



#PHNTXvotes - Empowering YOU to Make Informed Decisions!

It's finally here! Early voting begins today and runs through November 24th!



Top 10 Reasons to Vote EARLY

10. If disaster strikes and you can't vote on Election Day, your vote is already cast!

9. You can snap an "I Voted" selfie with your sticker or at your polling location and send it to Sophia.Bledsoe@prismntx.org for our #PHNTXvotes photo campaign!

8. Beat the lines! You have two weeks to early vote; crowds are more spread out and easier to manage.

7. Fewer calls, texts, and visits from candidates! A well-run campaign will remove you from their call lists to focus on those who haven't voted yet.

6. You can vote at any polling location within the county that you live!

5. You can focus on supporting others who need to vote! Offer someone a ride, stand with them in line, provide any information you've received in these newsletters, be a resource!

4. In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution was ratified, promising the "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." However, many states instituted literacy tests, poll taxes, and many other voter intimidation tactics that discouraged Black men from voting. The 1965 Voting Rights Act theoretically eliminated these practices.

3. The 19th amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1920. It vows the "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

But in practice, the 19th amendment didn't apply equally to all women. Laws across the country still blocked women of color from voting and they continued to face intimidation tactics. Once again, the 1965 Voting Rights Act theoretically eliminated such practices.

2. The Snyder Act of 1924 "admitted Native Americans born in the U.S. to full U.S. citizenship," according to the Library of Congress.

But the Constitution still allowed states to decide who could vote and it took more than 40 years for every state to allow Indigenous people to cast their ballots. Today, Native American groups are still pushing for voting rights and access. Indigenous people living on reservations often face additional [challenges to accessing the ballot box](#).

1. The ability to choose who will make key decisions that will affect us as Texans and Americans is the cornerstone of our democracy. That should not be taken for granted!

Did You Know?

The top three counties of residence for PHNTX staff are:

1. [Dallas](#)
2. [Collin](#)
3. [Tarrant](#)

You can early vote at ANY polling location within the county you live! Click on your county above for locations and hours!

What to Know Before Heading to the Polls

- What are the [identification requirements](#)?
- What is [allowed](#) inside the polling place?
- What is on the [ballot](#)?

This ballot is a long one because it covers statewide positions. Feeling overwhelmed? Check out our newest PHNTX blogpost - [Who's on My Ballot: Government Positions Explained](#)

Mail-In Ballots are DUE!

This is it! Mail ballots MUST be postmarked by **Friday, October 28th!** Check out the [Mail-In Ballot 101 blog](#) for EVERYTHING you need to know about mail-in ballots!

Show Us Your Selfies!

We want to see your "I Voted" selfies! **October 24th-November 4th** (early voting) and **Tuesday, November 8th** (Election Day) we will be collecting your pics from the polls.



Pics may be sent to Sophia.Bledsoe@prismntx.org if you would like your beautiful face to be used on social media, and in a photo montage to be revealed post-election. Polling place doesn't give out stickers? No problem! Send a pic that shows you were at your local polling place or send a pic with your mail-in ballot!

Follow and SHARE!

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Important Dates to Remember:

- September 1st — Mail-in ballots available
- September 20th — National Voter Registration Day
- October 11th — Last day to register to vote
- October 28th — Mail-in ballots must be postmarked
- Oct. 24th-Nov. 4th — Early Voting
- November 8th — Election Day

Questions?

Email Januari Fox at Januari.Fox@prismntx.org.
Check out the [PACE website](#) for more voting tips!