



You Are Invited to

The Big Send

A virtual “Get Out the Vote” letter writing party

Hosted by:

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When: Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 10AM until Noon
(You do not need to wait until then to start writing letters)

Where: Zoom (A link will be sent to registered guests)

Why: The voice of the people must be heard!

2020 will be a profoundly important election – not only for the Presidency – but also for state legislatures.

The states draw the maps for Congressional Districts (and gerrymander or not)

The states determine the process for voting (which can encourage or suppress voter participation.)

President Obama, in a recent speech, pointed out that 19,000 municipalities need policing reforms, and elected officials – mayors, county executives, district attorneys – make the decisions in those communities.

There is no way to overstate the importance of this election.

There is no way to overstate the importance of getting out the vote for this election.

State legislature seats are often won with a margin of only 200 or 300 votes.

Every vote matters!

Mayor and City Council seats are often won with even smaller margins.

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With that in mind, we are inviting you to participate in *The Big Send*, a project of the non-partisan organization *Vote Forward*. The goal is to send 10,000,000 letters to communities all over the country that tend to have low voter turn-out and are therefore under-represented at all levels of government.

These letters do not ask the recipients to vote for a specific candidate or party. They simply encourage them to make their voices heard through voting. Research has shown that this is the most effective way to raise the voter turn-out.

These letters are being prepared, addressed, and stamped now. They will be placed in the mail on October 27 – one week before the election.

Our hope is that the Northern California Nevada Conference can contribute at least 2000 letters at our party – all written in the comfort of your homes or churches while sheltering in place.

Are you in?

Here is what you need to do:

- Register for the party by clicking here:

<https://ncnc.dreamhosters.com/the-big-send-a-virtual-get-out-the-vote-letter-writing-party/>

- Set up an account at <https://votefwd.org/>

(This is easy to do. However, they are screening for those who would try to misuse their platform. Therefore, it takes a couple of days to get approval to write letters. Please start the process in plenty of time.)

- Download and print 20 letter shells from *Vote Forward* prior to the party. You will personalize the letters at the party.
- This party is BYOS – Bring Your Own Stamps; Bring Your Own Stuff. You will need:
 - 20 envelopes
 - 20 letter shells printed from *Vote Forward*
 - 20 attractive postage stamps – the more personalized the envelope looks, the more likely it is to be opened.
 - 20 cheerful stickers to decorate the envelopes
 - 1 blue ink pen – blue ink makes it clear that the letter and envelope are hand-written.

Calling all Musicians/Singers

It would be wonderful to be serenaded while we write the letters.

Who better to inspire us than our own church musicians?

Please send a link to your U-Tube video so we can play it during the party.

Send to: Sana.Sunia@yahoo.com by 5 pm on Monday September 21

Questions? sallytrain@comcast.net

We look forward to seeing you at *The Big Send!*