

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR NEW VOTE16USA CAMPAIGNS

These questions will help you determine the proper avenue to lowering the voting age, and help you start to shape an argument for 16-year-old voting that fits in the context of your community.

Try to answer each question, but do not worry if you cannot find answers to some. We are here to help! Feel free to reach out for assistance. When you're done, we will discuss the next steps for a campaign based on the information gathered here.

Youth Landscape Assessment Questions

- Do you know if anyone in your community or your state is currently working on lowering the voting age? Has anyone tried in the past?
 - *If you want to get involved in a currently ongoing campaign, you can skip many of the questions on this sheet that those leaders have probably already answered. We will help you connect with the existing campaign.*
- Does your city have an official group of youth representatives, like a Youth Council or Youth Commission?
- Do you know of any youth organizing activity in your community? (This means young people identifying issues and taking action to push for change.)
- Does your high school have a required government class? What grade is it in?

Political Assessment Questions

- What offices are elected on the local level in your community? Mayor, city council, school board? Anything else?
- When are local elections in your community?
- What was the voter turnout in the last municipal election in your city?
- Does your state let 17-year-olds vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the time of a general election? (Check [here](#))
- Does your state have voter pre-registration for those under 18? (Check [here](#))

Legal Assessment Questions

- Look at the map on pg. 22 of the [Young Voices at the Ballot Box](#) report. What category is your state?
- Who is responsible for administering elections in your city? (I.e. County Department of Elections, City Board of Elections, etc.)