

# COMMUNITY *Votes*

## News

## October 2018

### Voter Turnout Doubles in New York State!

Even though New York is the only state in the country that holds two primary elections and also historically has some of the lowest voter turnout rates of all the states, more than double the number of people cast ballots this September compared to September 2014. One reason is there were some competitive races. A real contest gets people out. Another reason is Community Votes' partners are helping their stakeholders understand that voting and elections matter.

- **Phipps Neighborhoods** made sure all their eligible staff were invited to register to vote.
- **Henry Street Settlement's** front desk staff is now registering voters at four locations.
- **BMS Family Health and Wellness Center** recruited patient leaders to run a phone bank with Delta Sigma Theta sorority members.
- **Neighbors Together** recruited their members to register voters at their emergency food community café.
- **Options for Community Living** registered to vote shoppers at their thrift store.
- **Jacob Riis Settlement House** created and distributed a nonpartisan candidate guide.
- **Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler Counties** explained to young mothers how their voting sets a positive example for their children.



BMS Family Health Center & Delta Sigma Theta June Phone Bank Callers

### Vote Local!

**Community Votes** was selected by **Nonprofit Vote** to receive pro bono design assistance from AIGA The Professional Association for Design. Working with **AIGA NY** (New York Chapter) and our partner **United Neighborhood Houses**, info cards on affordable housing, healthy food and reliable public transportation were designed by **Once-Future Office**.

Our message is: *communities that speak out, organize and vote get more political attention and have a better chance of achieving growth and prosperity.*

**UNH** member agencies, **Community Votes** partners and the groups listed below distributed over 30,000 issue cards in English, Spanish and Chinese.

*Common Cause NY - Cypress Hills LDC  
Good Shepherd Services - Human Services Council - JASA - New York Immigration Coalition - Queens Library @ LIC - Riders Alliance*

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