ACTIVE LISTENING TOOL

Common Reactions	Example	Voter Statement	Response
Politically Unmotivated	Young people People of color	Politics isn't for me I don't like politics I don't vote	Respect & Affirm Listen with a question ex: What matters to you?
Avoiding eye contact, nervous, uncomfortable/afraid	People with social anxiety Mental health conditions Non-English speakers	No response Anxious	Offer card/brochure Tell them if you'll be there later
Thinks they can't vote	Newly moved to the state Has past felonies On parole	I don't think I can vote I have a felony conviction	Share eligibility to vote requirements have changed Ask if they have questions
Know they can't vote	Under voting age From out of state Not a US citizen	l can't vote	Share other ways to get involved to ensure others in their community can vote
In a hurry	Need to pick up kids Need to go back to work Dealing with a crisis In crowded area	l don't have time for this	Respect & Affirm Offer to walk and talk Make it quick
Person that votes regularly	Motivated Voter Already in politics	l vote every year	Thank them for being a regular voter Keep it nonpartisan

Invitation questions

Can you tell me more about why you feel that way?

What do you mean when you say that...

What would be helpful for you?

Respecting & Affirming statements

I've felt that too

I understand you have other priorities

I get overwhelmed sometimes too

Ending the Conversation

Congrats on registering

Thank you for your time

Thanks for being a part of our community that votes!

