



Midwestern Voting Rights Hearing

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bismarck Event Center | Tree Meeting Rooms | 315 South 5th Street | Bismarck, ND 58504

Regional Chairman: O.J. Semans, Sr., Executive Director of Four Directions

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Lunch will be provided to witnesses and those who register in advance

Register to attend or submit testimony: vote@narf.org

TELL YOUR STORY ABOUT VOTING IN NON-TRIBAL ELECTIONS

We want to hear about your experience in voter registration and voting in federal, state, and local (non-tribal) elections. Issues to be addressed include whether Native voters have opportunities in their communities that are equal to those of non-Natives or if they experience discrimination in:

- Location of voter registration
- Location of in-person voting
- Voter identification requirements
- Vote-by-mail
- Early voting
- Poll worker opportunities
- Redistricting
- Treatment at the polls
- Language barriers
- Other discrimination

Witnesses will include tribal leaders, advocates, and voters. If you would like to testify or want more information, please contact O.J. Semans, Sr. at tateota@hotmail.com.

VOTING RIGHTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

The Native American Voting Rights Coalition is an alliance of national and grassroots organizations, scholars, and activists advocating for equal access for Native Americans to the political process. It is holding field hearings throughout Indian Country to document barriers to registration and voting in non-tribal elections. Information from the hearings will help promote public education, identify policy solutions, and advance other legal remedies to expand Native access to voting.

