

Northeast Valley Health Corporation Civic Engagement Initiative

# VOTING FOR HEALTH

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# CIVIC HEALTH: WHY IT MATTERS

Voter inequities and apathy persist.

Voting impacts social drivers of health.

People with worse health tend to be less likely to vote.

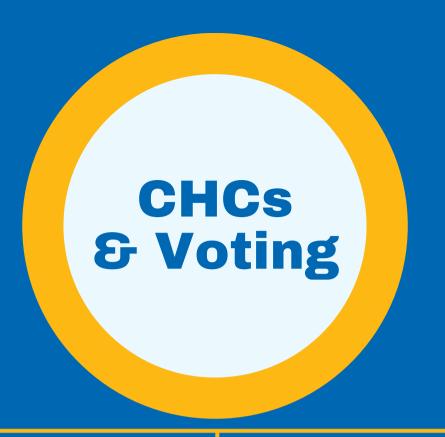
### Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment Income Expenses Debt Medical bills Support	Housing Transportation Safety Parks Playgrounds Walkability Zip code / geography	Literacy Language Early childhood education Vocational training Higher education	Hunger Access to healthy options	Social integration Support systems Community engagement Discrimination Stress	Health coverage  Provider availability  Provider linguistic and cultural competency  Quality of care

#### **Health Outcomes**

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations







## EMBEDDED IN THE COMMUNITY

CHCs are purposely located in underserved areas of the community and are seen as invested in the community as they provide care that is sensitive to cultural, economic, and linguistical needs.



### TRUSTED MESSENGERS

Research has shown physicians are viewed positively, including trustworthy and caring compared to other professions. A recent survey found Latino/a/x found teachers and healthcare staff as the most trusted community figures besides their family and friends.



### SERVE SPECIAL POPULATIONS

CHCs primarily serve populations that historically do not vote, such as communities of color, low-income, and more.

Source: University of California San Francisco

# LAUNCHING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Support & Approval

Implementing any type of engagement among staff and patients requires support and approval from the C-Suite.



Know the Audience

Patients, Staff, and Community

Scale

Messaging



We need at least one person who can designate time to implement forms of voter education.

The communications department is critical as they can develop the materials.

# NEVHC CIVIC COMPONENTS: COMMUNICATIONS

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communication was used to reach all three audiences (i.e., patients, staff, and community).

- NEVHC social media platforms (e.g., X, Instagram, Facebook, etc.).
- Internal staff communications via newsletters.
- External/community outreach via written blogs.
- Text messages with key dates.



NEVHC Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Christine Park.

# NEVHC CIVIC COMPONENTS: COLLATERAL MATERIALS



#### COLLATERAL

Education is the central focus of the grant, which focuses on key aspects of voting: importance, key dates, and how voting connects with health. Collateral materials were developed and implemented at all sites.

- MyVoteMyHealth campaign materials in English and Spanish were sent to all health centers and WIC locations.
- Posters, table tops, and pins were created.
- Buttons, stickers shirts, and more.



### Vote For Your Health!

CA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Voting Starts February 6, 2024

Questions? Call (888) 839-8682

Text "VOTE HEALTH" to 33339

Learn more





#### ¡Vota Por Tu Salud!

ELECCIONES PRIMARIAS EN CALIFORNIA

Martes 5 de marzo 2024

Votación Empieza 6 de febrero 2024

Preguntas? Llama al (888) 839-8682

Envía "VOTE HEALTH" a 33339

Para más información









# GOING FORWARD

#### November 5, 2024 - Election Day!

- Get approval from C-suite.
- (// Identify who can implement this project.
- Identify if you have a budget for printing or purchasing collateral.
- O Develop basic materials (e.g., posters) with key dates.
- Identify built-in mechanism to easily implement a passive outreach to voter education.

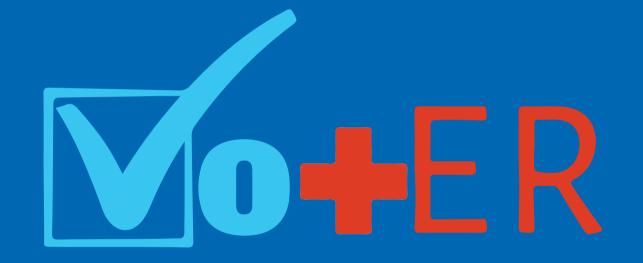
# REMINDER

- Implementing civic education does not have to be costly.
- Providing education can take many forms.
- Utilize already built-in mechanisms (i.e., communication platforms).

- Oo not think civic education can only be partisan.
- Do not think you have to reach everyone.

# NONPARTISAN RESOURCES









AltaMed Health Services

California Primary Care Association

# Questions



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