



PRIMARY RECAP

Last month, South Carolina held its Primary Elections & Primary Runoffs. The Voter Protection Unit had a strong team of volunteers, but South Carolina voters experienced a lot of problems casting their ballots. Still, there were exciting races and historic wins. Check out the primary & runoff results [here](#)!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The Voter Protection Unit will be preparing for the general election during the upcoming months. We will be hosting monthly voter education workshops and Town Halls to highlight significant historic voting events and address issues that voters face within specific communities. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist with our program priorities during the general election. There are many opportunities for you to join and make a difference during this 2020 general election process. We will need every voice to help elect the people to represent and protect the rights of the people.

- Shaundra Young Scott, Esq. Voter Protection Director



VOLUNTEER WITH VOPRO

We had 48 hotline workers, 25 boiler room attorneys, and over 100 poll watchers helping us protect the vote on June 9. We need all hands on deck in November to prevent more voter suppression, so sign up [here](#) to join us!



LEARN MORE ABOUT VOPRO



The South Carolina Democratic Party wants to hear about your voting experience for the June 9 primary and June 22 runoffs. Complete this [form](#) to tell us about your experience, whether it was in person, absentee, or incomplete. Someone on our team may follow up with you.

GOOD READS

COVID'S IMPACT ON ELECTIONS

UNEQUAL BURDEN: LONG VOTING LINES

STACEY ABRAMS UNTITLED VOTING RIGHTS DOCUMENTARY

VOTING WHILE TRANS

MISSION: #PROTECTTHEVOTE



COMMUNITY TALKS



Presenting a new series of virtual town halls with the Voter Protection Unit in conversation with communities across South Carolina: "Community Talks"

Upcoming Events

Make Your Disability Vote Count

July 27 at 6:00pm EST

RSVP [here](#).

Know Your Rights, Let My People Vote!

August 6 at 6:00pm EST

RSVP [here](#).

Past Events

Living and Voting While Transgender

June 29

Watch the recording [here](#).

HOTLINE # 1-855-785-0222

VOLUNTEER CORNER

As a member of the Mickle & Bass Law Firm, Tina Herbert uses her vast experience in the workers' compensation arena as an advocate for injured workers across the state of South Carolina to ensure that her clients get the economic justice that they deserve. Ms. Herbert received her B.S. in Accounting from St. Augustine's College and her Juris Doctor/Masters in Business Administration (JD/MBA) degree from North Carolina Central University. She was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November 2000 and admitted to the United States Supreme Court in 2006. As an attorney, Ms. Herbert has received numerous honors and has practiced in various areas of law, including discrimination and civil rights, corporate formation, business law, litigation, criminal defense and insurance defense. She is the mother of one daughter, Assatta, who is also a lawyer in SC.

WHY VOTER PROTECTION? Voter protection is a critical component in the overall democratic process because every voter is important and every vote cast must be counted. Voter suppression - whether intentional or unintentional - threatens our entire democratic process and must be prevented. Its important to me to volunteer with the Voter Protection Unit because I believe in our democracy and want to make sure that it is preserved.

Tina Herbert
Boiler Room



Amy Sommers
Hotline Worker



Amy Sommers is an American lawyer whose career has focused on China-related matters. Her involvement in China goes back over 30 years, when she first started studying Mandarin. For over a decade, she resided in Shanghai, advising multinational companies on their strategic initiatives, during a period of rapid economic development, social change and maturation in China's legal system. She is a member of the National Committee of US-China Relations. From 2012-16, Ms. Sommers served on the board of directors of anticorruption-focused nonprofit TRACE International, Inc. She has held a range of roles in the American Bar Association's Section of International Law, is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and in 2016 received the Mayre Rasmussen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law from the ABA Section of International Law.

WHY VOTER PROTECTION? From 2004-15, my family and I lived in China. When Bush won reelection in 2004, I was disgusted. In 2008, I was determined to help get a responsible leader in the White House and worked to get expatriate Americans to register to vote, donate and turn out for Barack Obama. I learned that in the wake of Obama's election, 25 states had adopted strict voter ID laws and other restrictions on voting. Coincidence? I think not. Given this trend, protecting voters' ability to exercise their right to vote is more vital than ever, and I am grateful for the chance to support the efforts of South Carolina's Voter Protection Unit.