



ya es hora

Campaign Newsletter

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ya es hora is a historic non-partisan Latino civic participation campaign launched as the Latino community's action-oriented follow-up to the immigrant mobilizations of 2006. The campaign represents the largest and most comprehensive effort to incorporate Latinos as full participants in the American political process, that links naturalization to voter participation and Census enumeration under a single message: "it's time."

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ya es hora partner and organization highlight

Partners and organizations across the country have been involved in encouraging Latinos to vote. This year's midterm election is an opportunity to increase Latino political clout and this is possible only through motivating Latinos to the polls.

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[LA Voice](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving civic participation, held registration drives throughout the month of October as well as forums educating the community about what's on the ballot this year. Meanwhile, [Reform Immigration for America](#) in Michigan is serving as a remote call center to help with election-related questions voters have in Michigan and have included the campaign's hotline number in their material.

The [Latin American Coalition](#), an official partner, partnered with radio stations in North Carolina to produce PSAs and live mentions that are airing in North Carolina markets.

[Colorado Common Cause](#) is helping to ensure that people are aware of their rights when voting. They are making themselves available as a resource for people to gain more information regarding this year's election and voting procedures. In New York today, the [NALEO Educational Fund](#) and [White & Case, LLP](#) will be hosting a remote call center handling voter protection calls from states in the northeast region of the U.S. including Florida, while [NCLR](#) will be holding a similar hotline handling calls from states in the mid-Atlantic.

[Mi Familia Vota](#) is continuing their work encouraging Latinos to vote in Texas and Arizona. To ensure that voters are treated fairly and get to execute their right to vote, the [Arizona Advocacy Network](#) is partnering with [One Arizona](#) to assist in election protection and poll monitoring on Election Day in Arizona.



Univision update

[Univision](#) declared October 26th "National *ya es hora* day." Throughout the day Univision ran specials and [PSAs](#) informing people of the upcoming elections and how important it is to become involved and vote. Due to this media push, the 888 VE-Y-VOTA bilingual hotline experienced increased call volume with over 1,500 calls received on October 26th alone. Most inquiries were regarding registration status and finding their polling place. [To see the full report, click here.](#)



Voter protection efforts

Today, bilingual attorneys will be available through the campaign's hotline, **888 VE-Y-VOTA** / 888-839-8682, to assist voters with any challenges they encounter in the election process. Operators will be available from 5:30am until 3am on Wednesday, when polls have closed in all 50 states. Operators are trained to assist callers with any voting-related questions or concerns, for any state – from polling-place look-up and referrals to non-partisan ballot guides, to documentation and resolution of election administration irregularities. [To read the press release on voter protection efforts, click here.](#)

Elections



Vote

Latinos are positioned to play a critical role in this year's midterm election. In states across the country, the Latino vote has been widely regarded as the deciding factor in many key races. However, wanting what's best for your community begins with making your voice heard at the polls and **voting**. If you have any questions concerning this year's elections, visit veyvota.yaeshora.info or call **888 VE-Y-VOTA**.

Find your polling place

Forgot where your polling place is? [Click here to find out where you have to go to cast your ballot.](#)

Polling place hours

Different counties have different polling place hours. [To find out your polling place hours, click here.](#) *And remember, if you're in line before the polling place closes you have the right to cast your ballot.*

Know Your Rights, Language Assistance and Provisional Voting

As a voter, you have specific rights in casting your ballot such as you have the right to cast a ballot if you are in line before the polls close and

you have the right to cast a ballot free from intimidation. [Click here to find out your rights when voting.](#)

Some states are required to provide [in-language materials](#) or oral assistance to voters who speak a language other than English. However, a voter may receive assistance at the polls, in their language, even if the state or county is not required to provide it. A voter may also have a person with them providing assistance except for, their employer, an agent of that employer, an officer, or a representative of their union.

In addition to these rights, you also have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the rolls. In all federal elections, states must offer (1) affidavit/provisional ballots if the voter's eligibility to vote is questioned and (2) poll workers must provide a toll-free number allowing voters to verify whether their ballots were counted.

