



# HOST AN EVENT

## HOW TO PLAN A CIVIC EVENT

### WHAT IS A CIVIC EVENT?

Civic events build awareness, foster engagement, and promote action around issues that affect our communities, like elections, immigration policy, or racial justice.



### WHY IT MATTERS

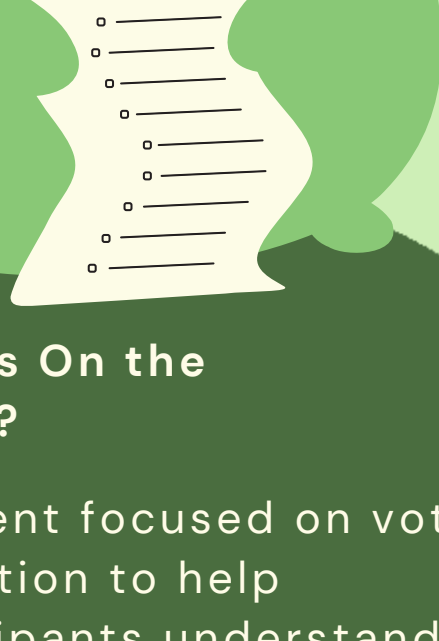
Asian American youth are one of the fastest growing groups in the United States, yet often underrepresented in politics. Civic engagement helps build power and voice for our communities.



### EVENTS YOU CAN HOST

#### What's On the Ballot?

An event focused on voter education to help participants understand who and what will be on upcoming ballots.



#### Popcorn & Policy

A movie night focused on a social or civic issue. After the film, attendees join a group discussion to reflect and share thoughts.

#### Stamp Out Silence

Write letters or postcards to your local representatives about issues that matter to you.



#### Sip Over Civics

A relaxed, welcoming space where attendees can gather over tea, coffee, or boba to discuss civic topics and community issues.

#### Paint the Change

Do a poster painting night where participants can create posters that can be used in rallies, social media, or community spaces to raise awareness.



### EVENT CALENDAR

Host events according to what's happening that time of year!

<b>JANUARY</b>	MLK Day & Legislative Sessions Begin	<b>Vision Board Night</b> Create collages of hopes for local change in the new year
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Black History Month & State of the Union	<b>Movie Night</b> Focusing on civil rights, Black inventors, or Black artists
<b>MARCH</b>	International Women's Day	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Invite local women leaders, activists, or professors to talk about gender equity, leadership, and current challenges
<b>APRIL</b>	Earth Day & National Volunteer Month	<b>Climate Café</b> Start conversations about local environmental issues over snacks
<b>MAY</b>	Memorial Day & AAPI Heritage Month	<b>Taste of Culture Potluck</b> Potluck where people can share their ethnic dishes and the story behind it
<b>JUNE</b>	Pride Month & Juneteenth	<b>Pride Parade Party</b> Make banners, buttons, and small pride crafts together
<b>JULY</b>	Independence Day	<b>Donation Drive</b> Collect items for veterans, refugees, or local shelters in honor of the day
<b>AUGUST</b>	Back-to-School	<b>Community Connections</b> Feature local nonprofits and advocacy groups students can get involved with
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	National Voter Registration Day & Labor Day	<b>Ballot Basics Workshop</b> Teach students about candidates and educate them on current issues
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Early Voting Begins	<b>Fact or Fiction Night</b> Debunk election myths game-show style
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Election Day & Veterans Day	<b>Election Watch Party</b> Gather to watch and discuss results with snacks
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Human Rights Day	<b>Human Rights Advocacy Workshop</b> Educate attendees on human rights basics, issues, and ways to take action

### WHAT TO DO DURING EVENTS

#### Avoid partisan messaging

- Don't promote political parties or candidates
- No partisan slogans or symbols
- Don't distribute campaign materials or endorsements

#### Don't pressure

- Don't pressure attendees to vote a certain way
- Avoid making voting or participation seem mandatory
- Respect all political beliefs and decisions

#### Steer Clear of Misinformation

- Don't share unverified or misleading info about candidates or laws
- Avoid spreading rumors or biased news
- Always fact-check your materials before sharing

### NEED MORE HELP?

We got you covered. We created the materials for a civic event, no preparation required! Use our stories, posts, and slides. Just host the event and you're set! Feel free to take bits and pieces or edit the resources to suit your needs.

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