your voter registration in case your registration has become inactive.

## Ways you can activate members to vote:

- Voter registration drive at workplace during lunchtime
- Table at Local events
- Reach out to members directly:
  - Council 4 can provide lists & contact info of members in you local not registered or inactive voters

## Important websites:

Checking Voter Registration Status:

- [AFSCME website](#)
- [CT Secretary of State website](#)

[Register to vote via Secretary of State's office](#)

[Connecticut Voter Information](#)

[Election Day Registration](#)

**Helpful talking points:**

<b>Reasons people give for not registering</b>	<b>Possible response</b>
don't trust politicians	vote for the ones who represent you
no difference	democracy only works if you participate
vote does not matter	look at 2000 and 2016 results
no jury duty	wait til you are 70 (LOL) bigger odds of getting bad legislators than getting picked for jury. You would want a jury of your peers if you were on trial
too busy	what is impact on your children, benefits, etc if you are not busy enough to protect their future
can't take time off of work	the 1% take the time and you will never get the time off if we do not elect good people. Polls open 6 am to 8 pm absentee ballot is option