

## Do you know anyone who needs to register to vote?



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## On the Ballot:

- At-Large Member of the D.C. Council
- Councilmembers from Wards 2, 4, 7, and 8
- U.S. Representative

Who May Vote: Only voters registered with the Democratic, Republican, or D.C. Statehood Parties may vote in their party's Primary Election.

The Closed Primary System: You may not vote in a party Primary if you are registered as "no party" (independent) or with a minor party. You may not change parties on Election Day.

Primary Elections: The "first step" in the election process. Primaries are held by the major parties to nominate their candidates for partisan offices in the General Election. Winners of each political party's primary will appear on the General Election ballot, along with any independent or minor party candidates who are nominated by filing petitions.
"United States Representative" is a local D.C. office, which has the same title as the federal office that will be created if the District becomes a state.

## On the Ballot:

- President and Vice President of the United States
- D.C. Delegate to the House of Representatives
- At-Large Member of the D.C. Council (Vote for 2)
- Ward Member of the-D.C: Council (Wards 2, 4, 7, and 8)
- At-Large Member of the D.C. Board of Education (Vote for 2)
- Ward Member of D.C. Board of Education (Wards 1, 3, 5, and 6)
- 296 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners
- U.S. Representative

Who May Vote: All registered voters may vote for candidates of any party in the General Election.
General Election: The "final step" in the election process. General elections are held to elect public officials from among major party, independent, and minor party candidates. Each candidate's party affiliation is listed on the ballot, except in elections for non-partisan offices.
Non-Partisan Offices: Board of Education and Advisory Neighborhood Commission offices are non-partisan. This means that there are no party candidates nominated for these offices in the Primary Election. These candidates run in the General Election only and are not identified by party.
ANC Commissioners serve two year terms as unsalaried, non-partisan neighborhood representatives. Each of the 296 ANC Commissioners represents approximately 2,000 residents in his or her Single Member District and serves on one of the city's 37 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

HOW THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS WORK
The May Presidential Primary is conducted according to official plans filed by the Democratic and Republican Parties. These plans determine the offices on each party's primary ballot (see previous page) and the way each party's election works.

| MAY 5TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY | MAY 5TH REPUBLICAN PRIMARY |
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| Registered Democrats vote for the Presidential Candidate they want to receive the party's nomination for President at the Democratic National Convention. <br> After choosing a Presidential Candidate, Democrats will then vote to select male and female Delegates to the convention who are pledged to their Presidential Candidate. The District of Columbia will send a total of 29 Delegates and 4 Alternates to the party's nominating convention - of which 11 Delegates and 3 Alternates will be selected by voters in the May Primary. For purposes of Delegate selection, the city is divided into two districts, as follows: <br> District 1 (Wards 1, 2, 6, and 8) elects 5 Delegates and 1 Alternate Voters will cast ballots for 3 women and 3 men. <br> District 2 (Wards 3, 4, 5, and 7) elects 6 Delegates and 2 Alternates Voters will cast ballots for 4 women and 4 men. <br> The percentage of the vote for President that each Presidential Candidate receives in the May Primary will determine the actual number of Delegates that each Presidential Candidate is awarded. Awarding of Delegates to the various Presidential Candidates will be in accordance with party rules, based on the official election results. <br> Additional party offices on the May 5th ballot include 4 positions on the Democratic National Committee and 44 seats on the local Democratic State Committee ( 12 At-Large and 32 elected by Ward). All provide for the election of an equal number of men and women. | Registered Republicans vote for the Presidential Candidate they want to receive the party's nomination for President at the Republican National Convention. <br> Republican voters will not vote directly to select the Delegates to the Republican National Convention. Instead, 14 pledged Delegates and 14 Alternates are designated in advance for each Presidential Candidate. The names of each candidate's Delegates and Alternates are listed on the ballot for informational purposes only. <br> The Presidential Candidate who receives the most votes will be awarded all 14 Delegates to the Republican National Convention from the District of Columbia. <br> Additional party offices on the ballot include 2 positions on the Republican National Committee and 80 positions on the local D.C. Republican Committee ( 48 At-Large and 32 elected by Ward). |



DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

If you are registered as a Democrat, your ballot will contain these offices:

Democratic Nominee for President
Delegates to the Democratic National Convention
D.C. Delegate to the House of Representatives

Democratic National Committeewoman
Democratic National Committeeman
Alternate National Committeewoman
Alternate National Committeeman
At-Large Democratic State Committee Member (vote for 6 women and 6 men )

Ward State Committee Member (vote for 2 women and 2 men)

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY <br> BALLOT

If you are registered as a Republican, your ballot will contain these offices:

Republican Nominee for President
D.C. Delegate to the House of Representatives

Republican National Committeeman
Republican National Committeewoman
At-Large Member of the D.C. Republican Committee (vote for 48)
Ward Member of the D.C. Republican Committee (vote for the number of members in your ward)

Ward 1-3 Members
Ward 2-6 Members
Ward 3-13 Members
Ward 4-2 Members

Ward 5-2 Members
Ward 8 - 3 Members Ward 7-2 Members Ward 8-1 Member

## 1992 ELECTION WARDS

New Election Ward boundaries became effective in January 1892 as a result of redistricting. These new Ward boundaries will be used in elections for Ward Members of the D.C. Council and the Board of Education. They will also be used to elect representatives to various party offices. Ward boundaries are adjusted every 10 years, after each Census, to provide roughly equal populations in each of the District's 8 election Wards.

