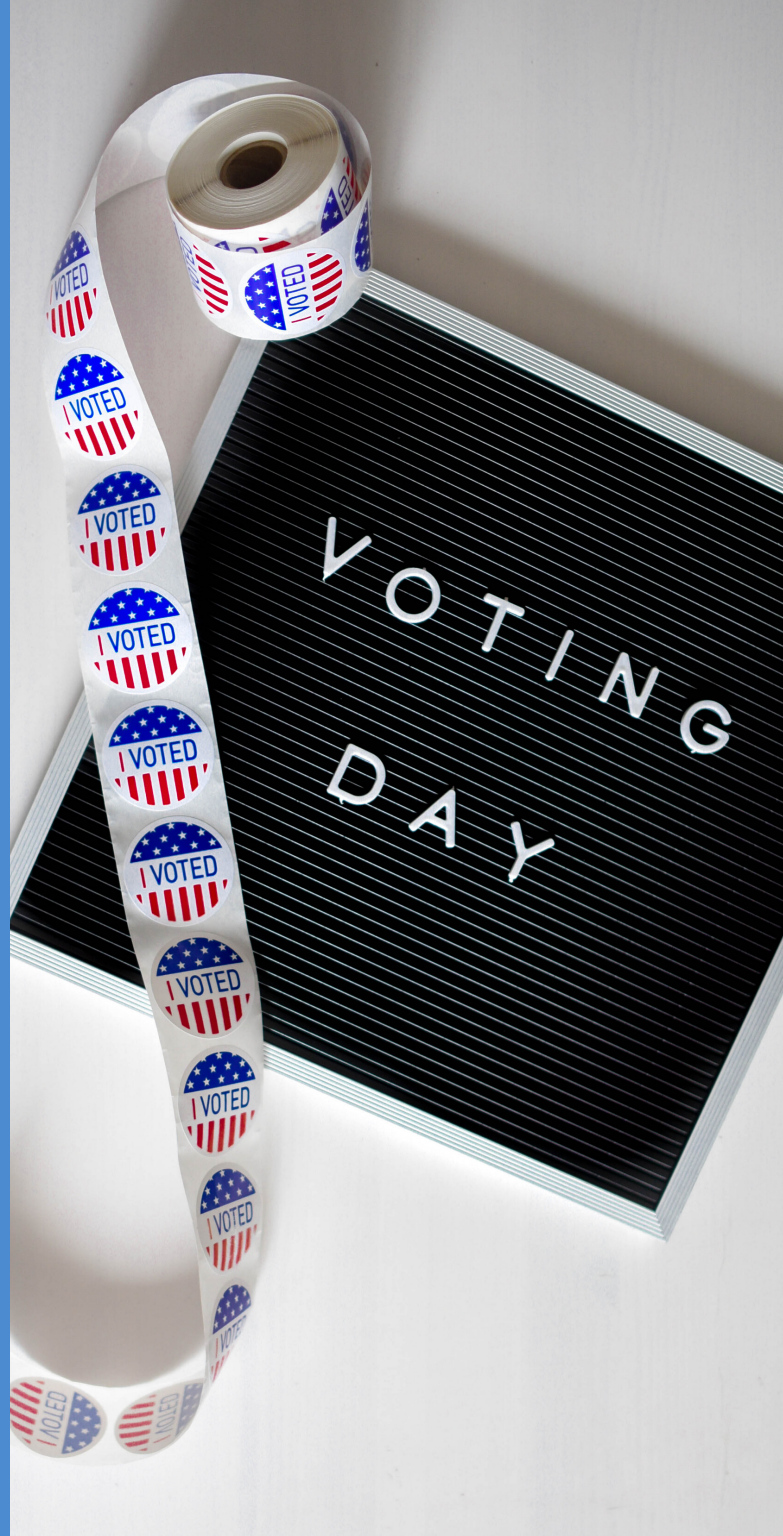
# Vote

## FOR INFORMED CANDIDATES THAT SUPPORT Climate Action



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01 what is climate action?
02 who is an informed candidate?
03 why is this important?

# climate action

**making the necessary changes to protect our planet from climate change through education, innovation, and adherence to global climate commitments.**

# forms of climate action

- Adopting greenhouse gas reduction targets
- Improving energy efficiency of buildings
- Developing infrastructure for green transportation
- Expanding green spaces & sustainable rooftops
- Transitioning to renewable energy
- Modernizing waste management
- Building a green economy
- Responsible agriculture and food production

# who are informed candidates?

- A candidate is anyone aspiring to be nominated for a position that holds political power.
- This can be at the local, regional, state, national or international level.

