

We are Four Directions Native Vote, a non-partisan voting rights organization headquartered on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. We work to help Native Americans and Tribal Nations gain greater access to the ballot box across Indian Country, through negotiation and through the courts if needed. Working with Tribal Nations and Tribal Citizens, final results of our assistance is Native Voters voting in state and federal elections.

Relying upon our decades-long experience, and with growing concern for Native voters in Roosevelt County and Valley County - who face unnecessary barriers to casting their ballots in a free, fair, and secure election, we purchased this advertisement to direct attention to our website: four directions vote. com, to report and publish documentation of unequal access to voting, and intimidating conduct and harassment from county election officials.

All Native voters should expect and receive reliable and complete information from Roosevelt and Valley County election officials about the voting process, but this is not happening. We have witnessed Native voters being given misleading information by county officials in an apparent attempt to discourage eligible Native voters from exercising their constitutional right to be heard on an equal basis. Because of this, we want eligible Native voters to know they may decide to have assistance from another person as they vote their ballot. The person assisting does not have to be an election official. The voter chooses.

It is against the law to threaten, coerce, or intimidate voters and persons assisting voters. That includes shouting, menacing, threatening arrest, or following voters and persons assisting voters by election officials and law enforcement officers. Montana's Constitution protects voters from arrest going to and from a polling place to vote.

While Valley County Attorney Dylan Jensen refuses to make a public statement confirming the protections of Montana's Constitution for Native Voters going off-reservation to Glasgow, he has confirmed to us that Native voters are in fact protected against interference by Valley County and Montana law enforcement while traveling to Glasgow to register to vote and vote.

Working with the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck Indian Reservation, we continue the work to expand voting access through satellite voting election offices, and we will continue our work helping

Fort Peck Tribal Citizens proudly vote by November 5, 2024.