Was My Vote Counted? What To Do After You Vote!

Sometimes your ballot may not be counted. Ballot counting takes place for days after Election Day, so you may have time to fix some of the problems for why your ballot was not counted. Here’s what you can do to make sure your vote is counted!

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.**

**Mail/Absentee Ballots**

1. Track your mail/absentee ballot to make sure it is counted. You can find each state’s tracking information at [www.ballotready.org](http://www.ballotready.org).
   
   a. Call the 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683) hotline if you need help. Assistance is provided in English, Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Urdu.
   
   b. **Start tracking early** – There is often limited time to fix any problems!

2. If your mail/absentee ballot is not counted:
   
   a. Common Reasons why a mail/absentee ballot is not counted:
      
      i. **Signature Matching** – The signature on your mail/absentee ballot does not match the signature the government has on record for you.
      
      ii. **Failure to follow instructions completely or correctly.**
      
      iii. **Failure to include copy of your identification.**
   
   b. Call the 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683) hotline to see if you can fix problems with your absentee/mail ballot. Assistance is provided in English, Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Urdu.

**Provisional Ballots**

1. If you voted with a provisional ballot, your local or state government should have provided you information with how you can find out whether your provisional ballot was counted when you voted.

2. If you voted with a provisional ballot and it is not counted, you can take steps to get it counted in some cases:
   
   a. Common Reasons why a provisional ballot is not counted:
      
      i. **Voter Registration** – If you believe you registered to vote but did not appear on the voter rolls at your correct polling place, there may be an issue with your voter registration that you can resolve with your local election official.
      
      ii. **Identification** – If you forgot to bring an appropriate form of identification to the polls, in some cases you can bring it to your local election officials.
      
      iii. **Signature Matching** – If your signature did not match your signature on file with election records, you may be able to take steps to address this issue with election officials after the election.
   
   b. There may be limited time to fix these problems. Call the 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683) hotline to find out how. Assistance is provided in English, Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Urdu.

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