



# CAIR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOTING GUIDE

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The District of Columbia Board of Election and Ethics (DCBOEE) supplies excellent information, answers voting questions and provides ballot and candidate information.

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## When and Where to Vote:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012.
- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Find your local polling station at [http://www.dcboee.org/voter\\_info/find\\_pollingplace/index.asp](http://www.dcboee.org/voter_info/find_pollingplace/index.asp).
- Here are some other ways to find your polling place:

## Contact Your District Democratic Party

- Phone: (202) 714-3368
- Website: <http://www.dcdsc.org>

## Contact Your District Republican Party

- Phone: (202) 289-8005
- Website: <http://www.dcgop.com>

## Contact CAIR National

- Phone: (202) 488-8787
- Email: [info@cair.com](mailto:info@cair.com)
- Website: <http://www.cair.com>

## How to Register to Vote:

- To register to vote online or request a voter registration form, go to [https://www.dcboee.org/voter\\_info/register\\_to\\_vote/ovr\\_step1.asp](https://www.dcboee.org/voter_info/register_to_vote/ovr_step1.asp).
- If you decide to register to vote by mail, print and complete the registration form and mail it to your local election authority.
- Re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name, or would like to declare an official party affiliation. If your voter registration information has not changed, you do not need to re-register.
- Registration must be received by October 9, 2012.

## What to Bring on Election Day:

- Bring a photo ID with your current address, such as a DC driver's license, your state ID, or a US Passport.

- If you do not have a photo ID with a current address, bring two IDs that contain your name and address, such as a utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck, etc.
- You cannot be turned away from voting because you did not bring proper identification. If you do not have proper ID, you can use a provisional ballot.

## Absentee Voting:

- All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee.
- To register to vote absentee online go to: [https://www.dcboee.org/voter\\_info/absentee\\_ballot/ab\\_step1.asp](https://www.dcboee.org/voter_info/absentee_ballot/ab_step1.asp).
- Or, request an absentee voting ballot from [http://www.dcboee.org/pdf\\_files/DCBOEE\\_AbsenteeBallotRequestForm.pdf](http://www.dcboee.org/pdf_files/DCBOEE_AbsenteeBallotRequestForm.pdf), and mail it to your local election authority.
- Absentee ballot requests must be received by October 30, 2012
- Absentee ballots must be received or postmarked November 6, 2012.
- Voters are strongly encouraged to go to the polls to vote if possible.

## Early Voting:

- Early voting is available in the District of Columbia. For more information contact your local Ward's office.
- Early voting begins from October 27 until November 3, 2012, at Old Council Chambers, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, N.W. You can vote Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Search early voting locations by District Ward at [http://www.dcboee.org/election\\_info/election\\_year\\_2012](http://www.dcboee.org/election_info/election_year_2012)

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Major newspapers may produce a guide to candidate positions.



### **Your Rights as a District of Columbia Voter are as Follows:**

- To vote if you have registered at least 30 days before Election Day.
- To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to receive assistance if needed.
- To vote without being intimidated, threatened, or coerced.
- To vote if you are eligible to do so even if you do not bring an ID to the polls.
- To vote using a provisional ballot if your registration comes into question.
- If you feel that your rights are violated or you witness a violation of rights in the registration or voting process, please contact the District of Columbia Board of Election and Ethics at (202) 727-2525.
- Your vote is private – The ballots are processed in such a way that your identity will not be distinguishable from your ballot.

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