As a host, you don't have to be an expert on any of the issues or candidates. The voter preparation party is an opportunity for all attendees to share quality information and sources. These instructions are provided as a resource for you.

BEFORE THE EVENT

- 1. Read the <u>voter preparation worksheet</u>, paying particular attention to the tips and resources page at the end, and highlight information you would like to emphasize at your voter prep party.
- 2. Email a copy of the worksheet to everyone who expressed interest in attending. (You could even include it in the event invite!)
- 3. Make sure you have up-to-date information on how and when people can register and what the rules are for absentee or vote-by-mail ballots. <u>Ballotpedia</u> is an excellent resource for local information and links. Visit your county clerk's website if you have more questions.

DURING THE EVENT

- 1. Introduce guests who may not know each other, and ask them to share why they decided to join the conversation. Ask what issues are important to them.
 - a. Encourage all participants to keep the discussion civil and respectful.
 - b. Consider reviewing MWEG's <u>Principles of Peacemaking</u> and sharing them with participants prior to the event.
- 2. Decide which candidates and issues you would like to research and discuss together, and then use the worksheet to facilitate the discussion.
- 3. Discuss ways guests can volunteer now to help protect the vote. (See volunteer opportunities below.)
- 4. Ask everyone to commit to one of the challenges at the end of the voter preparation worksheet.

AFTER THE EVENT

We would love to hear how it went, and we appreciate any feedback! Please complete the host survey and send your guests the participant survey link below.

- Host survey: forms.gle/GU79ngK7Xvu7jL3SA
- Participant survey: forms.gle/q4nDCfXo3UoWnSXt5

HOSTING A VIRTUAL EVENT

You may choose to host a discussion virtually instead of in person. We have created an online collaborative worksheet that can be shared with all participants via Google Sheets. They will be able to add their own notes on any of the ballot measures or candidates. Remind guests to only share information from <u>well-sourced and reliable outlets</u>.

OTHER RESOURCES TO SHARE

- 1. Spread the word by sharing information about voting and voter registration.
- 2. Many counties need poll workers to staff voting locations. Learn about being an election worker and read about your state's rules from the NCSL's information about poll workers.
- 3. What is a poll watcher? What is their responsibility? Would you be interested in being one, and do you qualify? Find out more with the NCSL's poll watcher qualifications list.
- 4. Sign up to help with voter registration through the <u>League of Women Voters</u>.
- 5. Sign up to be a poll worker through <u>Power the Polls</u> or help people get to the polls in November.
- 6. Compare the ways in which different states make voting more or less accessible at vote.org.
- 7. Find your state's election website at the <u>US Election Assistance Commission</u>.

JOIN US!

If you are interested in discussing these issues further with other women in your area, we welcome you to join one of our state chapters on Facebook. You can request to join Mormon Women for Ethical Government or donate to help us in our efforts at mweg.org.