



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #68 Call for a Voting Space on the Cornell Campus

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4 **ABSTRACT:** This resolution seeks to establish a voting space on campus and
5 publicizing voter registration.

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7 **Sponsored by: Juliana Batista '16, Mark LaPointe '16, David Vakili '16 on behalf**
8 **of Brandon Thompson '16, Eric Pesner '15, Jared Ham '15, William Bristow '16**
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10 **Whereas,** “Public Engagement” is one of Cornell’s four core values that “emphasizes being
11 proactive (actively engaged) and having a public impact”;

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13 **Whereas,** voting should be an accessible right to every student of the Cornell community;

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15 **Whereas,** Cornell students living in the North Campus area have to walk approximately 45
16 minutes to arrive at the voting location for their ward;

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18 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the Student Assembly oversee the development of a voting
19 guide website jointly maintained by the Cornell Democrats and Cornell Republicans
20 to facilitate ease of voting for students at Cornell University;

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22 **Be it further resolved,** that the Willard Straight Union Board hold a binder of voter
23 registration forms from the second week of classes of the Fall semester until Election
24 Day such that any student can approach the popcorn stand and fill out a form to
25 register for elections in their home state or New York State;

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27 **Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly assist the WSH Union Board by
28 publicizing the voter registration forms through its regular publicity channels,
29 printing a list of FAQs for members of the WSH Union Board, and mailing out all
30 completed forms at the end of each week;

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32 **Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly suggests that a voting space is either
33 established at Willard Straight Hall or re-established at the Robert Purcell
34 Community Center;

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36 **Be it further resolved,** that the President of Cornell University write a statement calling
37 for a voting space on campus;

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39 **Be it finally resolved,** that this resolution and the statement from the President are
40 forwarded to the Democrat and Republican Elections Commissioners.

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42 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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66 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0)*
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