The table below shows current Census population data and January 1892 voter registration statistics for each Ward and for the District of Columbia as a whole.

| Ward | Total <br> Population | Voting Age <br> Population | Registered <br> Voters | \% <br> Regis |
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| 1 | 79,641 | 65,699 | 34,041 | $51.8 \%$ |
| 2 | 78,429 | 70,076 | 31,812 | $45.4 \%$ |
| 3 | 78,088 | 68,436 | 40,251 | $58,8 \%$ |
| 4 | 78,425 | 64,324 | 42,319 | $65,8 \%$ |
| 5 | 75,054 | 59,373 | 40,049 | $67.5 \%$ |
| 6 | 72,118 | 58,157 | 37,916 | $64.1 \%$ |
| 7 | 72,924 | 54,155 | 38,862 | $68.1 \%$ |
| 8 | 72,221 | 48,273 | 24,285 | $50,3 \%$ |
| Total | 606,900 | 489,483 | 287,515 | $58.7 \%$ |



District of Columbia Election Wards effective January 1992


## Absentee Voting

You may vote absentee if you are unable to go to the polls because of age or disability, or if you will be out of town on election day. An absentee ballot may be cast either in person or by mail.

To request a mail absentee ballot, you must send us a written request, which includes:

- your name and address
- the reason you are voting absentee
- the address where we should send your ballot
- your signature

We must receive your. written request at least seven days before election day. The deadlines are in the 1982 Election Calendar above.

To vote absentee in person, you must come to our office during the walk-in voting period that begins 14 days before each election. The dates are listed in the 1892 Election Calendar above. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the District Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 4. (Call first at 727-2525, - we may be moving sometime this year.)

For more information on absentee voting, please call our Voter Services Office at 727-2525.

## Redistricting

When you check your Voter Record, you may notice that your ward, precinct, or voting location has changed. This is because of redistricting.

Redistricting occurs when election boundaries are changed to put roughly equal numbers of voters in each ward. Redistricting takes place every 10 years, based on new U.S. Census data.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) districts also will change because of redistricting. You will get a postcard in the fall with your new ANC Single Member District assignment.

## Special Services

If you are elderly, handicapped, or have trouble reading your ballot, we can help you with:

- Curbside voting
- Voting sites accessible to wheelchairs or walkers
- Handicapped parking
- Assistance in voting
- Large-print voting instructions
- Wheelchair accessible voting booths
- TDD service for hearing-impaired (639-8916)
- Other services - please call 727-2525


## D.C. Voter!

Welcome to the 1992 Election Year. Please take a moment to make sure your voter registration record is up-to-date.

1. Check your address-is it correct?

Look on the front of this mailer. Make sure it shows the address where you live now, because this decides where you go to vote and the offices on your ballot.
2. Check your party registration-is it correct?

Look at your Voter Record (at right). D.C. has closed party primaries. This means that you need to be registered with a party if you want to vote in that party's primary election.
3. Use the postcard below to make any changes to your address or party.

Send in any changes right away (see deadlines in calendar at right). If the information is wrong and you don't send in changes, you may not be able to vote on election day.
4. Read on to find out about the three elections in 1992.

## District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics

## Your Voter Record

## Your Party Registration DEMOCRATIC

## Your Ward WARD 8

Your Precinct
PRECINCT \# 134

## Where You Vote Allen AME Church 2498 Alabama Avenue, SE

Note: Your election Ward has been changed because of redistricting (see below).

Questions? Call 727-2525
Hearing-impaired people with TDD: 639-8916 Información en Espan̄ol: 727-2525

## 1992 Election Calendar

## Presidential Primary, May 5

April 6: Deadline to register or make address and party changes to your voter record

April 28: Deadline to request a mail absentee ballot
April 20-May 4: Walk-in absentee voting period

## D.C. Council Primary, Sept. 15

Aug. 17: Deadline to register or make address and party changes to your voter record

Sept. 8: Deadline to request a mail absentee ballot
Aug. 31-Sept.14: Walk-in absentee voting period

## General Election, Nov. 3

Oct. 5: Deadline to register or make address and party changes to your voter record

Oct. 27: Deadline to request a mail absentee ballot

Oct. 19-Nov. 2: Walk-in absentee voting period

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