### **OUR HOMES, OUR VOTES**



### **Election Day! Getting Out the Vote**

October 15, 2020

## **General Logistics**



- We will allow for time at the end of today's webinar for questions. If you have a question, please use the Q&A box in your webinar browser.
- We will provide access to both a video recording and a copy of today's slides to all participants following the webinar.
- If you are experiencing any technical difficulties, please send an email to Joey Lindstrom at <u>ilindstrom@nlihc.org</u>.

## **Agenda**



- 1. Introduction
- 2. Overview of Our Homes, Our Votes: 2020
- 3. Capitol Hill Updates
- 4. Getting Out the Vote
- 5. Election Protections
- 6. Making Sure Every Vote is Counted
- 7. Questions

#### **Presenters**



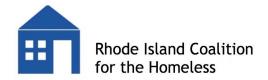


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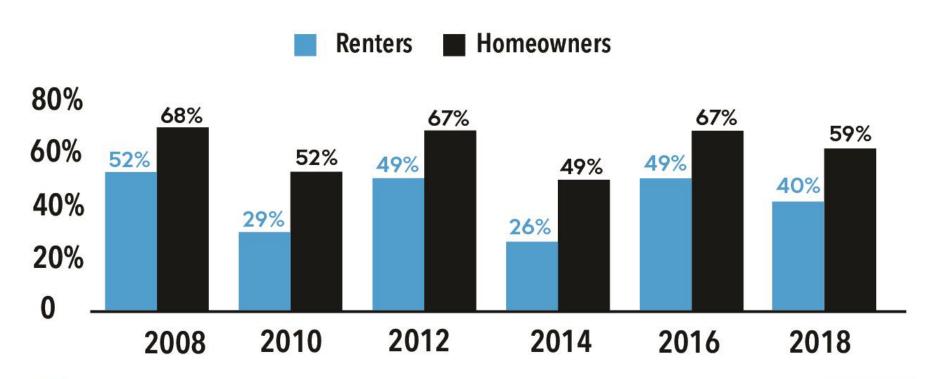
# **Engaging Voters and Candidates**



Our Homes, Our Votes is NLIHC's voter engagement effort focusing on increasing voter registration and turnout among low-income housing renters and advocates.



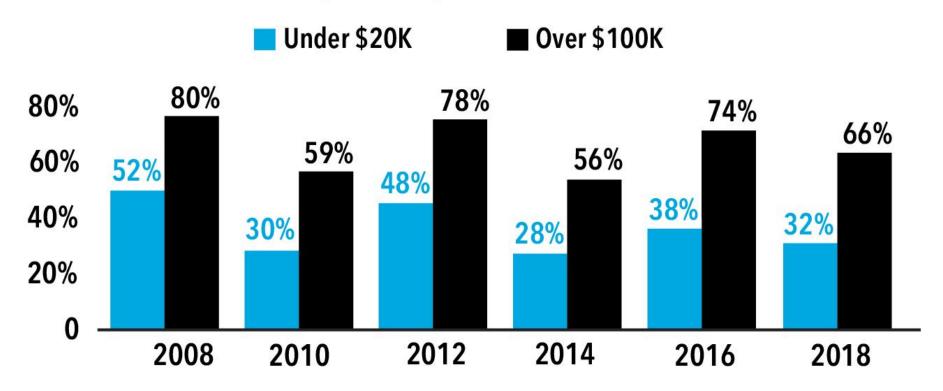
# U.S. Citizens Who Reported Voting in National Elections by Housing Tenure (2008-2018)







# U.S. Citizens Who Reported Voting in National Elections by Family Income (2008-2018)







# 83%

of the public agrees that elected officials are not paying enough attention to the cost of housing and the need for more affordable housing.

76%

say they are more likely to vote for a candidate that has a detailed plan for making housing more affordable.