An informed candidate...

- Understands current local & global issues
- Uses informative research to aid in decision-making
- Prioritizes climate action & other related concerns.

# why is it important?

*Voting and taking part in political action are the greatest ways individuals can create change.*

# 02

# what can elected candidates do about climate change?

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01 local initiatives

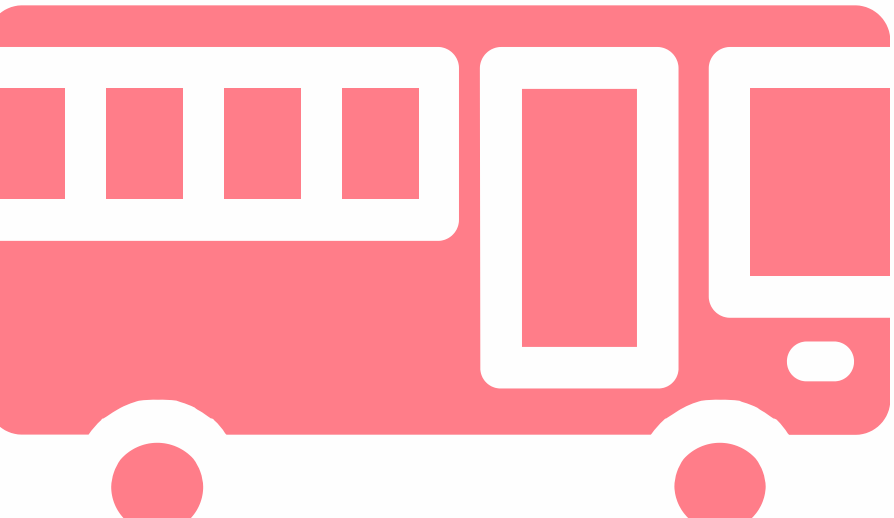
02 national initiatives

# LOCAL ACTIONS

# Nagpur, India

## Mayor Nanda Jichkar's E-Mobility Plan

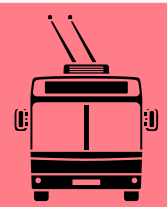
1. + electric vehicle charging infrastructure
2. + city ride-sharing programs
3. + discounts on electric buses
4. + tax incentives for electric & hybrid vehicles



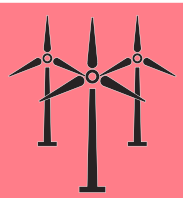
# London, United Kingdom

## Former Mayor Ken Livingstone

- In 2005 this mayor founded the C40 Cities network - A global network of sustainable cities that are working to be at the forefront of climate action.



66,000+ ELECTRIC BUSES IN C40 CITIES



24 C40 CITIES COMMITED TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2030

82 C40 CITIES HAVE IMPLEMENTED BIKE-SHARING PROGRAMS

18 C40 CITIES HAVE BANNED OR RESTRICTED SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

# Surabaya, Indonesia

## Mayor Tri Rismaharini's Plan

### 1. WASTE MANAGEMENT

new facilities for residents to sell their recyclables and for composting organic waste

### 2. GREEN ENERGY

increased use of solar energy and a new waste-to-energy system that can generate electricity while managing municipal solid waste.

### 3. EDUCATION

Make a policy that all lights are to be turned off before leaving the building each night

### 4.LAND USE

If your building has sensors, make sure each of them are working properly

# Los Angeles, USA

## Mayor Eric Garcetti's Plan

### TRANSITION

TO GREENER TRANSPORT BY IMPROVING BUS, BIKING & WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE

ZERO EMISSION BUS FLEET BY 2028

### INVEST

IN A GREEN ECONOMY THROUGH BETTER HOUSING, RECYLCING, WATER MANAGEMENT & JOBS

ACHIEVED GOAL OF 20,000 NEW GREEN JOBS

### BECOME

A LEADER IN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUELS

LA IS NOW THE #1 SOLAR CITY IN THE USA

# NATIONAL INITIATIVES

*"A municipal government can only do so much when it doesn't have the full support of those who run the country."*

-- Frank Jensen, Mayor of Copenhagen

# THE GAMBIA

**President Adama Barrow**

**The Gambia has become only the second country whose climate goals are compatible with the Paris Agreement's 1.5 C temp increase.**

## Afforestation

A large project was launched to restore 10,000 hectares of forests, mangroves, & savannas

## Renewable Energy

Large-scale solar PV projects are in progress to decrease reliance on fossil fuels.

