

Watch Party Guide

Your Voice, Your Vote: Understanding Your Rights and Voting Access as a Blind or Low Vision Voter

Purpose

Thank you for helping ensure individuals who are blind or visually impaired have the information they need to vote confidently, independently, and accessibly.

This toolkit is designed to make hosting a watch party simple and engaging. Whether your organization serves five participants or fifty, this guide will help create an informative and welcoming event.

Before the Event

Invite Participants

Encourage:

- Individuals with vision loss
- Family members
- Vision rehabilitation professionals
- Volunteers

Suggested Materials

- Computer and internet connection
- Large screen/projector
- Speakers
- Refreshments (optional)
- Accessible handouts (see more information below)
- Attendance Tracking method

Sample Agenda (90 minutes)

Welcome (5 minutes)

Host introductions

Explain:

- Purpose of the event
- Importance of accessible voting
- Questions can be discussed after the webinar

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

Possible questions:

- Have you voted before?
- What has been your biggest challenge when voting?
- What has helped make voting easier?

Watch the Webinar (45 minutes)

Play the pre-recorded presentation featuring voting rights experts.
Encourage participants to identify questions.

Group Discussion (20 minutes)

Suggested discussion questions:

- What was something new you learned?
- What surprised you?
- What voting barriers have you experienced?
- What accommodations have worked well?
- What questions do you still have?
- How can our community better support accessible voting?

Resource Review (10 minutes)

Share:

- Accessible absentee voting option
- Polling place accessibility
- Transportation resources
- Election protection hotline
- State election contacts
- Local disability advocacy organizations

Conclusion and Action Steps (5 minutes)

Encourage everyone to:

- ✓ Verify voter registration
- ✓ Learn about voting options
- ✓ Request accommodations if needed
- ✓ Make a voting plan
- ✓ Complete a survey on the event

Optional Interactive Activities (if time permits)

Accessible Voting Demonstration

Invite your local elections office to bring an accessible voting machine onsite

Myth vs. Fact Game

Examples:

"Myth: Someone who is blind must have another person vote for them."

"Myth: Poll workers can refuse to provide accommodations."

"Myth: You lose your right to vote if you receive disability benefits."

This keeps participants engaged while reinforcing accurate information.

Share Your Story

Invite volunteers to answer:

"What helps you vote independently?"

Stories often inspire confidence among first-time voters.

Make Your Voting Plan

Provide a simple worksheet/electronic document covering:

- Election Day date
- Polling location
- Transportation plan
- Voting method
- Needed accommodations
- Backup plan

Event Accessibility Checklist

Remember to provide:

- ✓ Accessible electronic materials
- ✓ Large print and braille handouts
- ✓ Audio descriptions of visuals
- ✓ Good lighting
- ✓ Minimal background noise
- ✓ Accessible seating
- ✓ Assistive listening devices or sign language interpretation, if requested

Evaluation Questions: [Accessible Voting Watch Party Evaluation – Fill out form](#)

Take-Home Resource Guide:

Your Voice, Your Vote: Understanding Your Rights and Voting Access as a Blind or Low Vision Voter [Voter Resource Guide](#)

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