

30 DAYS OF

# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



Everyday, for 30 days, we will be posting a new fact about voting. The full list of myths and facts will also be available on our website!

## Important Voting Dates in NJ:

Voter Registration Deadline - October 14th

Early Voting - October 25 to November 2

Mail-In Ballot Application Deadline - October 28

General Election - November 4

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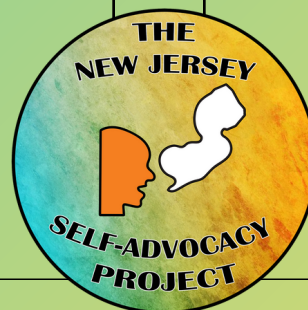
## MYTH

You can't vote if you  
have a guardian.



## TRUTH

You can vote even if you  
have a guardian. A judge  
has to take that specific  
right away from you.



# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



## MYTH

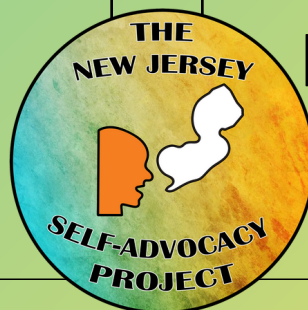
My vote doesn't matter.



## TRUTH

Over 35 million people with disabilities are eligible to vote in the United States. In 2020 only 17.7 million of those people voted.

Imagine if they all voted.



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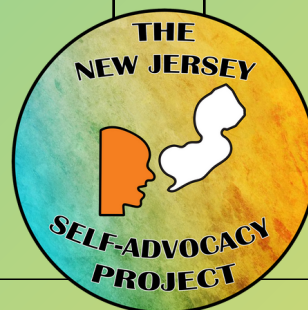
## MYTH

I registered after the  
Primary election so I  
can't vote in the  
General election.



## TRUTH

As long as you are  
registered 21 days  
before an election, you  
can vote in that election.





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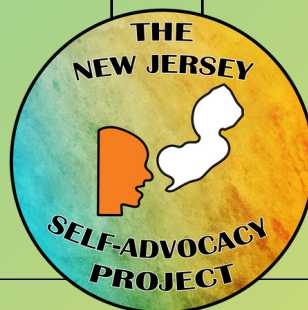
## MYTH

All voting ends at 8pm.



## TRUTH

If you are online at your polling place when the clock turns to 8pm you are still eligible to vote. The line closes at 8pm but everyone on line before 8pm can still vote.



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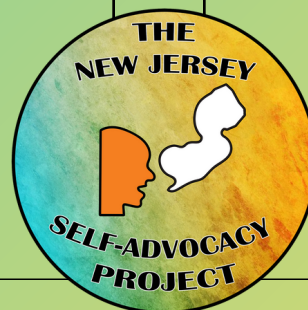
## MYTH

Absentee Ballots are  
only counted in close  
races.



## TRUTH

All votes are counted.  
Mail-in votes and  
absentee votes are  
counted with in person  
votes.



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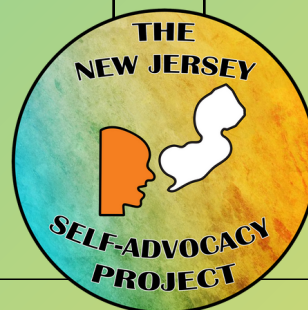
## MYTH

I have to vote for everything on the ballot or my vote doesn't count.



## TRUTH

You can submit a partially completed ballot and your vote still counts. Vote for one topic/person or vote for them all, it will still be counted.



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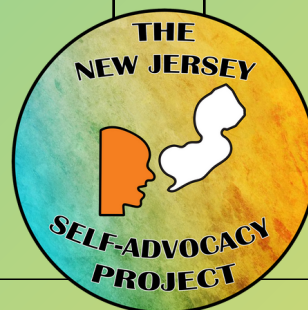
## MYTH

I have to vote for my  
registered political  
party.



## TRUTH

In a general election you  
can vote for any political  
party or cause. In the  
Primary Elections you  
must vote for your  
registered political  
party.



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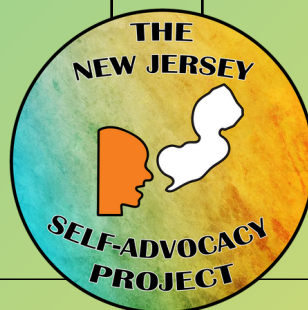
## MYTH

Only designated polling locations are accessible.



## TRUTH

In the United States polling places are legally required to be accessible to everyone.



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## MYTH

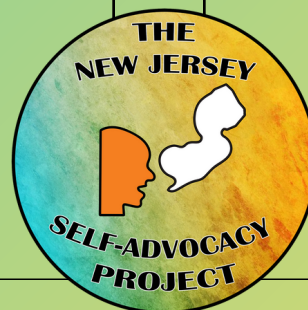
A driver's license is the only acceptable form of ID at the polls.



