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**2025** *Vote*  
**YOUR** *Values*

**GUIDE**

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# 2025

## *A Message from the CEO*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to be sharing the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado's annual Vote Your Values Guide! In 2025, Interfaith is debuting its new strategic plan, and protecting democracy is a key strategic goal of our organization. As we put together the Vote Your Values Guide for this year, we reflected heavily on the importance of civic engagement by people of faith and conscience and why we make the effort every year to put out a voter guide.

**We believe in the promise of a vibrant, inclusive democracy to protect our rights and those of our neighbors. We believe that people of faith and conscience can come together across differences and divides to put common values into action.**

We continue this work every year knowing how important interfaith relationships are to building a world in which justice, love, and hope can thrive. We thank you for being a part of this work and for your support of the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado.

In this together,



Shara Smith, CEO



# What's New?

## Civic Engagement & New Programming

As people of faith and conscience, we are called to care for people in need, to seek justice, advance true religious liberty, and contribute to our civic life, including through voting in elections. Civic engagement helps us put values into action.

At Interfaith, we are committed to fostering civic engagement and education. We are debuting a new program that provides a curriculum for people of faith and conscience in Colorado to engage more deeply with the foundational values of our democratic system of government, and guidance on how to begin conversations about those values with others. For more information, reach out to us at [info\(at\)InterfaithAllianceCO\(dot\)org](mailto:info@InterfaithAllianceCO.org).

## The Johnson Amendment

Interfaith recently distributed information on the Johnson Amendment and the future of enforcement through its What Faith Communities Need to Know initiative, which provides timely and pertinent information on topics of concern for faith communities. With elections approaching, the information may be of use to you and your faith community. You can access the document [on our website: https://interfaithallianceco.org/2025/09/18/the-johnson-amendment-what-faith-communities-need-to-know/](https://interfaithallianceco.org/2025/09/18/the-johnson-amendment-what-faith-communities-need-to-know/)

## New Election Related Legislation

Several important election related bills became law during the 2025 Colorado General Assembly.

SB25-001, or the Colorado Voting Rights Act (COVRA), became law on May 12, 2025. In the spirit of the federal Voting Rights Act, COVRA strengthens protections for voters, advances equity, and provides a legal framework for enforcing voting rights and protections. You can read the full [SB25-001 Signed Act](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025a_001_signed.pdf) here: [https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025a\\_001\\_signed.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025a_001_signed.pdf)

HB25-1225, the Freedom from Intimidation in Elections Act, also became law on May 12, 2025. In an effort to protect voters from intimidation, the Act expands protections against intimidating, threatening, or coercive conduct while carrying out voting and election related activities. The new law adds important new protections for voters, election workers, and election officials, including from displays of firearms during specified voting and election related activities. You can read the full [HB25-1225 Signed Act](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025a_1225_signed.pdf) here: [https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025a\\_1225\\_signed.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025a_1225_signed.pdf)



# What Voters Need to Know



## Registering to Vote

You can register to vote at [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) or by using a [paper registration form](https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf):  
<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>

Colorado allows voters to register **up to and including election day**. Registering on election day must be done at a local polling place.



## Voting In-Person

If you have already registered to vote you can visit [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) to find polling locations.

### Find your polling place:

- Visit [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov)
- Under “View or Update My Voter Record”
  - → click on “Find My Registration”
- Enter the requested information
- Look under the top tabs and click on “In Person Voting”

This should provide information about in-person voting locations in your county.



**In person voting begins on October 28th and continues through election day.**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm on election day. If you arrive after 7:00pm, you **will not** be allowed to vote. If you arrived before 7:00pm and are still in line when the polls close, you **will** be allowed to vote. You will have to show an accepted form of ID in order to vote.



## Voting by Mail

Ballots are provided by mail to eligible registered CO voters. Mail ballots may be returned by dropping them off at designated drop off sites, drop boxes, or by mail. **Mail ballots must be received -- not postmarked -- before polls close on Election Day by the county clerk in order to be counted.**

Voters who mail ballots have access to ballot tracking through BallotTrax. This service is free and allows Colorado voters to receive status updates on their mail ballots through phone, email, or text notifications. For more information about utilizing this free service to track your mail ballot, visit <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/BallotTrax.html>



# What Voters Need to Know



## Voter Identification

Voters will need to bring an accepted form of identification. Comprehensive information on voter ID requirements, including which forms of identification can be used to vote, is available:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/acceptableFormsOfID.html>



## Language Access

The following link includes a list of counties that are required to provide multilingual ballot access:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/multiBallot.html>

For those in need of a qualified interpreter, the Colorado Secretary of State provides a language assistant hotline. The hotline is available to voters for the 2025 Coordinated Election through election day, November 4th. For more information about language assistance for voters, including hotline details and hours of operation, visit:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/FAQs/languageAssist.html>



## Important Dates

You can follow along with important dates by referencing the [Colorado SOS 2025 Election Calendar](https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/calendars/2025ElectionCalendar.pdf): <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/calendars/2025ElectionCalendar.pdf>



The first day that mail ballots for the 2025 Coordinated Election may be mailed to voters (other than UOCAVA voters).



