

GUIDE

Iranian Americans Vote (#IAVote) is a campaign to organize the over one million members of the Iranian American community to get registered and make a plan to vote this November.

The 2020 election is shaping up to be one of the most pivotal and consequential in modern American history, and Iranian Americans deserve to have a seat at the table for our voices to be heard and counted.

Why should I vote?

The right to vote has not always been guaranteed. People of color and women fought tirelessly for the right to vote, yet recent data shows U.S. voter turnout rates remain remarkably low compared to other developed countries. Our ancestors understood that to be able to vote is one of the most vital ways we can influence our democracy, hold our elected officials accountable, and ensure our voices are heard on important policies that affect us.

Iranian Americans have excelled as industry leaders, in professional careers, and in serving in the government and the military. However, voter turnout data have shown that Iranian American have particularly low turnout rates, resulting in significant underrepresentation of the community at the local, state, and federal levels.

How do I register to vote?

Head to <u>iavote.paaia.org</u> to get started! Depending on the state you live in, you can either directly register online or you will download a completed form that you simply have to print and mail in. It's a five to ten minute process!

How do I vote?

Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, many states have expanded the ability to vote by mail and reduced in-person voting centers. To keep you and your community healthy, consider voting by mail if possible.

On <u>iavote.paaia.org</u>, you can <u>find your in-person polling place</u> or register to <u>vote-by-mail</u>. Decide whether you want to vote in-person or by mail, and make a plan to vote on or by November 3rd, 2020!

Have another question? Visit our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>. If your answer isn't there, contact us and we'll be happy to help! Thank you for being an #IAVoter!