



FOA VALLEY NEWS

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MILLIONS OF FOLKS WHO ARE FORMERLY INCARCERATED CAN NOW VOTE AFTER WIDESPREAD REFORM. MOST DON'T KNOW IT:

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It was noted that many organizations working to register newly eligible voters remarked how low the registration numbers were for formerly incarcerated people and added how many formerly incarcerated individuals didn't even know they now have the right to vote. Furthermore it was noted that none of the states in the analysis made requirements for corrections departments or boards of elections to inform newly eligible voters of their rights; rather they left it to political organizers, who were already overwhelmed by the get-out-the-vote efforts amid a pandemic. To coax the newly enfranchised back onto the voter rolls, they've had to dispel the widely held fear that voting could mean going back to prison. What you should know:

- Only a fraction of the thousands of formerly incarcerated people whose voting rights were restored in time for the 2020 election made it back on to the voter rolls in four key states – Nevada, Kentucky, Iowa and New Jersey, a Marshall Project analysis found.
- Yet none of the states analyzed registered more than 1 in 4 eligible voters who were formerly incarcerated. That's significantly lower than the registration rate among the general public, where almost 3 in 4 eligible voters registered in each state. In Nevada, 8,633 of about 37,000 people released from prison in the past 10 years had registered. The state estimates that 77,000 formerly incarcerated became eligible to vote in 2019.

We must change this narrative! If you know of any newly eligible voters who were formerly incarcerated, share with them that their voice also counts and they too can register to vote! **REGISTER TO VOTE HERE** or go to <https://tinyurl.com/foanv1>

HELP ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY INTO ACTION!

Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA) is COMMITTED to educating our communities in partnership with faith and civic groups on political issues, clean energy, voting rights, economic and social justice for Nevada's future. We offer many opportunities to connect with the community by volunteering, door canvassing, phone bank, recruiting for events and supporting FOA on Social Media events. Click [HERE](#) to [JOIN OUR TEAM](#) or visit https://www.faitthorganizingalliance.org/get_involved.

PARTICIPATE IN THE WLVPN COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Help us identify the needs and strengths of communities within Nevada and evaluate the efforts of Nevada Partners and their project partners. Click [HERE](#) or visit bit.ly/WLVPNSurvey to complete short survey. More information contact Dr. Thompson-Robinson at 702-875-1127. Survey conducted in collaboration with the Center for Health Disparities Research, UNLV School of Public Health and Nevada Partners.

WHAT'S NEXT:

- 6/30 - 'FULFILLING THE PROMISE': A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE IN WEST LAS VEGAS
- 6:00P - 8:00PM AT NEVADA PARTNERS: 690 W. LAKE MEAD BLVD. DISCUSSION BETWEEN PARENTS, STUDENTS, ELECTED AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING ISSUES OF INJUSTICE IN EDUCATION AFFECTING THE WEST LV NEIGHBORHOOD. VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONSITE; ALSO CAN UPDATE INFORMATION (IE., LAST NAME CHANGE, ADDRESS CHANGE, PARTY CHANGE)

COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES

- ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS: [HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
- ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT.: [HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

RECOGNIZED DATES

- 7/4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."
 —Nelson Mandela

