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## WHAT ARE THE STEPS OF ACTION?

### 1 Become an active Utahn

#### VOTE

Research the candidates and issues.



Vote in elections! If you are eligible to vote, register at [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)

#### LEARN WHO REPRESENTS YOU

Find your elected officials.

Visit [elections.utah.gov](http://elections.utah.gov)

#### CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Choose the most effective strategy to express what you value.

Phone Call: *"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I'm calling today from (city) to urge Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_ to support/oppose (issue you care about) and (explanation/supporting evidence as to why you care about said issue). Thank you for taking my call."*

### 2 Raise awareness about an issue

#### WRITE

Put pen to paper.

Compose a letter or email to your elected officials to encourage them to take action on an issue.

Create a petition or join an existing committee to address an issue you would like community members and/or elected officials to respond to.



Send a letter to the editor of a newspaper or other local media (radio, TV, or other print media) to raise awareness about an issue you are passionate about.

#### CREATE

Showcase your creativity.

Express your thoughts and emotions through poetry, drawing and other forms of art. Share your talents on social media and other platforms.

### 3 Empower your community

#### BE INVOLVED

Commit to service.



Become a member of an organization that interests you at your school or in your community. If an organization does not exist, take initiative, be a leader and create one!

Volunteer your time to any group that interests you. Contact them and ask if they are looking for volunteers.

#### SUGGESTED RESOURCES

**Utah State Legislature**  
[le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov)

**UServe Utah**  
[userve.utah.gov](http://userve.utah.gov)

**Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership**  
[capal.org](http://capal.org)

**Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund**  
[apiasf.org](http://apiasf.org)

**Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute**  
[chci.org](http://chci.org)

**Congressional Black Caucus Institute**  
[cbcfinc.org](http://cbcfinc.org)

**United National Indian Tribal Youth**  
[unityinc.org](http://unityinc.org)

“Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference.”

~ Thomas Ehrlich