



Modern Elections Hawaii

Action Party Guide

What is Modern Elections HI?

Modern Elections HI is a statewide coalition of grassroots groups, established organizations, and everyday citizens fighting to modernize Hawaii's elections. Our goal is to pass simple solutions in 2017 to improve our elections and make registering and reduce barriers to voting.

What is an Action Party?

At your kitchen table, in your living room, your backyard, or in a coffee shop, invite friends and discuss why Hawaii needs election reform. Get snacks, prepare a playlist, and have a great time learning why Hawaii voter laws are antiquated and how you can help change them! Groups should focus on writing letters to publications urging them to write about election reform, calling or writing their representatives, or brainstorming initiatives to push for election reform in Hawaii.

Preparing for an Action Party

- Familiarize yourself with Modern Elections HI by visiting the website. Take notes to share if you will not be using a computer during your Action Party.
- Review the Action Party agenda below
- Arrange your space for guests
- Have materials available: agenda, sample letters and phone scripts, pens, scrap paper, computer

Action Party Agenda

Introductions (10 minutes)

- Allow guests to greet each other, get settled, and then introduce themselves
- Thank guests for coming and introduce Modern Elections HI by reading the blurb above. Explain why you care about election reform and encourage guests to share theirs
- Read through the agenda headings

Modern Elections Hawaii Campaign (20 minutes)

- Not everyone at the Action Party will be familiar with the coalition and its goals.
 - If you have a computer available, guide them through the Modern Elections HI website. Specifically: the agenda and take action pages.
 - If you do not have a computer available, share the notes you prepared and encourage guests to visit the website in the future. Be sure to highlight the resources available on the website.
- Next, discuss the Modern Elections HI FAQ which can be found on our website. Use these documents to educate guests, discuss election reform, and answer questions.



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Take Action (30 minutes)

- Have sample letters or phone scripts available, and find the address and phone number of your representative.
- If you're making calls, guests should call their representatives and ask that they support election reform this legislative session. Have your group discuss these calls once they're done.
- If you're writing letters, gather paper, envelopes, postcards, pens, markers and stamps. Get a bell and have people ring it when they finish each letter. Ask volunteers to discuss or share their letter with the group.
- Brainstorm other actions your group can take: demonstrations, meetings with your representatives, hosting more Action Parties.

Reflect (15 minutes)

- Review next steps
 - When will letters be sent? When will your direct action occur? Will the group meet again?
 - Ask your guests to schedule their own Action Party
- Ask for suggestions for future Action Parties and take a group picture to share under #ModernElectionsHI on social media
- Thank the group for attending the Action Party and ask for their commitment to fight for election reform in Hawaii
- Tell us how it went! Send us a message on the website.