



2022 Legislative Priorities

Our Lead Priorities

SB 5182 Eliminating Advisory Votes

Voting should be a simple, accessible way for all of us to make a real difference in our communities. However, the advisory votes that clutter up our ballots every year have no power to change our laws, and they continue to create confusion and apathy amongst Washington voters. ***If we eliminate advisory votes...***

- **It would be easier for new voters** and voters with English as a second language to understand and fill out our ballots.
- **All voters would save time** wasted researching votes that have no impact on our laws.
- **Our state would save time**, money, and administrative resources.

SB 5636 Upgrading Our Automatic Voter Registration

Our democracy is at its best when every Washingtonian, regardless of race or income, has our voice heard and our vote counted. However, there are still almost one million eligible Washingtonians who are not registered to vote, and people of color and low-income people still face registration barriers. We successfully fought for automatic voter registration in 2018, and now it's time to improve our system and ensure that as many voters as possible are ready to vote in the years to come.

If we upgrade our automatic voter registration system...

- **More voters would be registered automatically**, including people left out by traditional methods. Automatic voter registration would be more accessible to people with lower incomes already applying for the more affordable standard driver's licenses, Apple Health, and health benefit exchange plans.
- **Washingtonians who are not citizens would be** automatically filtered out, preventing people from accidentally registering when they are not eligible.
- **It would save time and money** because more voters would be registered automatically instead of through paper forms.

Other Policy Ideas We Support



Strengthening the Washington Voting Rights Act

Whether we are Black, brown, or white, voters should all be able to exercise our freedom to vote and see ourselves represented in our government. We support policies that make it harder for local governments to create voting barriers for communities of color, and we also support policies that make it easier for Washingtonians to challenge oppressive laws and systems through the Washington Voting Rights Act.



Providing more democratic options for local elections systems

Many of our members also support permitting cities and counties to use alternative voting methods such as ranked choice voting and proportional representation to ensure that we all have fair representation in our local governments. Our coalition as a whole strongly supports robust public education that proactively reaches out to first-time, immigrant, and other voters who have been historically subjected to unfair voting barriers, so that all voters in Washington can have our voices heard if new local options become available.



Effectively and Equitably Implementing the Restoration of Voting Rights to Washingtonians with Past Felony Convictions

We applaud our legislators for restoring voting rights to our neighbors with past convictions. Now, our state must ensure that more than 20,000 new voters have the outreach, information, and support they need to make their voices heard in 2022. We acknowledge that our work is not yet done on this issue, and will continue to fight for a future where no Washingtonian loses their right to vote because of our criminal legal system.



Improving Civic Education in Schools

Though there is no bill this year, we believe that young voters will be more prepared and engaged as voters if we increase public school education about voting and civic participation.