

**YW WEDNESDAY ACTION CONVERSATION  
with Center for Race and Gender Equity  
September 2020: Voter Empowerment and Racial Justice**

THANK YOU to everyone who took part in our September 16<sup>th</sup> live conversation! Visit <https://bit.ly/3hYSU1a> to view the conversation in its entirety.

Please visit <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov> for all voter and election services.

**Panelists:**

- Shalaya Minor, Black Political Empowerment Project (BPEP) <https://www.b-pep.net/vote>
- Monica Ruiz-Caraballo, Casa San Jose <https://casasanjose.org/>
- Jess Gold, Carlow University Social Justice Institutes [https://www.carlow.edu/Social\\_Justice\\_Institutes.aspx](https://www.carlow.edu/Social_Justice_Institutes.aspx)
- Amy Kleissas, League of Women Voters Greater Pittsburgh (LWV) <https://my.lwv.org/pennsylvania/greater-pittsburgh/elections-and-voting>

**Facts:** (NOTE: Due to COVID and slower mail times for USPS, do not wait for deadlines. Register, apply, and mail applications and ballots as soon as possible.)

- **Monday, October 19, 2020:** Last day to register to vote
- **Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 5 pm:** Last day to request an absentee or mail-in ballot
- **Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is ELECTION DAY.** Completed mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by your county election office on **Friday, November 6, at 5 p.m. (updated 9/17/2020)**

**Resources for voter education:**

- YWCA Report on YWomen Vote and data on diversity: <https://ywomenvote.org/>
- Current examples of voter suppression: <https://www.aclu.org/news/civil-liberties/block-the-vote-voter-suppression-in-2020/>
- Voting in person on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and need a way to reach your polling place?
  - BPEP's Ride Share for inquiries about rides to polling places on Election Day: [cav.pgh@gmail.com](mailto:cav.pgh@gmail.com) or call 412-212-8775.
  - Contact Casa San Jose about getting to the polls: [info@casasanjose.org](mailto:info@casasanjose.org)
- Urban League info about Lyft rides to the polls on Election Day: <https://nul.org/news/lyft-shows-how-get-free-ride-vote-2020-elections>

**Action Steps: (For PA and Allegheny County)**

- Use the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's online website for almost all your voting needs (register to vote, check your registration status, update/change your info online, request a mail-in ballot, find your polling place):  
<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/SurePortalHome.aspx#1> Assist family and friends!
- Know your voting rights and FAQs: <https://aclupa.org/en/know-your-rights/know-your-voting-rights>
- Learn about your voting ballot and candidates running for state office:  
<https://www.vote411.org/>
- Report problems at the polls, voter suppression, and other issues/irregularities on Election Day: call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
  - 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
  - 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian multilingual assistance)
  - 1-844-YALLA-US (Arabic)
- Call the PA State Hotline on Election Day with questions or complications: 1-877-868-3772
- Check out FAQs (Do I need ID to vote? How do I mail in my ballot? Use absentee or mail-in?):  
<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/frequently-asked-questions.aspx>