

LILY'S QUEST

THE POWER IN OUR VOICE

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Hello, Neighbors!

I'm Alana Sanders, a Commissioner in Newton County, Georgia. I've seen firsthand how important it is for everyone—especially our youth—to understand how our government works. That's why I wrote, **Lily's Quest: The Power in Our Voice!**

This is just one of the books in the series. These books are designed for middle schoolers and up, making it a fun and easy way for the whole community to learn about the structure of local, state, and federal government; the roles we all play in making this country the place we all love.

Your voice Matters!

And this is just the beginning! Stay tuned for more titles in the series. I'm excited to share this journey with you. Let's dive in and learn together!



In the heart of the city, where skyscrapers towered and streets buzzed with life, a young woman named Lily had a mission. She lived in Avalon Heights, a place full of culture, community, and history. But things weren't always smooth in the Heights. Lily saw the struggles her people faced—underfunded schools, closed-down parks, and jobs disappearing. She knew something had to change.



What was the key? The ballot. Voting.

But here's the problem: too many people in her neighborhood didn't believe voting could change anything.

Some didn't even know how to register. That's when Lily decided to take action. She would make a video—a video that would wake everyone up, showing them why their voices mattered.



She started at home, asking her neighbors to share their stories. She interviewed local barbers, teachers, moms, and high school students. She captured how voting could impact their future—how better schools, safer streets, and job opportunities were all on the line.



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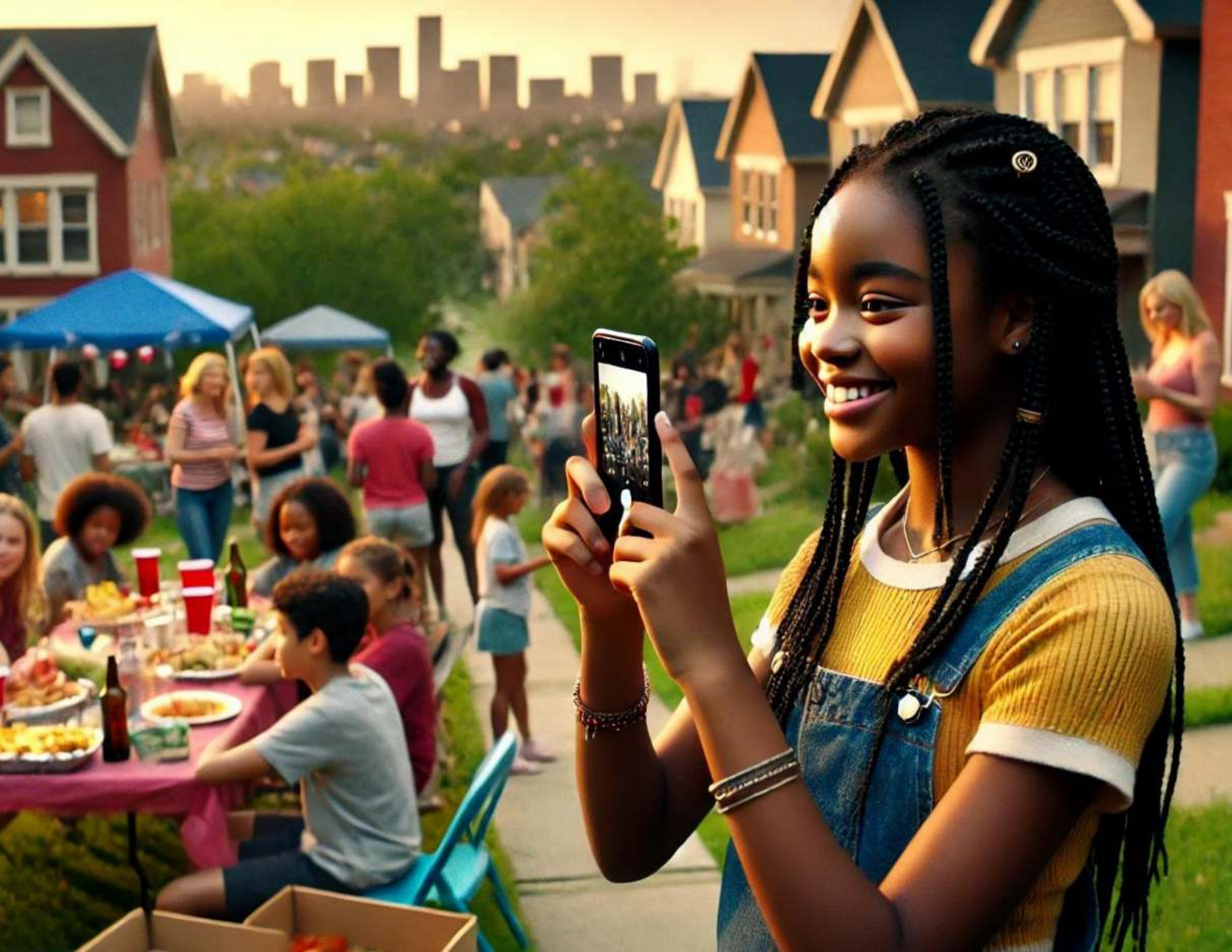
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How voting could lead to better school, teachers, and food opportunities.

