

HOSTING A LOCAL SIGN WAIVING OR RALLY

Sign waving events and rallies in local communities are fun, but they are also an important way to share the message of Only Citizens Vote and inform our communities about the existence and concern of the issue. Here are some tips for you to host a successful sign waving:

1. Choose a time and location in your community that will have the highest visibility - Saturday and weekday commuter drive times are idea.
2. Check with your local police department or sheriff's office to determine what, if any, permits are necessary.
3. Recruit as many friends and colleagues as possible, but don't let numbers deter you. It's not about the number of sign wavers - its about the number of people who drive by!
4. Use the OCV sign templates that are found HERE on our Only Citizen Vote Coalition website or use the attached QR code. These signs can be printed for you by online vendors such as Zazzle or VistaPrint, or local companies such as Office Max or Staples. They will do the work - you just send them the artwork we have proved.
5. Feel free to make hand written signs! These personalize the events and demonstrate your individual message and concern.
6. You can pull sign messages from any of our Grassroots Template Toolkits, but key messages are: only Americans should decide American elections, Every illegal vote cancels out a legal vote, Protect noncitizens: don't let them vote, Friends don't let noncitizen friends vote, one citizen = one vote, and 87% of American agree: only Americans should vote in American elections.
7. If you plan to have this rally on a regular basis, make a sign that notes that: "Come join us every XX at XX to ensure that only citizens vote."
8. Promote your event through email, neighborhood chats, and social media.
9. Invite the press, and designate one person to be the media spokesperson.
10. Do not verbally engage with any opposition. Remember you are there to protect citizen voters, and protect noncitizens from facing the consequences of voting illegally. Do not rise to the bait of any unfair or inaccurate personal attacks. Offer the opposition a bottle of water and invite them to visit www.OnlyCitizensVoteCoalition.Com to find more factual information.
11. Do not engage with any drivers who are rude or insulting. Smile and wave.
12. Do not wear any partisan regalia or carry other partisan or campaign signs. This will complete negate the position that this is a nonpartisan issue and we advocate for the protections of ALL ballots of ALL voters.
13. Take photos! Send them to us with permission to use them publicly at Megan@OnlyCitizensVoteCoalition.com.