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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

LEARN WHO REPRESENTS YOU
Find your elected officials.
Visit 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
UServe Utah
userve.utah.gov
Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership
capal.org
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
apiasf.org
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
chci.org
Congressional Black Caucus Institute
cbcfinc.org
United National Indian Tribal Youth
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

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