**EMAIL SET-UP**

**\*\*Required. Incomplete forms will be returned. Please submit to** [**cansupport@aclu.org**](mailto:cansupport@aclu.org)**.**

If you have not already, please schedule the email on the [CAN Calendar.](https://www.acluloop.org/Departments/affiliateSupport/CAN/Lists/CAN%20Calendar1/Main.aspx)

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| **Affiliate Name \*\*** | ACLU of Colorado |

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| **Target Audience \*\*** |
| Affiliate Full List  Segmented list (Please provide zip codes, chapter code or any other geo-information below. Please separate zip codes with a comma.) |
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| **Testers and Reviewers \*\***  **Please provide the email address of those that should receive a test version of this email. One person from your affiliate should respond to the CAN team with edits from all members of your affiliate team. Please don’t have everyone reply directly to the CAN team.** |
| jkrieger@aclu-co.org |

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| **Email Template \*\***  **Note: Images are required for the Action, Event and Banner format emails.** | | | |
| Letter format  (no image) | Action format  (image 190x230) | Event Template  (image 350x300) | Banner Format (Image 600x300) |
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| **Subject line \*\***  Tease, tell or take action. Avoid initial caps, keep it under 50 characters, and make it compelling for constituents to open your email. Avoid the words “Help,” “Act,” “Marriage,” “Immigration,” “Immigrant,” “Action,” ” Let’s,” and “Save the date.” |
| Today is the day. Vote! |

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| **Pre-header Text \*\***  The pre-header is the short summary text that follows the subject line when an email is viewed in the inbox. It is right about the header logo. Include a call to action. |
| Drop off your ballot by 7 p.m. tonight. |

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| **Side Box Content (Action & Event format only)** |
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| **Hyperlinks for email message \*\*** |
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| **Email Body Content \*\***  Keep the content brief. One of the worst mistakes we make is trying to include the entire story into the email message. Think about when you open an email in your inbox. Do you read every single word in there? Probably not. Find a way to summarize the content compelling way, and let them click through to a page on your website for more information.  Answer the these three questions for the reader when you write your message:   1. **What are you asking me to do?** Always give the reader an action to take. Your call to action should be able to stand-alone. Remember, people scan their emails, and if there is one thing you want your recipient to notice, it is your call-to-action. 2. **What is in it for me?** You know the value of your email content, but does your recipient? Tell them why taking action is important for them or why they should attend an event. 3. **Why should I care?** Write in the second person – orient the copy toward the reader and not the ACLU. Readers take action on things that are about them or affect them. |
| Across Colorado, communities are voting on local issues that will affect our rights and liberties.  School boards, city councils, and local government races have a huge impact on our daily lives.  Unfortunately, these off year elections often have the lowest voter turnout.  But there is no “off-season” for democracy.  We need to hold every level of government accountable and that starts with voting.  **It’s too late to mail your ballot back but it’s not too late to vote!**  If you are registered, you should have received a ballot by now.  Fill it out, sign on the designated line on the envelope, and deliver the ballot to your closest ballot drop-off location to you.  Don’t know where your closest drop-off location is?  [Find it here.](http://justvotecolorado.org/)  You didn’t receive a ballot?  You can still get help and vote in person today.  [Find your closest Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC)  here.](http://justvotecolorado.org/)  You’re not registered to vote?  Colorado has same-day voter in-person registration.  Just go to your closest VSPC.  [Find out how to register on Election Day here.](http://justvotecolorado.org/)  Thank you for protecting our civil liberties! |

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| **Social Share Buttons \*\***  **Social share buttons are added to the Action and Event templates. Please provide the language below for Twitter. We cannot customize the email or Facebook links.** |
| **Twitter:** |
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