

PERSPECTIVES

Tell us about the first election you could vote in?



Brittney Nystrom, Executive Director

“I was in college studying abroad when I first voted in a Presidential election. Foreshadowing the current debate around voting by mail, I participated via absentee ballot. I still remember being amazed when the ballot reached the small village in the distant country where I lived. Its arrival represented an inclusive process where my vote, and that of others who couldn’t vote in person, mattered. That inclusivity is now in serious doubt. In some states, officials are undercutting fair elections by challenging the legitimacy of ballots and closing in-person voting locations. Here in Utah, the ACLU is going all-in to ensure that all eligible voters are welcomed and all votes are counted.”

Which historic election would you like to cast a vote in?



Roni Jo Draper, Board President

“I am still waiting, because it would be when we elect someone other than a man to lead our country. I hope that this election is in our near future. I know that this goal is possible if we, the people, continue to engage in the process of speaking out and turning up. As I write these words, the nation is learning that the officers who killed Breonna Taylor will not be prosecuted. I am enraged. And I am moved to create spaces for Black, Indigenous, and women, trans, and non-binary bodies of color that are healthy, educative, safe, and conducive to life. I am moved to work harder for justice, peace, and hope.”