Final day to submit a registration application and receive a mail ballot for the 2025 Coordinated Election; recommended last day to mail in a ballot; if you receive a mail ballot after this date, you can drop it off (or vote in person).



First day that the minimum number of required ballot drop boxes MUST be open to the public for the 2025 Coordinated Election.



**Election Day!**  
The 2025 Coordinated Election is Tuesday, November 4th, 2025.



# Protecting Your Voting Rights

## **If you you have recently moved to Colorado:**

In order to be eligible to vote in Colorado, you must have resided in Colorado for at least 22 days immediately before the election for which you are registering to vote. To vote in the 2025 Coordinated Election, you must have resided in Colorado no later than Monday, October 13th, and meet the other eligibility requirements, including

- Be at least 18 years of age on election day (November 4, 2025)
- Be a United States Citizen
- Not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction; see

[https://coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/files/KnowYourRights.pdf?](https://coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/files/KnowYourRights.pdf?_gl=1*1sqgkp5*_ga*NjAyOTY4NzkyLjE3NTg3MzczMjE.*_ga_JDK6PLVHDW*czE3NjAxMTg1NjUkbzQkZzEkdDE3NjAxMTg3MTgkajM4JGwwJGgw)

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## **If you do not have permanent housing:**

If you do not have permanent housing: Individuals without permanent housing are eligible to vote but they must register. Voters without permanent housing can use an address of a specific county in which they intend to remain and regularly return to. This includes any physical location, including a shelter, a vacant lot, a housing service provider, a business address, a park, a campground, etc. For more information, visit:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/displacedVoters.html>

## **If you are a student:**

If you are a student: Students attending a college or university in Colorado can register to vote if they reside in Colorado. The term “residence” in this context means the principal or primary home or place in which a person lives and whenever absent, has the present intention of returning after a departure or absence, regardless of duration of absence. For more information, visit:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/FAQs/college.html>

## **If you are incarcerated or on parole:**

Anyone that is not currently serving time for a felony conviction may vote, regardless of a past conviction. It is illegal to vote in Colorado if an individual is CURRENTLY serving time for a FELONY conviction. Individuals who are CURRENTLY on parole for a felony conviction CAN vote. If an individual is awaiting trial, or serving time for a misdemeanor conviction, they are eligible to register and vote in any election. Those individuals may contact the jail administrator in order to register if they have not already done so. For more information about voting with a conviction, visit:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/FAQs/VotingAndConviction.html>

A newer law, [SB24-072](#), includes requirements to help eligible voters confined in jails exercise their right to vote. Sheriffs must designate an individual to help people determine eligibility to vote, register to vote, and access the ballot; provide information on the candidates and measures on the ballot; and provide at least 1 day of in-person voting in the facility.

## **If you have a disability:**

If you have a disability: State and Federal laws require that every polling place be accessible. Local election offices should be made aware of any issues regarding accessibility. There are no laws restricting those with mental disabilities from voting in Colorado. <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/accessibilityResources.html>



# Protecting Your Voting Rights

## Election Protection Information

If you believe your voting rights have been violated, you can file an election complaint directly with the Secretary of State's office at:



1700 Broadway, Suite 550  
Denver, CO 80290.



For more information on the election complaint process, including a complaint form, visit:

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/HAVA/electionComplaintProcess.html>

## Election Protection Hotlines\*

866-OUR-VOTE – English

888-VE-Y-VOTA – Spanish

844-YALLA-US – Arabic

301-818-VOTE – ASL (video call)

888-API-VOTE – Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, and Tagalog



\*Just Vote! Colorado Election Protection is a non-partisan voter assistance project and is not affiliated with or promoting any party, candidate, or ballot issue. Just Vote! Colorado is not affiliated with or responsible for the content of this piece.



# Making a Plan to Vote

## 1. Registering & Verifying Your Registration

Information on how to register to vote is included in this guide under Registering to Vote. If you know or think you are registered to vote, you can visit the [CO Secretary of State's website](https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml) to confirm: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml> You can also update your voter information!

You can register to vote on election day in Colorado. You'll have to bring an accepted form of identification!

## 2. Select a Method of Voting

There are several ways to vote in Colorado.

