



No Kings: Vote Early

October 17, 2026

On October 17, 2026, AAUW members are joining communities nationwide to perform our civic duty and vote early. While we're seeing attacks on our elections, the bottom line remains the same: our elections are secure, and we have the right to vote. This is our chance to exercise that right and protect democracy.

No Kings: Vote Early is a day of nonpartisan mass participation, ensuring every eligible voter has a plan to vote early, knows their options, and gets connected to local opportunities to safeguard our right to vote. Find your local mobilization at NoKings.org.

No early voting options in your state? You can still participate on October 17. Educate voters in your community on election dates and deadlines and help them make their plan.

Why This Matters:

Our democracy depends on every eligible voter having the freedom to participate without intimidation, interference, or barriers. Yet efforts to undermine trust in our elections, weaken voting rights, and make it harder for people to be heard are happening across the country right now. That's exactly why we're not waiting for Election Day.

Voting early gives us the power to make our voices heard on our own terms, before anyone else can decide what happens next. Connecting communities to the training and resources needed to defend the democratic process before Election Day means we're prepared for the work ahead.

No matter what the laws look like where you live, early preparation is universal. Cast a ballot at an early voting site, request an absentee ballot, double-check your registration, or organize an Election Day carpool with neighbors.

Why AAUW Is Participating:

AAUW is a proud partner of No Kings: Vote Early because our issues are on the ballot this year. With elected officials trying to limit who gets to learn and who gets to lead, we're raising our voices to protect access, equity, and opportunity.

When women vote, we change the conversation. Learn more about what's at stake for gender equity in AAUW's [2026 Civic Engagement Guide](#).



How to Show Up:

HOST AN EVENT | October 17

We need leaders like you. Host a No Kings: Vote Early event on Oct. 17 — a block party, a walk to the polls, anything that helps neighbors make a plan. Sign up to host: nokings.org.

JOIN AN EVENT | October 17

No Kings: Vote Early is coming to a neighborhood near you on Oct. 17. Find your local event: nokings.org.

VOTE EARLY | October 17

Learn more about [early voting options in your state](#) and make your voice heard by voting in the way that works best for you.

Whether you're hosting an event, showing up in your community, or getting to the polls, spread the word on social media. See [social media graphics and sample posts here](#).

Trainings:

Join No Kings in September and October for virtual trainings on election protection, safety and security, Know Your Rights, and more: www.nokings.org/trainings.

Talking Points:

Use these for emails, speakers, or quick press quotes. Keep it people-power forward, nonpartisan, and focused on education, civil rights, and democracy.

Voting Rights = Civic Participation

- Democracy works when everyone can participate, and every eligible voter can cast a ballot that counts.
- We won't accept barriers rooted in confusion, fear, or misinformation — or rules that make voting harder for people who work long hours, live far from polling places, have disabilities, or face paperwork hurdles.
- Our message is simple: more participation strengthens our communities — and our voices matter.

Defending the Vote is our Collective Duty

- When our elections are under threat, we have a collective duty to step up, protect the vote, and make sure every ballot is safely counted.

- October 17 and Election Day are not the finish line. The work of protecting our elections and holding leaders accountable will continue beyond these moments.
- Every No Kings: Vote Early event is an on-ramp into nonpartisan election protection work, connecting communities with training and resources needed to defend the democratic process locally.

The People Decide Our Elections

- In America, the people choose their leaders. Leaders do not get to choose who votes, whose voices count, or what future our communities deserve.
- No one person, no institution, no political party gets to decide our leaders before voters do. Across this country, families are struggling with the cost of groceries, gas, electric bills, and everyday expenses. The choices made by those in power affect our lives, and elections determine who has the power to make those choices.
- This moment is about making sure we use our power at the ballot box for the future they want for their families, their communities, and their country.

Voting Early Is How We Use Our Power

- Voting early gives us the power to make our voices heard on our own terms, before Election Day and before anyone else can decide what happens next.
- Our communities are strongest when everyone eligible to vote has a plan, knows their options, and follows through.
- The people who organize, participate, and vote decide what happens next.

Social Media Graphics:



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View all social media graphics here: <https://brandfolder.com/indivisibleproject/nokings>.



Sample Social Media Posts:

Find easy [click-to-post messages here](#) or build off the sample posts below.

Add these emojis to your social handle: ✖️👑 and use hashtags to join the conversation: #NoKings #NoKingsVoteEarly

- Our elections are under attack. Efforts to undermine trust in our elections, weaken voting rights, and make it harder for people to have their voices heard are occurring across the country. Oct 17. No Kings: Vote Early. Find your local mobilization at [NoKings.org](#).
- Millions of us have come together to reject the idea that power belongs to kings, billionaires, or politicians who believe they are above the people and the law. Oct 17. No Kings: Vote Early. Find your local nonpartisan mobilization at [NoKings.org](#).
- No Kings mobilizations have shown our incredible collective strength, as millions of us protested in the streets against abuses of power. No Kings: Vote Early on October 17 is the next step. Find your local mobilization at [NoKings.org](#).
- No Kings: Vote Early is a day of nonpartisan mass participation, ensuring every eligible voter has a plan to vote early, knows their options, and is ready to make their voice count at the ballot box. Oct 17. Find your local mobilization at [NoKings.org](#).
- For generations, everyday people have changed the course of this country by organizing, marching, and voting. Progress has always been won when people who have been pushed aside come together, claim their power, and demand to be heard. Oct 17. Vote early. Find your local mobilization at [NoKings.org](#).
- In America, the people choose their leaders. Leaders do not get to choose who votes, whose voices matter, or what future our communities deserve. Oct 17. No Kings: Vote Early. No Thrones. No Crowns. No Kings. Find your local mobilization at [NoKings.org](#).
- This movement is about more than showing up in the streets. It's about showing up everywhere power is decided, including at the ballot box. We're turning people power into voter power. Oct 17. Find your local event at [NoKings.org](#).
- No Kings is built by people on the ground: local organizers, volunteers, community leaders, and everyday people bringing their neighbors together and taking action in



their own communities. Oct 17. Bring that power to the ballot box. Find your local event at NoKings.org.

- Our democracy depends on every eligible voter having the freedom to participate without intimidation, interference, or barriers. October 17 and Election Day are not the finish line. Make your plan. Vote early. Find your local mobilization at NoKings.org.
- We marched. We organized. We showed up by the millions. Now we vote. Oct 17. No Thrones. No Crowns. No Kings. Vote Early! Find your local mobilization at NoKings.org.

After the Event:

Community engagement does not end when the gathering concludes. Following up helps turn a moment of visibility into continued awareness and dialogue. Even simple steps like checking in with someone you met, writing a short reflection, or bringing the conversation to a branch meeting can keep the momentum going.

AAUW Resources:

- [It's My Vote! Voter Engagement Resources](#)
- [Working in Coalition: Building Power through Partnerships](#)
- [Leading with Values: A Nonpartisan Playbook for AAUW Affiliates and Branches](#)

Since You Asked:

Is this nonpartisan? Yes. AAUW's participation is mission-driven and nonpartisan. We advocate for strong public education, equitable access to higher education, civil rights enforcement, economic security for women and families, and voting rights — core values that transcend party labels. October 17 is about communities affirming those values together. This isn't a mandate — it's an invitation. No matter how you're showing up, speaking out, or spreading the word, every member and every branch has a role.

Safety & Guidance:

AAUW has also developed guidance on participation in public demonstrations, which can be found [here](#). For more safety tips and mobilization information, visit the [No Kings website](#).

Additional Questions? Email us at advocacy@aauw.org.