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PIZZA TO THE POLLS RETURNS IN 2020 TO SLAY LONG POLLING LINES WITH FOOD TRUCK FLEET



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Oct. 1, 2020 (Portland, Oregon) -- With Americans eager to vote and long lines expected at polling sites across the country, the innovative campaign Pizza to the Polls returns for the 2020 election to stave off the inevitable hanger that comes with a growling stomach and a long wait. This year, Pizza to the Polls is expanding its programs to include a fleet of over 185 food trucks, deployed to 25 cities across the country to deliver free food and free vibes to hungry Americans, working, voting, or otherwise in need of food at polling places with long lines. In partnership with Uber Eats, the food trucks will be equipped with delicious treats from partners like Milk Bar, Shake Shack, and more, and also will play music, host activations, and create a celebration of civic engagement. Coupled with on-demand delivery across the country,

Pizza to the Polls is the nonpartisan, nonprofit initiative with the simple mission of delivering snacks to people at polling stations with long lines. Since starting delivery in 2016, Pizza to the Polls has raised \$490,000 and delivered 16,500 pizzas to 2,500 polling places. The organization has been active through the midterm in 2018 and during the primaries earlier this year.

Pizza to the Polls ensures there is free food for all around polling sites with along lines.

Pizza to the Polls' 2020 new food truck program is a response record voting interest amid a pandemic causing many in-person voting locations to see longer wait times. Poll worker shortages may limit the number of polling places and social distancing measures are extending lines and limiting the number of people who can vote at one time.

"We're already seeing a record number of people voting in places like Virginia," Pizza to the Polls co-founder Scott Duncombe said. Hunger is the last thing that should hurt our elections. Our mission is to create the same enthusiasm that brought everyone to the polling site in the first place."

The food trucks are a unique way to quickly get food to people in need. When someone reports a long line in one of these cities, Pizza to the Polls will verify on social media, then deploy a food truck to speedily get to the polling location to hype up hungry Americans.

Trucks will be available in the following cities: Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Tampa, FL; Orlando, FL; Gainesville, FL; Atlanta, GA; Louisville, KY; Detroit, MI; Ann Arbor, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Charlotte, NC; Raleigh, NC; Greensboro, NC; Las Vegas, NV; Reno, NV; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; Charleston, SC; Nashville, TN; Houston, TX; Austin, TX; and Milwaukee, WI.

For people outside of these cities, Pizza to the Polls' signature program, on-demand delivery is still available. For both food trucks and on-demand delivery, the process is simple. People can report a long line via the website polls.pizza, or tagging @PizzatothePolls on social media. A volunteer then verifies the line on social media, and dispatches a food truck or local food partner to deliver treats at no cost to people at the polling location.

Partners include: Daybreaker, Hattie B's Hot Chicken, JUST Goods, Inc. Milk Bar, Pipcorn, Shake Shack, Slice, Sticky's Finger Joint, The Salty Donut, Voodoo Doughnut

The deliveries take place wherever there's a line, and Pizza to the Polls asks their delivery people to give them to whoever is there: people in line, their kids, poll volunteers and staff, and anyone else at the location.

To report a long line, donate to ensure more food is sent across the country, or for more information, visit polls.pizza.

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