Advocacy Weekly Wrap

ISSUE SPOTLIGHT: 2020 Election

VOTING: THE BASICS

- **There are officially 2 weeks left until Election Day.**

- **Make a plan to vote**. When will you vote? If in person, where will you vote? How will you get there? For state-specific information on registration deadlines, voting early, in-person voting, requesting an absentee ballot, and submitting an absentee ballot, visit this website.

- **Make sure your mail-in ballot counts**. Voting by mail can get complicated. Be sure to read all of the instructions and don't forget to send your ballot with the secrecy sleeve if your state requires it! For more tips, see the graphic below.

- **Track your mail-in ballot** to make sure it has been accepted. For state-specific information, click here.

- **Voting at UCLA**. For information on voting center locations and vote-by-mail drop-off locations on and nearby campus, visit the Bruins Vote website.

Don't disqualify your ballot!
Here's some mistakes to avoid:

1. Using anything but a blue or black pen.
2. Filling out your ballot on a wet surface.
3. Forgetting to sign your envelope.
4. Using a different signature than what your state has on file.
5. Not writing the complete date (i.e., 10/15/20 instead of 10/15/2020).
6. Not including additional identification or documentation, if required by your state.
7. Sending your ballot back too late.

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CALIFORNIA CANDIDATES AND PROPOSITIONS

- **For information about who is running in LA** and links to candidate websites, visit the Bruins Vote website.

- **Voter guides**: Voter guides are a good way to get information about where candidates stand on key issues from housing policies to the environment. Ktown For All, a grassroots homelessness advocacy and outreach organization in LA recommends the voter guides by KNOCK.LA, DSA-LA, and LA Podcast.

- **California Propositions**: For descriptions of all 12 state propositions, click here. For endorsements by SAJE, an organization that fights for tenant rights and safe housing click here. The voter guides mentioned above also contain recommendations for all propositions.

- **Los Angeles County Ballot Measures:** For details on local ballot measures for cities, school districts, and special districts in LA County, click here.

- **Propositions related to housing issues:**
  - A vote YES on State Proposition 21 would expand rent control.
  - A vote YES on LA County Measure J would set a "10% minimum allocation in the LA County budget toward health, housing, and jobs."

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Talk to your friends and family about voting (0.5 hour):** Text 3-5 eligible voters and ask them if they are registered/have a plan to vote. Share your plan to encourage others to make their own (ex: I am voting by mail and plan to drop off my ballot tomorrow).

- **Encourage your LA friends vote YES on J (0.5 hour):**
  - **Link:** Frequently Asked Questions about Measure J
  - **Thread:** "We need to ensure that funding can no longer be diverted from the priorities, programs and services our communities need, that we are able to address and resolve issues at their root cause." - LA CAN
  - **What you can do**: Email/text 5 friends who are registered to vote in LA and tell them to vote YES on J.

- **Oppose parking enforcement (0.5 hour):**
  - **What's going on:** As of October 15, the City of LA has resumed parking enforcement for street cleaning, abandoned vehicles, expired vehicle registrations, and more. This type of enforcement especially affects individuals who live in their vehicles.
  - **Thread:** "Not only is criminalizing vehicle dwelling cruel, it often has the tragic effect of pushing people onto the streets as they lose their vehicle to tows." (Ktown for All)
  - **What you can do:** Call your city council member (for Westwood, this is Paul Kortez) and voice your opposition to parking enforcement for individuals living in their vehicles.

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