Voatz Accessibility Statement

The Voatz mobile elections platform provides robust support for all voters, including those with visual, cognitive, mobility, and dexterity disabilities. Hearing is not required for voting (unless using a screen reader). To the greatest extent possible, we comply with all applicable accessibility standards and guidelines and provide verification in independent reports.

Voatz follows these industry and regulatory accessibility standards:

- EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG v1.1) for usability and accessibility
- Worldwide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 level AA (WCAG 2.1/AA)
- Apple iOS and Android best practices for accessibility

The Voatz mobile apps support these native smartphone capabilities:

- VoiceOver and TalkBack screen readers
- Predictable layout and navigation
- Configurable font size
- Voice Control (on iOS)
- Speech-to-Text (for write-ins)
- Flexible session timeout limitations

More information, including demonstration videos of accessibility features to support blind or dexterity-impaired voters, is available upon request.

Development Methodology

Voatz incorporates accessibility and usability design throughout its development process:

- Voatz partnered with the National Center for Accessible Media for recommendations on usability and accessibility.
- Voatz software is evaluated in-house by professional testers with previous WCAG 2.1 and certified voting systems experience.
- Voatz engaged Pro V&V, an independent EAC-approved voting system testing laboratory (VSTL) certified in assessing accessibility compliance with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG 1.1).
- In addition to rigorous internal testing and remediation, Voatz continuously incorporates feedback from accessibility experts and voters with disabilities who have participated in elections using Voatz.