



# ELECTION PROTECTION 2016

*Educate. Empower. Protect. Volunteer for Election Protection.*

The nonpartisan Election Protection coalition was formed to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process.

Election Protection is the nation's largest non-partisan voter protection coalition. Through the 1-866-OUR-VOTE hotline (administered by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law), the 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota hotline (administered by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Education Fund), and a comprehensive legal field deployment, Election Protection helps ensure eligible voters are able to participate in our democracy.

Every election cycle California Common Cause teams up with the Election Protection coalition to provide voters with nonpartisan voter information on how they can make sure their vote is counted. In 2014, we once again deployed volunteers to ensure every voter has equal opportunity to participate in the political process. On Election Day, 37 volunteers visited 184 poll sites in four counties. Volunteer opportunities include:

## Hotline Volunteers

- Provide voters with unbiased information
- Help voters find their polling place
- Report and elevate emergency situations
- Record voter activity in Our Vote Live database

## Field Volunteers

- Visit poll sites and assisting voters
- Report and resolve poll site issues
- Report emergency situations (i.e. closed poll site, electioneering or voter intimidation) and work to resolve

Voter protection is at the core of what we aim to do – provide guidance, information and help to all Californians, regardless of who that voter is casting a ballot for. We hope you will join us in 2016!

*Common Cause is one of the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan citizen advocacy organizations dedicated to restoring open, honest and accountable government that works for all Americans, not special interests. With offices in Washington, DC and 35 states, and 400,000 members and activists across the country, California is the largest state with over 80,000 members. **The Common Cause Education Fund** supports Common Cause's work through research, litigation and public education.*