

# **Post-Election Empowerment Plan**

This worksheet is designed to help you stay involved in the issues that are important to you as our civic duty does not stop at the ballot box and the impact of elections does not end once the outcome is certified.

#### I am feeling:

- Relieved
- Grateful
- Exhausted
- Inspired
- Frustrated
- Hopeful
- Fed up

- Sad
- Overwhelmed
- Confused
- Angry
- Anxious
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What are some strategies that will help me manage these emotions?

- Exercise
- Meditation
- Time with friends
- Time outdoors
- Laugh
- Unplug from social media
- Spiritual practices

- Listen to Music
- Get Creative
- Journal
- Cook
- Counseling
- Volunteer
- Peer support through Togetherall
- Welltrack Boost
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Which campus offices can help support me? TCS, \_\_\_\_\_

What is my plan to check-in and support my friends, family, & loved ones?\_\_\_\_\_

#### New/Re-Elected Officials:

| President/Vice President: |
|---------------------------|
| US Senators:              |
| US Reps:                  |
| State Senators:           |
| State Reps:               |
| Governor:                 |
| Local Officials:          |
|                           |

My plan to hold these officials accountable: \_\_\_\_\_

Have the needs of my community changed as the result of the election? If so, how?

I am committed to remaining involved with the following causes or organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some issues or topics I need to educate myself on? What is my plan to do that?

What are some ways I can use my special skills or talents to make a difference in the broader world?\_\_\_\_\_

What future would I like to see, and what steps am I taking today to ensure that future will happen? \_\_\_\_\_

I am motivated to become engaged by the following election outcomes: \_\_\_\_\_

Other post-election takeaways: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Additional Information and Resources**

This guide is just to get you started thinking about how you can commit to and participate in lasting change post the 2024 election. Should you want or need to explore additional resources, we have compiled this brief list and encourage you to reach out to faculty, staff, and campus offices or support.

## Check Out These Links to Boost Your Self Care:

Gratitude Journal Prompts: https://www.developgoodhabits.com/gratitude-journal-prompts/ Good News: https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/ 8 Dimensions of Wellness: https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/sma16-4958.pdf Tips to Manage Anxious Feelings about Politics: https://jedfoundation.org/resource/election-stress-tips-to-manage-anxious-feelings-about-politics/ Coping with Racism and Racial Trauma: https://jedfoundation.org/resource/how-you-can-cope-with-racism-and-racial-trauma/ Activism as Self-Care: https://jedfoundation.org/resource/how-to-use-activism-as-self-care/

# **Select Campus Resources**

### **Tuttleman Counseling Services**

- https://counseling.temple.edu/, 215-204-7276
- Register for services on our website, drop in for a consultation at our Let's Talk hours around campus, reach out for a same-day urgent/crisis meeting, or contact us at 215-204-7276 after hours and on weekends to be connected with a crisis counselor. See website for details!
- Check out the Zen Room on Welltrack Boost: <a href="https://temple.welltrack-boost.com/">https://temple.welltrack-boost.com/</a>
- Gain anonymous peer support with Togetherall: https://counseling.temple.edu/sites/counseling/files/Togetherall\_Temple.pdf

# Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy, and Leadership (IDEAL)

- <u>https://diversity.temple.edu/institutional-diversity/about</u>
- IDEAL is a brave space where students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community are empowered to share and learn from diverse perspectives.

### Wellness Resource Center

- https://wellness.temple.edu/
- The Wellness Resource Center promotes exploration of wellbeing and healthy connections.

### National Mental Health Crisis Resources:

- <u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</u>: Call 988
- Crisis Text Line: text "HOME" to 741-741
  - Support for BIPOC students: Text "STEVE" to 741-741,
  - $\circ$  Support for Active Duty Military and Veterans: Text "CONNECT" to 741-741
- Trans Lifeline: Trans peer support run by and for trans individuals: (877) 565-8860