

This bi-weekly email newsletter is part of NHMCs Information Education Movement and aims to educate and empower the NHMC community by providing accurate information, debunking information fraud, and encouraging civic engagement.

Debunking Information Fraud:

The Politico Funding Myth

Some media outlets falsely claimed that Politico was funded by USAID, spinning it into a government-funded media scandal. In reality, this claim is based on a simple payroll error on February 4th – coincidentally around the same time USAID funding was cut. Over two years, USAID workers accounted for only \$44,000 in Politico [Playbook] subscriptions. Meanwhile, “Republican lawmakers in the House spent over \$300,000 on Politico subscriptions in the first nine months of 2024, and committees led by Republicans expensed almost \$500,000 of Politico subscriptions in the same time period.” These subscriptions are not direct funding; they include access to legislative tracking tools and government directories. ***The truth?*** Politico is not funded by any government entity—though plenty of government officials find it valuable enough to subscribe. [Click here for the full story.](#)



Legislation Lookout:

Lawmakers pledge to fast-track monumental voting rights law

In January 2025, Rep. Chip Roy reintroduced the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act). The law proposes amendments to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Supporters of the SAVE Act say its primary objective is to mandate that individuals provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections.



Concerns have been raised regarding its potential implications. More than [21 million Americans](#) are unable to access the additional documents that would be required to register to vote under the SAVE Act. People of color, married people who have changed their names, as well as young and elderly people are more likely to have difficulty in accessing these documents. For example:

Barriers to Registration: Under the SAVE Act, most voters wouldn't be able to register to vote with their driver's license alone. Instead, they would need an “Enhanced Drivers License”, which are only available in five states (Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, Washington), or another less common form of documentation, like a U.S. passport or birth certificate.

Married Women Potentially Impacted: Married women who have changed their name do not have a birth certificate with their current legal name on it. The SAVE Act does not contain a meaningful failsafe provision that would allow those without proper documentation to register.

[Contact your representative here!](#)



Autumn Lockwood: Instagram

Weekly Dose of Positivity:

Standout Women at Super Bowl LIX

The 2025 Super Bowl was not only a victory for the Eagles, but also a historic win for women of color.

[Autumn Lockwood](#) is the first black woman coach to win a Super Bowl. She is the Eagles associate performance coach. In 2023, she was the first black woman to coach in a Super Bowl.

[Alejandra LaPilusa Hernandez](#) was the Latina stylist behind SZA's stunning outfit for the halftime performance. She is a Los Angeles, first generation Peruvian and Argentinian, who has styled top celebrities like Iggy Azalea, Ella Mai, and Kali Uchis.

Jalen Hurts has an all female management team with 3 out of 5 being women of color. In an [interview](#) he said, "It's something that happened organically. I was seeking out the best, and that's how it happened."



Alejandra LaPilusa: Instagram

Quote of the Week:

**“The Revolution is about to be televised, you picked the right time but the wrong guy”
-Kendrick Lamar**

In Kendrick Lamar's Super Bowl halftime performance, he referred to a Gil Scott-Heron poem “The Revolution will not be Televised” (1970). To learn more about the poem, click [here](#).

Useful Tips and Tools:

[NHMC-Series Scriptwriters Program Application](#)

[Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project](#)

[Digital Democracy Institute of Americas](#)

[Latinx in Publishing: Latino Books to Read](#)

[NHMC's 2025 Priorities](#)