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Dear Law School Community,

With the election only two weeks away, I would like to draw your attention to a few resources, events, and programs.

- Students can volunteer through the Carrico Center partnership with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law's Election Protection hotline. To get involved, [learn more here](#).
- The Law Library has compiled a helpful [Election and Voting Law Guide](#).
- Your Student Bar Association has launched a terrific "Get out the Vote" campaign this year – which includes [this video](#) on the importance of voting.
- The University will host a special session of the Sharp Viewpoint Series on the election results, with a former speechwriter for President George H.W. Bush and a Democratic political analyst and consultant. The event will take place on Nov. 11, and you can register [here](#).
- We'll bring together faculty members and experts on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for "A Post-Election Conversation on Law and Democracy." Stay tuned for more details.
- If you haven't already voted by mail and are able to do so, voting early is a great option to avoid the crowds. The University's Community Center for Engagement offers a shuttle to the Richmond City Registrar's Office every Friday and Saturday, and to the Henrico voting location on Oct. 24 and Nov 3. See SpiderBytes for more information.

I close by observing that too many people have fought too hard to secure the right to vote for us to take it for granted. And as lawyers and future lawyers, we have a unique role and unique obligation to support our democracy. During this time of high stakes – and high tensions – I'm grateful to be part of this civically minded community that's so invested in the health and welfare of our nation.

Sincerely,

Wendy C. Perdue