## Call to Action! COVID-19



The Issue: Additional resources are needed to prevent a wave of evictions and homelessness

#### The Asks:

- 1. \$100 billion in emergency rent assistance
- 2. Comprehensive, national eviction moratorium
- 3. \$11.5 billion in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to support the work of homeless service agencies
- 4. \$13 billion for additional HUD and USDA housing programs

# Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act



#### Senate Bill 3529

- Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) & Ron Wyden (D-OR)
  - 36 cosponsors
- Ensures all voters can request absentee balloting
- Requires at least 20 days of early voting in all states
- \$3 million to Election Assistance Commission to begin implementing all requirements

## **Voting Information**



## Stay aware of new voting rules in your state

- Webpage for each state is up at <u>www.ourhomes-</u> <u>ourvotes.org</u>
- Share information about activities in your state

### Things You Need To Know

1. Primary Date:

June 9

2. Presidential Primary Date:

March 10

3. Polling Times:

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; close between 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

4. Is Early Voting Available:

Early voting is not available in North Dakota

5. Can I Vote by Mail:

Yes, You can register here.

## **Last Call for Swag!**



# Participating in voter registration or GOTV efforts?

Join as an *Our Homes, Our Votes* Affiliate TODAY
to receive swag!

<a href="https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/affiliates">https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/affiliates</a>





# Getting Out the Vote: Georgia



#### Rural Georgia Voter Engagement





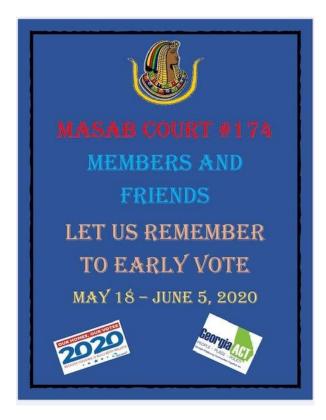
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Voter Registration, 150 people in Hinesville, GA



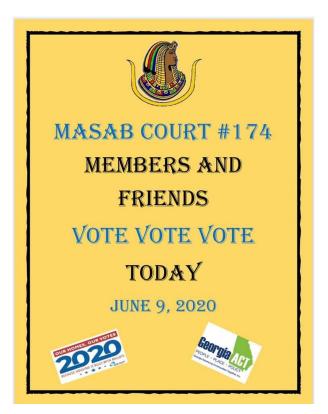


City of Rochelle – Census & Voter Registration Day, 100 people in Rochelle, GA

#### Rural Georgia Voter Engagement



Masab Court No. 174,
Daughters of the Imperial
Court



Joint NAACP: Feed Poll Workers/Watchers in Bibb, Baldwin, Peach & Houston Counties

#### Small Urban/Middle Georgia Voter Engagement









WRAC Talks: Voter
Education & Virtual Meet
the Candidates Town Hall
Meeting

#### Georgia Statewide Voter Engagement



Most Worshipful Prince
Hall Grand Lodge of
Georgia
Corey D. Shackleford, Jr.
33\*



Last Day For Early Voting: Oct. 30, 2020

**Election Day: Nov. 3, 2020** 



Subordinate Lodges & Chapters – 10,000 outreach

#### **Urban Georgia Voter Engagement**







NiD HCA Emerson -500 attendees for homebuyer education and 600 on Community **Food Day** 



**Atlanta West End Seventh** Day Adventist Church - 31 **Registered to Vote** 

#### Urban Georgia Voter Engagement



DeKalb County Branch NAACP Teresa Hardy, President

**DeKalb NAACP Get Vote Ready** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch ?v=bw89qgR0mkl







30 Voter Engagement Activities & 12 Candidate Forums

DeKalb Commissioners
Candidate Forum

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=AHiVOR-mdRI

#### Rides to the Polls

"Getting Out the Vote for Stacey Abrams in a Borrowed Limousine"

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/11/05/getting-out-the-vote-for-stacey-abrams-in-a-borrowed-limousine

Courtesy of Bethea, C. The New Yorker, 2018, October 29







Do you need a ride to the polls? Call or text 912-737-6815 to arrange a pick-up.\* Call early to reserve your spot.

We will drive you to and from the polls on these days, which includes early voting days when the lines will be the shortest:

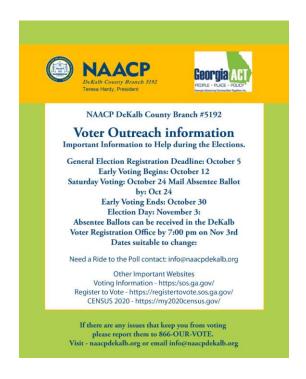
- Saturday, Oct. 24
   9:00 am 4:00 pm
- Monday, Oct 26 Friday, Oct. 30 8:00 am 5:00 pm
- Election day: Tues., Nov. 3
   7:00 am 7:00 pm

Masks are required for both voters and drivers and will be provided if you don't have one.