## TRUTH

Other acceptable forms of ID include:

- Military or Gov ID
- Student or Job ID
- Store Membership card
- Bank Statement
- Sample Ballot
- Any Other Official Document





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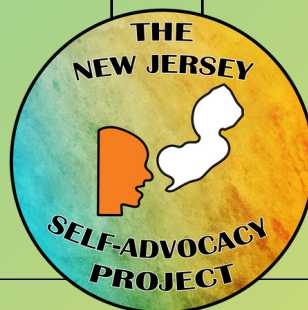
## MYTH

A Person with a  
disability can't serve as  
a poll worker.



## TRUTH

People with disabilities  
CAN serve as a poll  
worker with  
accommodations available  
under the ADA.



# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



## MYTH

Election night results  
are the final count.



## TRUTH

Election night counts are  
unofficial. It could take  
2-3 weeks for an official  
count.



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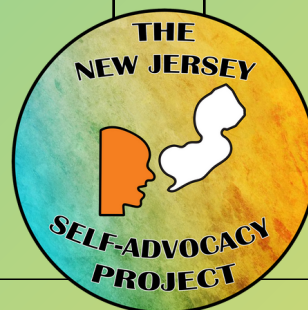
## MYTH

If I have a vote-by-mail ballot, it needs to be mailed to count.



## TRUTH

You can return your completed vote-by-mail ballot to your county's Board of Elections office by 8pm on election day.



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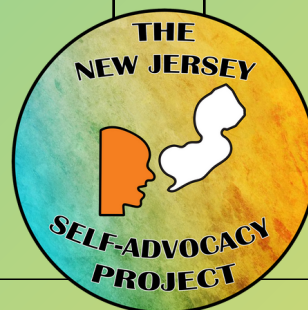
## MYTH

I have to tell people  
who I voted for or who I  
plan to vote for.



## TRUTH

Votes are kept secret  
and you do not have to  
talk about your votes  
unless you want to tell  
people.



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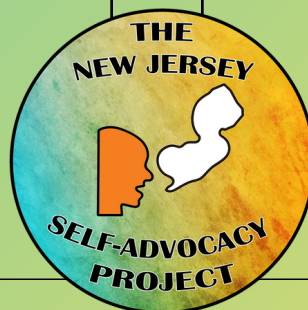
If I can't find a ride to the polling place on election day then I can't vote.



## TRUTH

There are a few ways to make sure you can get to the polling place.

- Uber/Lyft/Taxi
- Call your candidate
- Early voting
- Mail In Voting
- Local Libraries and Clubs



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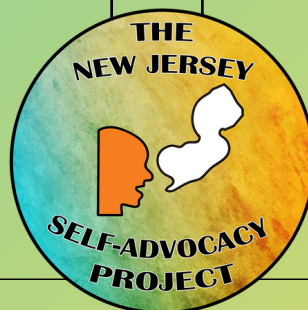
## MYTH

I am labeled as an  
inactive voter so I can't  
vote.



## TRUTH

You can update your  
status to 'Active Voter'  
through the online voter  
registration portal or by  
using a paper  
registration form.





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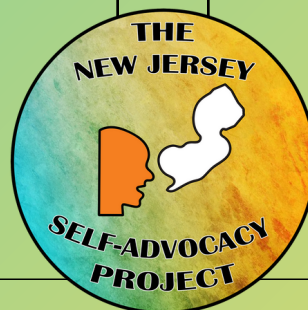
## MYTH

I have to go into the  
voting booth alone,  
even if I need support.



## TRUTH

Section 208 of the  
Voting Rights Act gives  
every voter the right to  
bring someone into the  
booth with them.



# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



## MYTH

I didn't vote in the  
Primary Election so I  
can't vote in the  
General Election



## TRUTH

The Primaries and the  
General Election are two  
different elections. You  
can vote in one or both.



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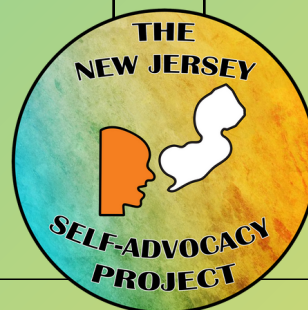
## MYTH

I always vote by mail so  
I can't vote in person.



## TRUTH

You can 'Opt-Out' of  
Voting by mail at  
Vote.NJ.Gov or you can  
drop off your completed  
vote-by-mail ballot at  
your county's Board of  
Elections office on  
election day.



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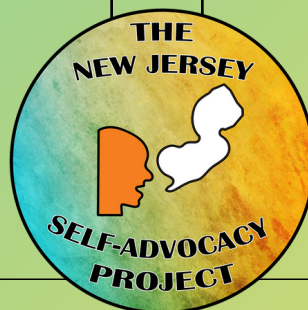
## MYTH

I mailed in my vote on election day and it will get to my Board of Elections after voting day so my vote won't count.