## Climate Resilience

Changes in land-use & agriculture are being made to protect against droughts & rising sea levels.

# DENMARK

**New Elected Parliament & Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen**

The new climate law (2019) mainly focuses on changes in the Danish energy sector - a major contributor of carbon emissions.

Goals include: A reduction in carbon emissions that is 70% lower than 1990 levels by 2030 and independence from fossil fuels by 2050.

Denmark has the most ambitious climate targets in the EU & is pushing other countries to adopt similar goals, as well.

# INDIA

**President Ram Nath Kovind**

1. India is currently the 3rd largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions
2. India is developing the largest solar project in the world.
3. The switch to renewable energy is driven by ambitious clean energy policies & lower cost of solar technology.

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# how can you vote for informed candidates?

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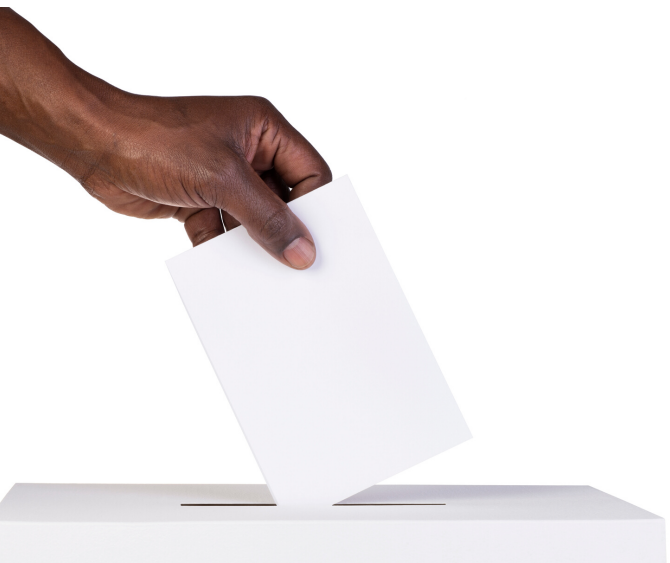
01 do your research
02 choose a candidate
03 show up and vote



# 1 Do Your Research

## Candidate Research

**the act of researching and developing a full understanding of a candidate's experiences, voting history, and position on key issues before voting for them.**

# How are you getting your information?

- **Social media? Television? Radio? Articles?**
- **Are these biased or unbiased sources?**
- **It's important to use many sources for a more accurate understanding of current issues and political candidates.**

