



TO: Ready! Set! Go! Attendees
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Hello! Thanks for attending the Ready! Set! Go! civic engagement event at La Trinidad United Methodist Church. It was great to be with you in San Antonio.

Our time together only scratched the surface of some of the key elections and voting rights issues that should be on every voters' radar for the upcoming interim elections and next Texas Legislative Session. For those looking to dig in deeper, here are some additional resources (These links take you to PDFs to download or review online):

[Fact Sheet: Online Voter Registration](#) (Secure Democracy)

[Fact Sheet: Documentary Proof of Citizenship](#) (Secure Democracy)

[Presentation, including links to Advancing Liberty Coalition's Trusted Neighbors Program](#)

[Briefing Memo: Open Primaries](#) (Unite America)

You can also learn more about the [Advancing Liberty Coalition's Trusted Neighbor](#) program and this growing movement to recruit and train community leaders across America to serve as trusted messengers before, during, and after Election Day. Visit Advancing Liberty Coalition at <https://www.advancinglibertycoalition.org/>.

To get a very comprehensive look at election and voting legislation in Texas and across the United States, visit [Voting Rights Lab](#) at <https://votingrightslab.org/>. During Session, the Voting Rights Lab tracker gives you near real-time updates and analysis of bills filed, and you can take a look back by searching their archive for past legislative sessions. They also offer a "heat map" that offers insights into where election crises are most likely to occur before, during or after the mid-term elections.

I wanted to touch on some of the **questions that bubbled up** during our session today and offer some additional resources or insight:

Q: Is there any chance of repealing The 19th Amendment or is that online chatter and unsubstantiated panic?

A: It's hard to pass a Constitutional amendment, and it would be hard to repeal one. However, there are leaders in public office today and some of their advisors who have suggested that

women should not have the right to vote. I think the real concern is that you can chip away at a Constitutional right through the state legislature and Congress. Those challenges are then tested through the court system. If there's anything we've seen in recent years, some elected officials are very interested in making it harder for people to vote—the effort to pass the SAVE Act and documentary proof of citizenship, with its outsized impact on women, are two recent examples.

References I mentioned:

[Heather Cox Richardson's recent post](#) on the history of The 19th Amendment and the current threat by some Christian Nationalists to try to roll back a woman's right to vote.

[The 19th News](#) is the non-profit news site that focuses on gender, politics, policy, and power. Its name is a nod to that watershed moment in our democracy that was meant to make voting a right regardless of sex. In reality, it gave White women the right to vote, while women of color remained disenfranchised for another four decades. The 19th News logo (an asterisk) acknowledges that there is much work to be done to ensure all people are seen and heard in our democracy.

Q: How are Real ID, Voter ID, and Documentary Proof of Citizenship connected?

A: Real IDs (the current form of a Texas Drivers' License), issued in Texas, do not prove citizenship, but a Real ID (as well as other state-approved identifications) can serve as the required ID you need to show at the polls to confirm your identity as a registered voter. Documentary Proof of Citizenship – as proposed at the state and federal level – would add another, more complicated layer to voter registration and re-registration. As we discussed, the requirement to produce a certified copy of your birth certificate or a valid US Passport to register to vote or re-register would create more hurdles to voting. ([Fact Sheet on Documentary Proof of Citizenship](#))

Websites and Organizations I Referenced:

[Secure Democracy Foundation](#)

[Voting Rights Lab](#)

[Unite America](#)

[Advancing Liberty Coalition](#)

[Vote Texas](#) (Texas's official voting website—powered by the Texas Secretary of State)