## TRUTH

As long as your ballot is POSTMARKED by Election Day your vote will count. This means it needs to be picked up by your mail carrier and stamped the day of voting.



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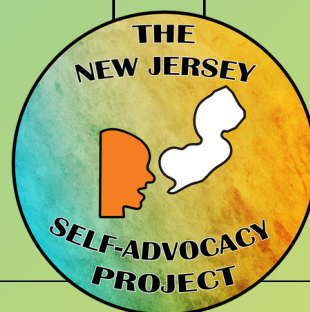
## MYTH

Mail-in Ballots require a  
witness or notary.



## TRUTH

Mail-In ballots require a  
voter's signature ONLY.



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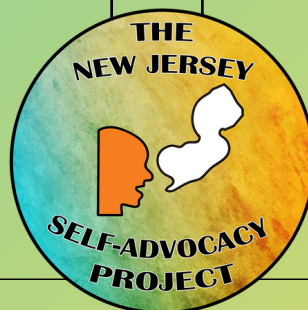
## MYTH

I made a mistake on my  
Mail-In ballot, or I lost  
my Mail-In ballot so I  
can't vote.



## TRUTH

You can request a  
replacement Mail-In  
Ballot from your County  
Clerk.





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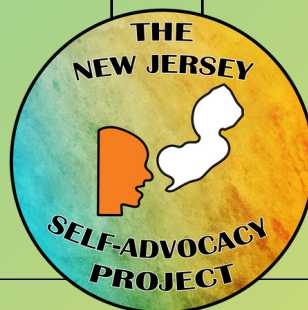
## MYTH

I forgot to sign my Mail-In Ballot when I mailed it in so my vote won't count.



## TRUTH

The County Board of Elections will provide you an opportunity to certify that you did cast that ballot. Call them to clarify.



# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



## MYTH

My Mail-In Ballot  
signature doesn't  
match my voting record  
signature so my vote  
won't count.



## TRUTH

The County Board of  
Elections will provide  
you an opportunity to  
certify that you did cast  
that ballot. Call them to  
clarify.



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## MYTH

I have to mail in a copy of my ID with my Mail-In Ballot.



## TRUTH

Your Mail-In Ballot only requires your voter signature.

If it is your first time voting you may need to include a copy of your ID.



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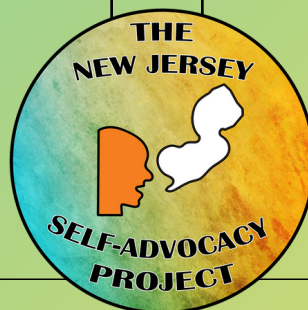
## MYTH

I turn 18 on election day  
so I have to wait until  
after my birthday to  
register.



## TRUTH

If you will be 18 on  
Election Day you can  
register to vote at 17.



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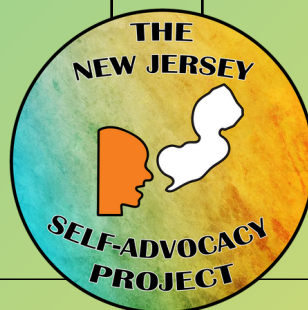
## MYTH

I can't make it to the  
polls on election day so  
I can't vote.



## TRUTH

NJ has early voting. You  
can go in-person to vote  
October 25-November 2  
at the early voting  
locations in your county.  
No appointment needed,  
just walk in.



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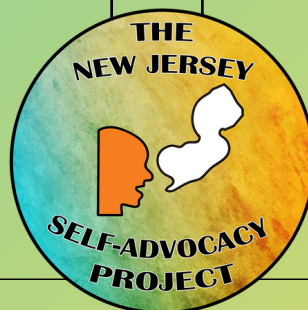
## MYTH

I was convicted of a crime and I spent time in jail or prison so I can't vote.



## TRUTH

If you are not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States you CAN vote in NJ.





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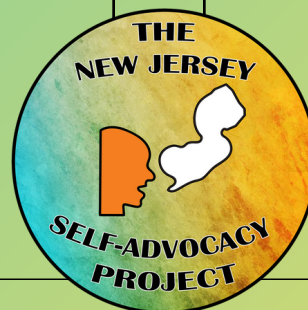
I have never voted  
before so I can't vote  
now.



## TRUTH

You can vote as long as  
you are:

- 18 years old
- US Citizen
- Registered to vote in NJ
- NJ resident
- Lived in your voting  
precinct for at least 30  
days



# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



## MYTH

I live in another state  
but attend college in  
NJ. I have to vote  
where I live.



## TRUTH

As a student you are  
eligible to vote in NJ if  
you reside in another  
state but attend college  
in NJ.



# VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



## MYTH

I live in NJ but attend college in another state. I have to vote where I go to school.



## TRUTH

As a student you are eligible to vote in NJ if you live in NJ but attend college in another state.

