THE FACTS and MYTHS of Voting  
(And Why You Should Vote)

**MYTH:** Your vote doesn’t count  
**FACT:** Over the last few years, the outcome of several local elections has been decided by only a handful of votes. Your vote can make a difference, especially in competitive races!

**MYTH:** If you register to vote, your chances of being selected for jury duty will increase  
**FACT:** Your name is added to the list for a jury duty pool in many different ways, including, applying for a driver’s license, buying a home and paying taxes. Registering to vote does not increase your chances of being chosen for jury duty.

**MYTH:** You must register well in advance of the election  
**FACT:** Many states make it relatively painless to register to vote. In New York State, applications to vote must be received by the Board of Elections about 25 days prior to an election. Applications are available online or at local government agencies. Even easier, you can ask your Local 338 Union, Funds or Service Representative for a Voter Registration form!  
(For information about the year’s deadlines, visit: elections.ny.gov)

Both registering to vote and voting are a free and easy way to make your voice heard! It’s up to you to hold elected officials accountable and ensure that they fight on behalf of working families like ours.