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## **Citizens, Not Spectators**

### **Lesson 1: Becoming a Voter**

#### **Student Handout 1: Building Our Vocabulary**

*Directions:* You will be learning new vocabulary terms that are used when talking about voting. Your teacher will explain the meaning of each of these terms to you. Write down the definition next to the term.

**absentee ballot**

**abstain**

**apolitical**

**citizen**

**direct democracy**

**felony**

**independent voter**

**initiative**

**majority**

**majority rule**

**mentally incompetent**

**minority rights**

**parole**

**poll worker**

**polling place**

**register**

**registration list**

**registrar of voters**