

## **Levi Strauss & Co, KIND, Nuchas and More Join Response to Feed Long Lines at Early Voting Locations Across the U.S.**

*Pizza to the Polls Expands Efforts Alongside New Partners to Support Historic Voter Turnout*

**October 21, 2020 [Portland, Oregon]** - As Americans wait as long as 11 hours to vote in the 2020 election, dozens of major companies and brands are stepping up and joining the effort to ensure voters are properly supported. Today, [Pizza to the Polls](#), the innovative nonprofit with the simple mission of sending snacks to people at polling sites with long lines, is excited to announce numerous additional partners who have stepped up to help make sure voters are supported during early voting and on Election Day.

With historic early voting turnout and COVID-19 safety measures in place, voters are experiencing unprecedented long lines at polling stations across the country. Pizza to the Polls is responding to this crisis by sending out snacks to those who are waiting for their opportunity to cast a ballot, are working as poll workers, or anybody at the site in need of sustenance.

New partners to the Pizza to the Polls program include &Pizza, KIND, Levi's, Planet Fitness, Nuchas, Somebody Feed The People, The Great American Takeout, Wetzel's Pretzels, and Zendesk. These partners join Daybreaker, Hattie B's Hot Chicken, JUST Goods, Inc. Milk Bar, Pipcorn, Shake Shack, Slice, Sticky's Finger Joint, The Salty Donut and Voodoo Doughnut to ensure every hungry person at the polls is fed this year.

"We believe a fundamental way to participate in our democracy is taking the time to vote," says Sonja Hagen-Cole, Senior Director of Partnerships at KIND. "As long lines to vote are anticipated across the country, we're enthusiastic to support the American public with the healthy fuel they need."

"Democracy only works if people vote, so we're doing everything we can to encourage people to make their voices heard in this year's election," said Anna Walker, Vice President of Public Affairs at Levi Strauss & Co. "We're proud to partner with Pizza to the Polls to help deliver food and encouragement to people who may be waiting in lines to cast their ballot between now and Election Day."

This fall, Pizza to the Polls also partnered with Uber Eats to bring a fleet of food trucks to rapidly respond to long lines in cities across the country. Beginning Vote Early Day on October 24th, the organization will be deploying 24 food trucks to 25 cities across the United States. Then, from October 29th through November 3rd, more than 250 trucks will roam cities like Los Angeles, New York, Milwaukee and Tampa to serve up snacks, play music, and create a celebration of civic engagement for hungry Americans, working, voting or otherwise in need of a pick-me-up at polling places with long lines.

"We're excited to expand this program alongside our new partners," said Pizza to the Polls Program Director, Amirah Noaman. "As we're seeing Americans wait in extraordinarily long lines

to vote, it's clear we all must come together to support citizens as they participate in one of the greatest civic engagement traditions.”

The food trucks are a unique way to quickly get food to people in need. Anyone can report long lines via [polls.pizza](https://polls.pizza) and Pizza to the Polls will verify before deploying a truck to quickly stave off the inevitable hunger that comes with a growling stomach and a long wait. For those in cities where trucks are not available, Pizza to the Polls will collaborate with local restaurants to deliver some snacks and good vibes.

Since starting delivery in 2016, the nonpartisan, nonprofit initiative has raised \$700,000 and delivered 18,000 pizzas to 2,500 polling places. Pizza to the Polls has been active through the midterm in 2018 and during the primaries earlier this year.

This fall, trucks will be available in the following cities: Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Tampa, FL; Orlando, FL; Gainesville, FL; Atlanta, GA; Louisville, KY; Detroit, MI; Ann Arbor, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Charlotte, NC; Raleigh, NC; Greensboro, NC; Las Vegas, NV; Reno, NV; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; Charleston, SC; Nashville, TN; Houston, TX; Austin, TX; and Milwaukee, WI.

To report a long line, donate to ensure more food is sent across the country, or for more information, visit [polls.pizza](https://polls.pizza).

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### **About Pizza to the Polls**

Pizza to the Polls is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, volunteer-led initiative with a simple mission: to deliver pizzas to hungry voters waiting in long lines at polling locations. Americans are hungry for democracy and they are turning out in record numbers to vote. But that means long lines and sometimes empty stomachs, which might discourage these brave patriots from performing their civic duty. While election administration has become a point of partisan debate, Pizza to the Polls cuts through the partisan rancor with a simple message that unites Americans of all stripes: lines are terrible and pizza is good. For more information, visit <https://polls.pizza>.