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Lily's video started to come together, with the help of her friends. From neighborhood cookouts to school hallways, she captured the voices of real people, talking about what voting could do for their community. But as the video spread, some people still doubted. They'd been let down before. Could voting really make a difference?





Lily decided to take it to the next level. She got her friends involved. Together, they hit the streets, putting up posters and holding pop-up voter registration events. They blasted the video across social media, making sure no one could miss it. “We gotta change this city, and it starts with us!” she said.



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As the voter registration events popped up all over Avalon Heights, something incredible happened. The people started showing up. Slowly at first, but then in bigger numbers. From students to elders, they were lining up to register. The tide was turning.



Lily's video went viral. It was all over the city. People were reposting it, commenting, and sharing it with their friends. The video sparked debates and conversations about what voting could do. Lily's friends cheered as they watched the view count hit the thousands.



Lily walks through the streets of Avalon Heights, which are covered in posters and signs encouraging people to vote. The community feels alive, with people chatting in small groups, and the energy in the air is one of excitement and anticipation.



On Election Day, the community showed up. Lines stretched around blocks as people of all ages, races, and backgrounds came out to cast their ballots. Lily walked with her head high, knowing that her voice and the voices of her neighbors would be heard.



After the votes were counted, the change was undeniable. New leaders were elected, and the voices of the people shaped the city's future. Schools got funding, parks reopened, and jobs returned. Lily's quest was just the beginning, and now the people knew their power.



With a smile, she gathered her friends and neighbors around, the excitement still buzzing in the air. “You see,” Lily began, her voice clear and strong, “this was never just about one vote or one election. This was about showing you all that we have a voice. You have a voice. And when we use it together, it’s unstoppable.”



The crowd listened, captivated by the passion in her words. “It’s easy to sit back and do nothing, to wait for someone else to fix the problems we see. But nothing changes unless we make it change. It’s up to us—each of us—to take responsibility for our communities. We are all accountable. This city, these streets, they belong to us, and it’s our duty to fight for what we believe in.



She looked out at the faces of her neighbors—students, barbers, teachers, moms, elders—each of them realizing their own role in shaping the future. “This doesn’t end today,” Lily said, her eyes blazing with determination. “This is just the beginning. We’ve proven that when we come together, we can make a difference. And if we keep pushing, keep holding each other accountable, we can transform our neighborhoods, our schools, our lives.”



The crowd erupted in agreement, the energy electric. Lily raised her hand one last time. "So, let's promise each other this: we will never sit back and do nothing again. We will always show up. For ourselves. For each other. Because this is our community. And together, we will create the change we want to see."

As the crowd dispersed, their spirits high, Lily knew that Avalon Heights would never be the same. The seeds of change had been planted, and now, with everyone's hands in the soil, the future was wide open—and it was theirs to shape.



