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VOTER RESOURCE GUIDE

I Voted ... What's Next.

Ayyeee... you voted! You've completed your civic duty and now all you have to do is wait for the next election cycle and do it all over again.. right? Welllll.....for some, their civic duty starts and ends for the polls. Others might be itching to do more. We know our generation is tired of the political status quo and wants to see some change. **If this is you, then know the journey to becoming a change agent only just begins at the polls.**

Stay Informed.

The easiest and maybe most important thing you can do after you vote is stay informed. Knowing what's going on and what your elected officials are doing, even if it's in just one topic you care about, is so powerful. It's okay if you don't know how to stay informed on what is happening in your community, that's kinda why we put together this resource guide, because we get it. If you want to stay in the know, you can do things as simple as following the social media pages of your local elected officials, politically engaged organizations, and or community groups. You can also join local community groups that champion for specific issues, or start your own. These are just some of the ways you can expand your influence. The more ways you remain civically engaged, the greater your impact.

Stay Involved.

There are many ways you can get involved after an election to make sure the power of your voice and vote don't fall flat. After an election, whether the candidate of your choice wins or loses, you can still hold your representative accountable. You can remain engaged and pay attention to the decisions they're making on behalf of your community. All of your elected officials have contact information where you can send them a message, ask to meet up, and advocate for the issues that matter the most to you. You can also show up to the places where decisions are being made! We encourage you to look out for any community meetings held by your elected representatives at the state and local levels. You can come ready to listen and learn, or even to speak up or speak out.



Conclusion.

We know this may feel overwhelming, and honestly at times it can be. We understand if you feel frustrated with the world of politics, and hold the belief that nothing will truly make a difference. Feeling this way is valid. But the reality is, nothing will really change if we all decide to not be civically engaged. Civil rights have never been won by giving up. As we talked about in earlier sections, so much effort has been deployed to disenfranchise the people's vote. This shows that voting has power. Not only does your vote have power, but the power of your voice is amplified when you stay informed, show up, and connect with your elected officials. Delaware is a small state which at times can lead to some sticky personal situations, ifykyk, lol. It also means there are boundless opportunities to make a meaningful difference in your community.

Remember, the only one who can take away all your power is you!