***Note: See "Resources for you" for fact-checking websites and other helpful tools.**

# 2 Choose a Candidate

**Step 1: Find out who the potential candidates are.**

**Step 2: Study each candidates' past experiences and voting history.**

- **Are they informed? Do they support positive climate initiatives?**

**Step 3: See how third party organizations have rated and evaluated the candidates.**

# 2 Choose a Candidate

**Step 4: Research their financing & see who's funding their campaign.**

- **Do they receive funding from fossil fuel companies?**

**Step 5: Reach out to a candidate with any questions or concerns.**

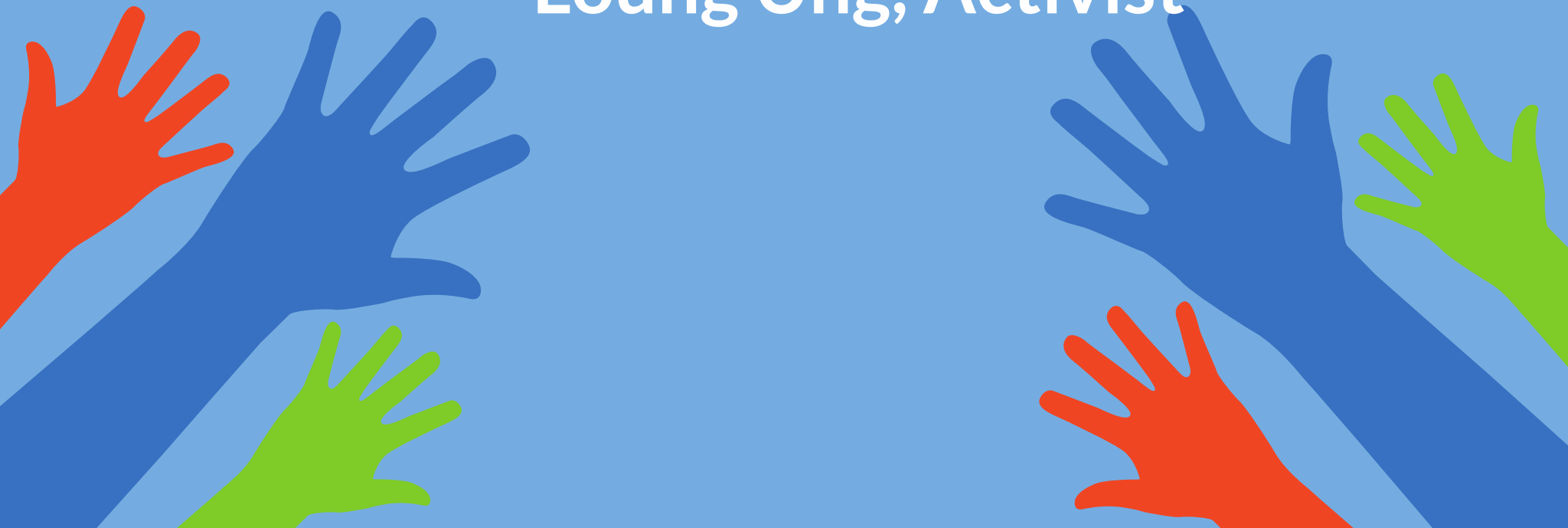
- **Q: What actions will you take to mitigate climate change?**
- **Q: What initiatives have you supported in the past?**

***Note: See "Resources for you" for tips on writing to a candidate.**

# 3 Show Up & Vote

*"Voting is not only our right—it is our power."*

-- Loung Ung, Activist



# 3 Show Up & Vote

- Registering to vote is often very quick & easy!
- Voter registration information can be found on country-specific government websites.
- Can’t show up to vote?
  - Many countries offer voting by mail, or absentee ballots, to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to vote.

# 04

# resources for you!

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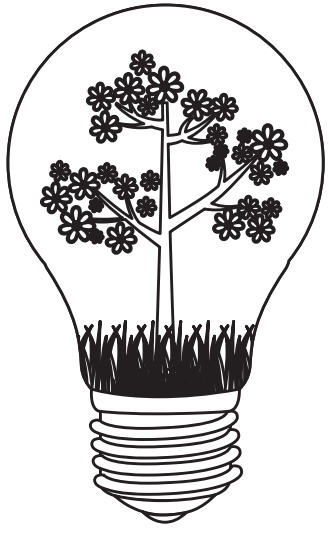
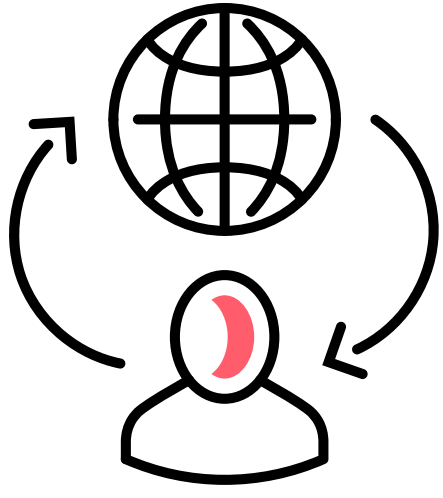
01 helpful links
02 fact-checking
03 get involved





# helpful links

**"HOW THE WORLD VOTES PROJECT"**

This international project illustrates voting trends & facts for countries around the world.

**TIPS FOR WRITING EFFECTIVE LETTERS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Learn how to write a letter/email to a candidate to get questions & concerns answered.

**THE ACE PROJECT**

A one-stop resource for election & candidate information for each country.

**CLIMATE ACTION TRACKER**

Track your country's climate action & compares it with international goals set by the Paris Agreement.

***Note: Click each title to access the link and resources available**

# fact-checking

**Fact check websites are useful to make sure you're getting the most accurate information. These resources exist around the world, here are a few:**

- **Europe**
- **United States**
- **Africa**
- **Asia**
- **Global**
- **Global Climate Related**

**Remember to research & check-out facts on candidates & their work on climate issues before voting.**

# stay involved with climate action by joining local & global initiatives

**Many organizations around the world support & initiate climate action.**

- **Research & get involved with local initiatives near you.**
- **Check out some global ones here:**

350.org

Greenpeace International

Cool Effect

Earth Day Network

C40 Cities

Earth Guardians

**Don't forget to get involved with Global Climate Pledge**

*Note: Click an organization above to learn more.

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