What varies from jurisdiction, however, is where the ballot must be emitted (in-precinct or within county), how to verify the voter's eligibility, and certain procedures such as signing affidavits, taking an oath, or answering questions. [To find out your state's provisional voting regulations, click here.](#)

Poll monitoring toolkit

In order to ensure that the polls are (1) adequately staffed to meet the needs of their community, (2) accessible and (3) abiding by election procedures as designated by the Elections office, the NALEO Educational Fund released this [poll monitoring toolkit available for download.](#)

This toolkit comes with: intake form and observation log, poll worker assessment, polling place accessibility checklist and a polling place survey. These tools will allow you to assess and evaluate election procedures at your polling place.

Have more questions about your state?

Click on the map to find out state-specific voter and election information or call **888 VE-Y-VOTA / 888-839-8682**





USCIS redesigns naturalization certificate to increase security

[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) released a newly redesigned naturalization certificate, which is targeted at reducing fraud. This certificate is part of USCIS' continued efforts at improving the security of naturalization. [Click here to read the release.](#)

Citizenship Fair in Sacramento

On November 13th, the [NALEO Educational Fund](#) and [ya es hora campaign](#), in partnership with [Univision 19](#) and Telefuturo 64 will be hosting a citizenship workshop at the [Pacific McGeorge School of Law Student Center](#) in Sacramento, CA.

The workshop will provide free legal help in filling out the N-400 Naturalization application as well as free study materials for the Civics and English tests.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the [League of Women Voters Sacramento County](#), and others. For a flyer of this event, [click here](#). For a Spanish flyer, [click here](#).

Census



Updated mail participation rates

74 percent of U.S. household filled out and mailed their 2010 U.S. Census forms back, indicating increased participation in this year's census. [To read more about the mail participation rates, click here.](#)



News & Research

["Arizona law requiring proof of citizenship struck down"](#)

Tucson Sentinel, 10/26/2010

["Early voting Hispanics grow 13 percent"](#)

AFP, 11/1/2010

["Spanish-Language Media Seek to Push Hispanics to Polls"](#)

Wall Street Journal, 10/29/2010

["The monolith that isn't"](#)

Oregon Live, 10/27/2010

["Latino Candidate in WHAT State? Si!"](#)

Fox News Latino, 10/28/2010

["U.S. Hispanic Groups Face Challenge in Getting Out the Vote"](#)

VOA News, 10/29/2010

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Voter Protection webinar available for partners

Visit the [Partner Resources](#) section today to access free training webinars on Voter Protection Basics and others like Voter Participation Basics.

Become a partner today!

With your organization's help, we can help strengthen our numbers and our voice as we continue to encourage Latinos to get on the pathway towards U.S. citizenship, register to vote, vote, and become full participants in the American political process

[Become a *ya es hora ¡Ve Y Vota!* Partner today!](#)

[Become a *ya es hora ¡Ciudadanía!* Partner today!](#)

Partner Resources

The "Partner Resources" section of our website is full of informative and handy resources for partner organizations to take advantage of. In this section, you'll find:

- GOTV Training manuals
- *ya es hora* web buttons
- Informational posters
- State-specific one-page fact sheets
- Language assistance one-page fact sheets
- Voter bill of rights



...and so much more! If you need help logging into the [Partner Resources](#) section, please [contact us](#) immediately for any assistance.

Upcoming Events and Important Deadlines

Vote

When: Tuesday, November 2nd

Where: [Your polling place](#)

Same-day registration states

In the following states, you are able to register to vote at your polling place on Election Day:

[Idaho](#), [Iowa](#), [Maine](#), [Minnesota](#), [Montana](#), [New Hampshire](#), [Wisconsin](#), [Wyoming](#), and [North Dakota](#)

Events

YA ES HORA ¡CIUDADANIA! CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 | 9:30 AM - 2 PM

Pacific George School of Law Student Center
3200 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817

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