

Introduction: Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote 2010

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution – granting women the right to vote. Our foremothers in NCJW played a role in winning that cherished right for women. Decades later, NCJW advocates fought hard for the historic Voting Rights Act to end discrimination in voting and, more recently, NCJW supported legislation to remove barriers to voting through the Help America Vote Act. Throughout our history, NCJW has understood that voting is the cornerstone of our democracy.

Add to that a legacy of action, a legacy of service in promoting the vote through voter registration, education, and get-out-the-vote activities in communities nationwide. During this critical election year, NCJW is renewing and enhancing its Promote the Vote project and launching Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote – an initiative to ensure that every eligible voter is able to vote and to ensure that every vote cast is counted.

This Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote Resource Kit includes planning tips, activity ideas, resources, and information to help you make a difference in the upcoming election in keeping with the rules that govern NCJW's status as a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

The NCJW Washington office can provide additional resources and technical assistance to you as you undertake this initiative. Because of our tax status, NCJW is subject to restrictions and rules for our election-related efforts. As a result it is important that any Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote activities be vetted with the Washington office to ensure that they are in keeping with our 501 (c)(3) status. Contact: Sammie Moshenberg at sammie@ncjwdc.org or 202 296 2588 x 1 or Elissa Froman at elissa@ncjwdc.org or 202 296 2588 x 3.

Please let us know what you are doing in your community to Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote in election year 2010!