If you plan to vote by mail, just make sure your ballot will get there by election day. This can vary a lot from office to office, so vote early if you want to vote by mail. If you register in time and receive a ballot in the mail, you can turn it in as soon as the ballot boxes open all the way until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

If you would like to vote in-person, check online or call your county clerk to learn the location of the closest polling place! If you plan to vote in-person, make sure you have a transportation plan so you can get to the polling place and in line to vote before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

## 3. Gathering Info About What Is On Your Ballot

Before you vote, it is important to know what you are voting on! The candidates and measures on your ballot can have a profound impact on your day-to-day life and your community.

The 2025 Blue Book will be mailed out to voters before the election and contains information on the statewide ballot measures. You can also access English and Spanish language [copies of the Blue Book online](https://leg.colorado.gov/publications/2025-blue-book-english): <https://leg.colorado.gov/publications/2025-blue-book-english>

Voting guides (like Vote Your Values!) can also provide useful and easy to digest information about what and who is on your ballot.



# Connecting Your Vote to Your Values

At Interfaith, we see civic engagement as a way to turn our values into action. While voting is just one way to get involved (there are many other meaningful ways to participate) we believe it's an important right that should prompt thoughtful consideration. We encourage everybody who is eligible to not only vote, but to also reflect on how to align their vote with their values and what their vote will represent for themselves and their community. We encourage voters to get educated on how to exercise their right to vote and what will be on their ballot.

Your Sample Ballot: <https://myballot.coloradosos.gov/app/home>  
2025 Blue Book: <https://leg.colorado.gov/publications/2025-blue-book-english>



## Racial Equity Rubric

Curious about the racial equity impact of ballot measures? Interfaith created a tool to help you evaluate them! You can use this tool on our website at:

<https://interfaithallianceco.org/2024/09/18/racial-equity-rubric/>



## 2025 Statewide Ballot Measures

The following includes summaries of the statewide ballot measures that voters will consider during the 2025 Coordinated Election. Alongside the summaries, Interfaith includes its position on the ballot measure and how it connects to common interfaith values.

The two statewide ballot measures relate to funding for the Healthy School Meals for All Program. The Healthy School Meals for All Program was approved by Colorado voters with the passage of Proposition FF in November 2022 with 57% of voters in favor. The program provides school breakfasts and lunches to all students at participating schools, at no cost to families, regardless of their income.

The program is funded by limiting the amount of tax deductions available to households with adjusted gross incomes of \$300,000 or more. According to the Blue Book, this affects about 6% of households filing tax returns in Colorado.

The Blue Book explains how Proposition LL and Proposition MM interact. Table 2 and 3 on pages 16 and 17 explain the impact of both, either, or neither of the measures passing.

Interfaith supports a YES vote on Proposition LL and Proposition MM.

**Read on for descriptions of each ballot measure!**



# Ballot Measures



## **Proposition LL**

Retain and Spend State Revenue Exceeding the Estimate for Proposition FF

Proposition LL would allow the state to retain and spend \$12.4 million in tax revenue and interest for use through the Healthy School Meals for All program. The amount of revenue gathered for the program is above the estimated amount in Proposition FF, and under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), voters can allow the state to retain the revenue instead of returning it to the households who paid it, those with an annual AGI of 300K or more, and to maintain the current taxes. Retaining the additional revenue will allow the state to meet the \$150 million funding threshold to continue offering breakfast and lunch to every public school student.



## **Proposition MM**

Increase State Taxes for School Meals and Food Assistance Programs

Proposition MM would increase state income taxes on households with an annual AGI of 300k or more, and use that additional tax revenue to offer school meals to every public school student, to implement elements of the Healthy School Meals for All program, and use extra revenue after funding those for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Additionally, Proposition MM would include funding for higher wages for and stipends for employees that provide school meals, grants for purchasing food locally, and related technical assistance.

Interfaith Alliance of CO supports a YES vote on both Proposition LL and Proposition MM. Interfaith supported a YES vote on Proposition FF in 2022. As Interfaith explained in our 2022 Vote Your Values Guides, providing no-cost breakfasts and lunches to students destigmatizes nutrition support, helps more students who may be experiencing food insecurity, and does so without increasing the tax burden for most households in Colorado. Adopting the measures would ensure the state has the funding to carry out the promise of healthy school meals at no cost to students and families and implement important elements of the program.



# Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2025 Vote Your Values Guide!

Whether you are a member of our network, an advocacy partner, or simply a community member learning more about our work, your interest and engagement is valued.

As we begin to plan for our work in 2026, we would like to invite you to provide feedback by completing our 2026 Policy Priorities Survey. Your insights and feedback are invaluable to our ongoing work to make positive, lasting change in communities across Colorado.



**Take the Survey  
TODAY!**

<https://forms.gle/s2np9x6Ybc1PZvEf7>