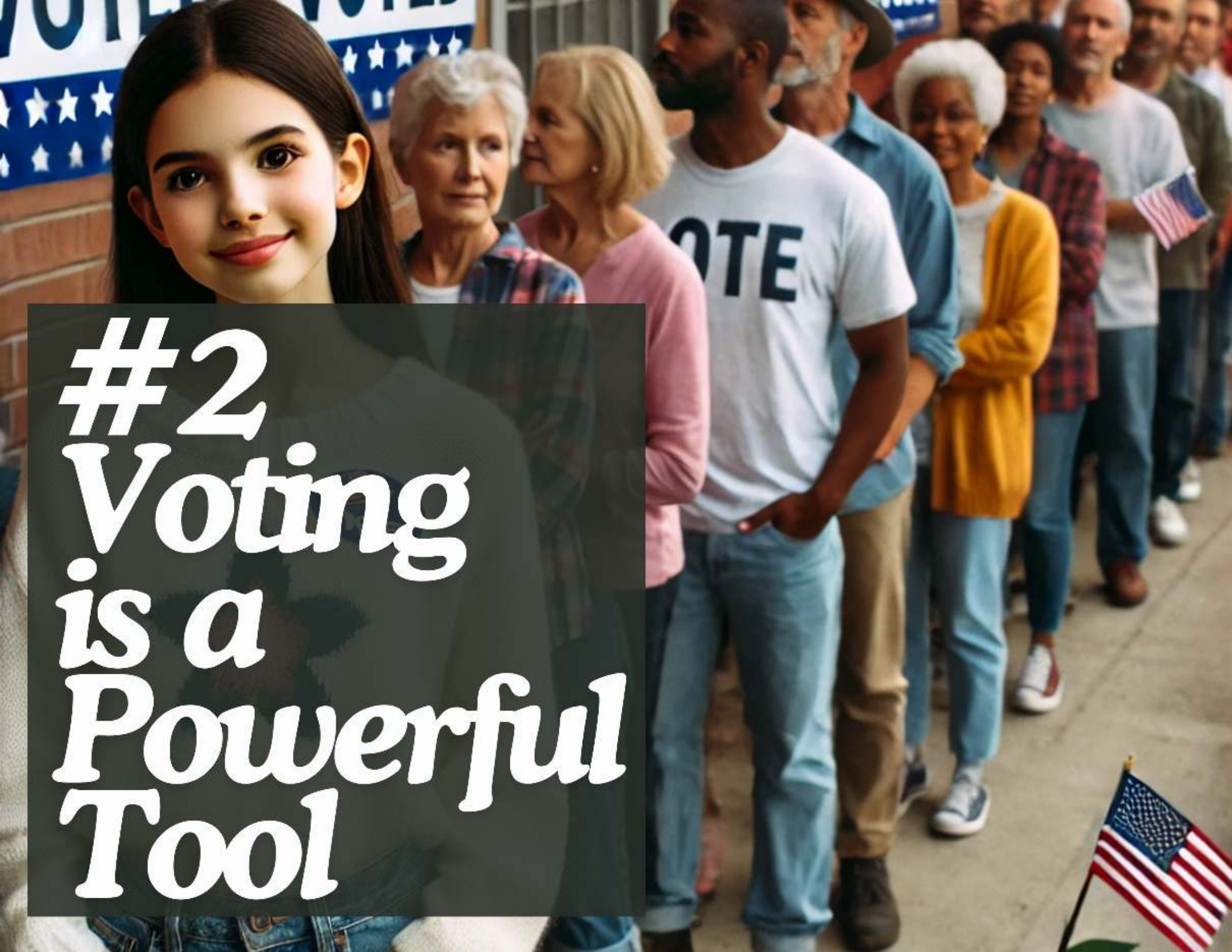


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**#1
Your
Voice
Matters**



#2 Voting is a Powerful Tool

A vibrant, diverse crowd of people in various roles, overlaid with the text '#3 Everyone Plays a Role'. The image shows a mix of ages, ethnicities, and professions. In the foreground, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue vest over a white shirt, smiles with her arms crossed. To her right, a young man with a beard and blonde hair, wearing a red plaid shirt, sits at a table with a blue and red water bottle. In the background, a man in a blue shirt and brown apron looks at his phone, a woman in a pink shirt and blue apron smiles, and a man in a red plaid shirt and striped apron stands. A woman in a wheelchair is also visible on the right. The overall atmosphere is positive and inclusive.

#3
Everyone
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Role



#4
Don't
Sit
Back



#5
Unity is
Strength



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