

# Visiting Florida This Year? Help Register Voters While You're There!

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If you are traveling to Florida later this year, do something great while you're there: register voters— where it really counts!

[HelpFloridaRegister.org](http://HelpFloridaRegister.org) is a new website that tells visitors to Florida how to join local voter registration drives while they are in the state. Just select the location where you will be staying, and you will get a list of community-based organizations that are running registration drives in the area. You'll get contact information and learn how you can volunteer. (The Spanish version of the site is at [RegistremosFlorida.org](http://RegistremosFlorida.org).)

Florida will play a key role in 2020, and Florida's elections are often decided by very narrow margins. In 2018, the election for governor was decided by 30,000 votes, or 0.4% of more than 8 million ballots cast. Today more than 3 million Floridians are eligible to vote but are unregistered.

The organizations listed at the website all welcome your help. They're working to make Florida a more fair and democratic state, overcoming a long history of discrimination by expanding voter registration in under-represented communities.

[HelpFloridaRegister.org](http://HelpFloridaRegister.org) is a non-partisan, pro-democracy project organized by Water For Grassroots, a New York committee that

supports community-organizing groups in the swing states. Last year, in partnership with groups like New Florida Majority and Organize Florida, we joined phone-banking and texting efforts to help pass a referendum restoring voting rights to people with past felony convictions, which Florida voters approved by a 2-to-1 margin.