

#VOTEBIG

Connecting our Twin Cities community to voter information and trusted, non-partisan education

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#VoteBig is our commitment to fueling civic engagement and strengthening our democracy in the Twin Cities and beyond. Voting is essential for strengthening our democracy and ensuring all voices are heard at the polls.

We are sharing election and voter information for youth and adults so you are prepped and ready for this election season!



Scan to learn more about:

- Getting involved on election day - AND getting paid to do it!
- Pre-registering to vote if you're 16-17 years-old
- Registering to vote, where to vote, and how to vote
- Your voting rights and so much more!



Or, visit bigstwincities.org/vote-big

Key election dates:

Primary Election

- June 28 – August 12 early voting by mail/in person
- August 13 – Primary election in-person

General Election

- September 17 – National Voting Registration Day
- September 20 – Start voting by mail or in person
- October 15 – Last day to register early
- November 5 – Election Day (same-day registration available)

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How Bigs can navigate the election, voting and politics

Politics can be a polarizing issue in today's climate. Yet, educating youth on their civic responsibility is important for a healthy democracy. Bigs, you may feel uncertain about how to navigate difficult political conversations, like when your Little approaches you with questions about the election or specific candidates, especially because you and the youth's family may hold different political beliefs. Always know that your match support coordinator can support you in these conversations too!



How to talk about the election with your Little

In order to maintain the strength your relationship with your Little, it is important that she/he/they does not feel judged for holding different political views than you. Here are some tips to help you navigate political topics:

DO:

- Be curious. Ask your Little open-ended questions to find out why they hold the political views they do.
- Share about the importance of registering to vote and being informed about candidates and issues.
- Help them register to vote and make a plan to vote if they are interested in doing so.
- Maintain open communication with your Little's family. Ask them how they would like you to handle political topics and be respectful of their preferences and views.
- It's ok to say you'd rather not discuss politics. Share that you respect your Little's beliefs but prefer not to discuss your own.
- Model civic participation by encouraging participation in the democratic process.

DON'T:

- Debate your Little over their political views. Everyone is entitled to their own viewpoint, and everyone has different cultural, religious, and life experiences that shape their views.
- Judge your Little's family for their political beliefs. This might put your Little in an uncomfortable position between you and their family. You are a team supporting your Little together. Even if you hold different political views from their family, you all still share a common goal of wanting the best for your Little.

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