YOU HAVE THE CHOICE!

Elections for District Senior Citizens’ Representative Committees 2022
Dear Reader

The elections for Senior Citizens Representative Committees take place in Berlin from 14 to 18 March 2022. Are you sixty or older? Then you can vote!

Who can vote?

Anyone over the age of sixty whose main residence is in Berlin can vote. You do not need to be a German citizen.

How can you vote?

By postal vote or in polling stations. Persons eligible to vote will receive voting documents in good time after 14 January 2022. With the voting documents you will also receive all relevant information on

- What candidates are standing for election
- When and where the candidates will introduce themselves publicly
- When and where you can vote
- Which documents you must bring with you
- What deadlines apply to postal voting.

You must apply for a postal vote before 28 February 2022 and the postal vote documents must be received by the District Office by 12 March 2022.

Why vote?

District Seniors’ Committees – perhaps this is the first time you have heard of them. The Seniors’ Representative Committees act as a channel of communication for the older population of Berlin and ensure that their needs and interests are fed into the political decision-making process and taken into account when decisions are made.

The District Seniors’ Representatives are to advise the political representatives in the committees of the District Assemblies (Bezirksversammlungen) on all questions relevant to senior citizens. And they send their presiding officers to the State Seniors’ Advisory Panel which in turn advises the Berlin Chamber of Deputies and the responsible administrative body of the Senate on questions of senior citizens’ policy.

The range of topics in which the Seniors’ Committees can be involved goes from entirely practical matters, such as the provision of places to sit in the neighbourhood or having traffic lights show green for longer periods, to the far-reaching questions facing the whole city. Here the representatives can be involved in the development of a heat-protection plan and/or climate protection for older persons in Berlin.

In short, by voting you give a voice and influence to the interests of older persons.
Information on the elections

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