

It's not too early to prepare for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Elections

Here's why it's **IMPORTANT** that you prepare for and vote in your Municipal Elections — elections for Mayor, County Council and School Board Members.

1. When turnout is low: Results are less representative of income, age, and ethnicity of the community.
2. Local elections have a major impact on your community and daily life.
 - The amount you pay in property taxes or rent.
 - Where housing, schools, and playgrounds are built.
 - Where your city sets its priorities.

To read more about “What Does a City Council Do?” and reasons why you should vote in local elections, click [here](#).

Statistics about voters in local elections:

- Affluent voters have 30-50 percent higher turnout in local elections than low-income voters.
- Those 65+ are seven times more likely to vote in local elections than voters aged 18 to 34.
- Whites vote at rates 20 percent higher in local elections than non-white voters.

How do these statistics impact YOU?

- Local elected officials and policy are disproportionately influenced by older affluent white voters.
- Our representative democracy and the effectiveness of local governments is undermined.
- Recent research found that less representative elections contribute to poorer outcomes for minorities, including uneven prioritization of public spending.

Statistics can be found at: <https://www.nationalcivicleague.org/ncr-article/increasing-voter-turnout-in-local-elections/>

Information about the upcoming 2023 Municipal Elections was prepared by Pickens County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. Information includes:

- **Municipal Counties:** list of seats that are up for election and that will be decided upon by **YOUR VOTE** on **November 7, 2023**.

- Information on the need of **Poll Workers** during the 2023 election cycle and how to participate. Poll workers are needed in Central, Easley, Liberty, Norris, Pickens, and Six Mile.
- Information on **Voter eligibility, How to register to vote, Update Registration Information, Verify Your Registration and Find Your Polling Place** (visit [VOTE411.ORG](https://my.lwv.org/south-carolina/oconee-pickens-counties/voter-registration-information) or [SCVOTES.GOV](https://my.lwv.org/south-carolina/oconee-pickens-counties/voter-registration-information) or you may visit <https://my.lwv.org/south-carolina/oconee-pickens-counties/voter-registration-information>).
- **Important dates to remember** – you must be registered no later than **Sunday, October 8, 2023** to VOTE on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Early Voting for Nov. 7th, 2023 - Municipal Elections

- No reason/excuse needed
- Open to all registered voters living inside municipal boundaries of Central, Easley, Liberty, Norris, Pickens, or Six Mile
- Location: [Pickens County Voter Registration & Elections](#) Main Office; 222 McDaniel Ave, B-9, Pickens, SC 29671; [Oconee County Voter Registration and Elections](#), 415 S. Pine St, Walhalla, SC 29691
- Oct. 23rd—Nov. 3rd, Mon-Friday, 8:30 a.m.--5:00 p.m.

VOTE early or on November 7, 2023. VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT! YOUR VOTE MATTERS!