## Let's Make a Difference in 2022!

In 2021, the Partnership organized a successful 'Get Out the Vote' campaign with our member companies, helping lead to the highest municipal primary election participation in over 20 years. We will continue our voter engagement campaign with member companies focusing on the upcoming federal and state elections in 2022.

## **Key Dates for New York State\***

February 14	Last day to declare or change party affiliation for June 28 primary
June 3	Voter registration deadline for June 28 primary
June 18-26	In-person early voting
June 28	New York state and federal primary election
October 14	Voter registration deadline for November 8 general election
November 8	General election

<sup>\*</sup>Voter registration deadline subject to pending state legislation

Register to vote, declare or change party affiliation at <a href="mailto:ny.gov/vote">ny.gov/vote</a>

## Between January and November, we will provide nonpartisan resources to help employers carry out the following:

- 1. Inform employees who are New York state residents about the election timetable and deadlines, including voter registration, declaring a party affiliation and early voting.
- 2. Introduce employees to candidates through webinars hosted by the Partnership.
- 3. Encourage member companies to offer employees flexibility in order to have time to vote on election days. New York state law requires that employers allow two hours of paid time off to vote, if an employee requires it.
- 4. Enlist the company's business resource/affinity groups in reaching out to employees with information and programming, aimed at voter education.

Help "Get Out the Vote" in June and November with signage, email reminders and social media. Partnership member companies employ 1.5 million New Yorkers; this is a fantastic way to promote civic responsibility and democratic values.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Deadline to send mail-in ballots to come

## New York's primary elections will be held on June 28, 2022:

- Voting will be more convenient because of "early voting," which means that select poll sites will be open for a 10-day period before election day.
- Depending on the status of COVID-19, there may be a universal option of mail-in and absentee voting.

New York has "closed" primaries, so registered voters cannot vote in June unless their registration includes a party affiliation; you can only vote for candidates in the party with which you are affiliated.

Declaring Party Affiliation: There are over 13.4 million registered voters in the state of New York. Three million declare no party affiliation and therefore are ineligible to vote in the primaries.

• February 14 is the last day when registered voters may declare or change party affiliation before the June 28 primary. This can be done online at <a href="https://ny.gov/vote">ny.gov/vote</a>.

Registering to Vote: Every primary voter must be registered and have declared a party affiliation.

• June 3 is the last day that new voters can register and be eligible to vote in the June primary. (October 14 is the deadline for the November general election.) You can do this online at ny.gov/vote.

If we work together to encourage civic engagement and get out the vote, we can make a difference!