\* Leave your name, phone number, date, and time (morning or afternoon) when you would like a ride. Also, let us know your polling place if you know it. You can always check on <a href="https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov">www.mvp.sos.ga.gov</a>

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Rural: Bryan County NAACP Urban: DeKalb County NAACP



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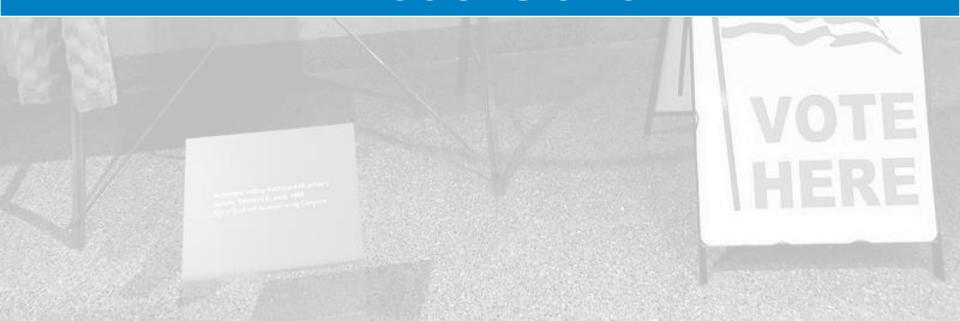
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Twitter: @GeorgiaACT

Instagram: @GeorgiaACT250



## Getting Out the Vote: Rhode Island



#### THE HOUSING NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND

- The Housing Network of Rhode Island is the state's membership organization for agencies committed to the development of affordable housing and vital communities. Currently comprised of 13 community development corporations and affordable housing developers, our members have created thousands of affordable housing units and are leading community revitalization and economic development efforts across the state.
- Homes RI is a coalition of housing, health, and education organizations and advocates working together to increase and preserve the supply of safe, healthy and affordable homes throughout Rhode Island. We believe Rhode Island can and should be a state where all residents are able to live in safe, healthy and sustainable homes in thriving communities







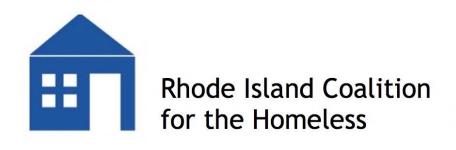
#### THE HOUSING NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND

- Vote Early Day (10/24/2020) socially distanced pumpkin decorating event with Homes RI coalition open to community; call to action asking for community members' voting plans
- Voter registration training from Secretary of State's office for resident service coordinators at our member sites
- Voter registration for residents at community development corporation sites
- Tabled at community events to distribute information on national eviction moratorium
- Election informational session for voters with Secretary of State's office
- Released a FAQ for voting while experiencing housing instability
- Candidate engagement informational sessions with voters
- Partnering with student organization at Brown University to distribute flyers detailing ways to vote











#### **Resources Developed for GOTV:**

- Voting with Housing Insecurity: A message from RI Secretary of State Gorbea: <a href="https://bit.ly/35YHGkB">https://bit.ly/35YHGkB</a>
- Launch of 211 Voter Info Hotline: <a href="https://bit.ly/2YBn1i3">https://bit.ly/2YBn1i3</a>
- Mail Ballot Drop Box & Early Voting Locator Tool: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ldk4xN">https://bit.ly/3ldk4xN</a>
- Voting With Housing Insecurity FAQ
- Voter ID Guide
- Know Your Rights Guide
- Voter Address Affirmation Guide



# **Election Protections & Ensuring Every Vote is Counted**



### Public Citizen

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# **Election Protection – 866-OUR-VOTE**

Possible Roles for Election Protect Volunteers:

- Poll Monitor
- Roving Poll Monitor (car/bike)
- Social Media Monitoring
- Voter Contact
- Election Administration

Sign up:

ProtectTheVote.NET

**Legal Professionals sign up:** 

866ourvote.org/volunteer/

What you can do before November

- Check your voter registration. Ask your friends and family to check as well #CheckYourReg
- #KeepCalmVoteEarly Be an OctoberVoter
- If you plan to (and can) vote absentee, <u>request</u>
   your ballot now
- Tell friends and family the election results will be delayed and that we must Count Every Vote
- Voting at home? Make sure you <u>sign the ballot</u>
   <u>envelope</u>, <u>follow all instructions</u>.
- Drop your ballot off if it's 10 days before elex day or less

#### 18 days, 17 hours, 25 minutes until Election Day

**HOME MEDIA PARTNERS** 



PROTECT THE RESULTS

# ORGANIZING TO PROTECT THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 ELECTION

#### **ProtectTheResults.com**



#### **Trolls & Bots**

#### What are they trying to accomplish?

#### **Trolls**

- Sow division and make members of the opposing party appear different and threatening
- Break our ability to compromise and govern based on our shared values using our long tradition of democracy
- Encourage moderates to turn off and tune out of politics
- Confuse less politically active people
- Encourage Americans to focus on fighting each other
- In the case of Russian fake accounts promote a Russian worldview on global conflicts

#### **Bots**

- Accumulate followers
- Move people on both the left and right towards more extreme and distrustful views of gov't, politicians and voting.
- Follow and boost posts from other bigger accounts

#### **Fake Accounts**





Amy G

@amyg\_g

Daughter. Sister. Proud Black American. I tend to get political.

New York, NY Joined January 2019

13.1K Following 13.5K Followers



power\_to\_women\_

**Follow Back** 

American Feminist She needed a hero, so that's what she became!

892 posts

9478 followers





power\_to\_women\_

Aug 11, 2019

925 Likes 31 Comments

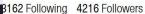


@HarmonyAnders

The college girl who managed to stay conservative #prolife #pro2A #AmericaFirst This is my 2nd account where I share my political and social views

Ankeny, Iowa

loined September 2019



# Individual Guide to Combatting Disinformation

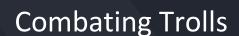
**Spread Pro-voter messages** from reliable sources – inoculates your audience against disinformation.

NEVER EVER repost, retweet, share photos or repeat a post you're trying to counter. Kindly and gently advise your friends not to also.

Call out trolls for motive if they are gaining interest

Ignore trolls when they are not gaining interest. DO NOT engage them on the <u>substance</u> of their posts.

If you want to counter, <u>do not repeat the myth or fake information you're trying to counter</u> – focus on the positive instead.



- <u>Do not directly engage</u> with trolls or individuals intentionally spreading disinformation or hatred online
- If the information shared is misleading, report it to the platform you are on
- Report election disinformation to 866-OUR-VOTE or CommonCause.org/disinfo
- Never repost or share misinformation you are trying to combat or criticize - doing this tells the Facebook/Twitter platform to boost the disinformation.



**Avoid Spreading Disinformation** 

- Disinformation on social media is a common way to undermine trust in our elections and institutions
- Guard against spreading disinformation yourself Check article citations when information is not from a trusted news source
- If it doesn't seem quite right, try to find confirmation elsewhere

### **Protecting Election 2020**

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#### What a hack on election day could look like



- Nothing appears to be different
- \*\*\*Long lines\*\*\*
- State voter database goes down
- State or local websites go down
- Voting machines not working, flipping votes, or appear totally normal
- People show up in large numbers who claim they were registered, even have proof but are not on the rolls / registered elsewhere
- Power grid goes down





### **DON'T FORGET!**





## **Vote Early Day**

Saturday, October 24th, 2020

Learn more at: <a href="https://voteearlyday.org/get-">https://voteearlyday.org/get-</a>

involved/?source=NLIHC

#### **New Resources**





# Get Out the Vote Resources:

- Voter Guide template
- Voting Pledge Card template

Find these and more at: <a href="https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/additional-resources">https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/additional-resources</a>



### **Questions?**





# **Upcoming Training and Discussion Topics**



 Holding Candidates to Their Promises (November 19, 2020)

Webinar recordings from this series available at:

www.ourhomesourvotes.org/webinars

It's never been easy. Our commitment is unwavering. Join us and amplify the voices of the poorest families in need. OUR MEMBERS ARE OUR STRENGTH.



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#### HOUSING ADVOCACY ORGANIZERS BY STATE

