

MID-TERMS: WE'RE ALL OUT OF BUBBLEGUM

Finally. The day for which we've been waiting nearly two long years has arrived. We're put to the test: who among us can see the threat and face it head on instead of hiding from reality? Thanks much to those of you who've already voted, whether in early voting, absentee ballots, or at the polls this morning. You've passed the basic test of democracy.

Thanks in advance to those of you who will vote later today. Make sure you leave ample time to get to the polls. Be prepared to wait unless you're one of the fortunate people who live in white GOP neighborhoods where there never seem to be too few booths or difficulty with polling locations. Do your homework about your ballot before you arrive at the polls.

Be prepared for bullshit, too, like Trumpsters' barking dogs or ominous Border Patrol hovering around the neighborhood in El Paso conducting an oddly-timed crowd control exercise. Just ignore them and carry on. Stay in line until you've voted – the polls don't stop until the last voter already in line at the time the polls close.

Check ACLU Voter website and enter your address for when to vote, where to vote, how incumbents rank on civil rights issues, and what key races are on your local ballot.

Speaking of which, there have been reports of polling locations "moved" without adequate advance notice – like California House district CA-22, where Devin Nunes defends his seat against candidate Andrew Janz. In this particular case the problem was the CA secretary of state's website and appears to be fixed. Do allow extra time for hiccups like this. Contact your state's secretary of state's office to confirm your poll location if you have any doubts.

Know in advance what to do if poll workers say your name does not appear on the voter rolls, your voter registration is incomplete or not updated, or you'd asked for an absentee ballot but appeared at the polls instead – ask for a provisional or affidavit ballot to cast a vote. Visit the Brennan Center at this link for more information about what to do if you have problems at the polls.

If you experience any difficulty at the polls, contact Election Protection at **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)** and ask for assistance. Take these numbers with you and help others who may experience problems but need help with language:

Spanish speakers: 888-VE-Y-VOTA

Asian languages: 888-API-VOTE

Arabic speakers: 844-YALLA-US

**American Sign Language video call number:
301-818-8683**

Or text OUR VOTE to 97779 for assistance.

If you've already voted but still feel up to helping GOTV, visit BuildTheWave.org and volunteer to text voters today. See Nate Lerner's tweet for an overview.

If you want to help voters who are having problems at the polls, you can donate to the Lawyers' Committee – they are the legal folks volunteering to answer phones, record complaints, and assist voters today.

Thanks for kicking ass and voting today. Treat this as an open thread with emphasis on election day news.