Sign up to Volunteer for Election Protection on April 4th!

Municipal elections in the Chicago suburbs are around the corner, and many will be decided by slim margins. Help us protect the right of every voter to cast their ballot and make their voice heard on Tuesday, April 4th!

Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights is recruiting volunteers to monitor the polls on election day in suburban Cook County. Non-partisan voter protection plays an essential role in local elections, which have an important impact on our neighborhoods and communities, and Election Protection is the nation's largest non-partisan voter protection coalition. By volunteering, you can help ensure that every eligible voter gains access to the polls and participates in our democracy.
Did you see our live benefit show at Lagunitas?

On Tuesday, February 28, more than 150 people came out to Lagunitas Brewing Company for a sold-out live show, pizza, and beer, all benefiting the Voting Rights Project. Mark Bazer of the Interview Show spoke with Director of Voting Rights and Civic Empowerment Ami Gandhi, Author and Sociologist Eve Ewing, and Lagunitas Head Brewer Mary Bauer. Check out photos here.

Missed the show? It's not too late to support us!
Testifying to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

On Thursday, March 9, the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held a public meeting to discuss voting rights in Illinois. Director of Voting Rights and Civic Empowerment Ami Gandhi gave testimony regarding barriers to the polls during the 2016 election, and Legal Fellow Ryan Cortazar presented about language access issues. They also testified before the Illinois House Elections Committee on March 3rd.
Remembering Selma with Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Director of Voting Rights and Civic Empowerment Ami Gandhi spoke at the Rainbow PUSH Saturday Morning Forum on March 4 to talk about federal enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and how local advocacy can expand voting rights for communities of color.

Take Action: #AVRinIL

Last year, Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) passed through the Illinois legislature with bipartisan support before being vetoed. This year, with continued advocacy from the Just Democracy coalition and our allies, the
momentum for AVR is growing. You can quickly show your support by contacting your legislator or posting on social media. For example:

#AVRinIL will strengthen our democracy. Every eligible voter, regardless of political affiliation, has the right to have their voice heard.

Automatic voter registration has passed in states across the country, Democrat and Republican. Illinois can be next. #AVRinIL #twill

For a fair & modern voting system, we need champions of #AVRinIL! #twill