

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



## **ELECTION UPDATE**

On September 2nd, the State Senate voted to expand absentee voting for the General Election. The House is expected to return on September 15th to vote on the Senate expansion. Reminder: Absentee In-Person Voting is expected to be September 28th through November 2nd. We recommend that everyone eligible to vote should register no later than October 2nd.

Read More: <u>www.thestate.com/news/coronavirus/article245431920.html</u>

# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The November 3rd election is right around the corner and the Voter Protection Unit is working hard everyday to make sure your vote is counted and our voices are heard. We are in NEED for poll watchers in every single county across this state. We are so encouraged to see expansion in our voting, but we cannot rest until each and every voter feels confident and comfortable with the way this election will be executed. With In person Absentee Voting beginning on September 28th, we see a clear need to provide infrastructure and support to our Polls during this period. What can you do to step up to help protect the vote? We are bringing together lawyers, hotline line workers, poll watchers and the local County parties to synergize our efforts. Join us.

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#### -Shaundra Young Scott, Esq. Voter Protection Director

### WEEKEND OF ACTION RECAP

We held our biggest weekend of action on August 28th and 29th. More than 70 volunteers from South Carolina, Washington, California and Florida participated in our text and phone bank!

• 432 made phone calls

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- 107, 420 text messages sent
- We reached our goal to text our 150,000th voter in SC!

We will host a Day of Action on September 18, 2020.

Sign Up: https://www.mobilize.us/scdp/event/317398/

# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



### Lynn Williams August Weekend of Action Texter

**Biography:** My husband and I have been married for 34 years and have 2 adult children. I also have 2 grandkids that I adore. My husband and I moved here from NC in 2019. I knew one of the first things I wanted to do when we moved here was to get Graham out of office. We need someone that cares about SC, so I'm a volunteer with the Voter Protection Unit and the All In For South Carolina Coordinated Campaign to elect Jaime Harrison and other democrats. Reaching out to voters is truly amazing because most of the people see how important this election is and that know every American in this country has the right to vote.

# **VOTER PROTECTION NEW HIRES**



### Jessica Bright Voter Protection Hotline Director

We're excited to welcome Jessica Bright to our Voter Protection Unit! Jessica has served as the SC State Director for Bernie Sanders Presidential Campaign in 2020. In 2018, she served as Joe Cunningham's Political Director. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. If you are interested in volunteering as a hotline worker before and on Election Day, please fill out our volunteer form: <u>bit.ly/VoProVolunteer</u>.

Contact Via Email - Jessica@scdp.org

### **VOTER PROTECTION INTERNS**

We are proud to welcome our Voter Protection Interns who are college and law students!

JaDasia Mitchell - Lander University Jaheem McLaurin - Northeastern Technical College Nick Sottile – USC Law Jasmine Caruthers – USC Law

### **VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE 1-855-785-0222**

# WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

#### We Need More Drop Boxes

https://www.democracydocket.com/2020/08/more-drop-boxes/

#### Brennan Center for Justice - Purged Voters

https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/voter-purge-rates-remain-high-analysis-finds

#### Poll Worker Recruitment led by NBA Star LeBron James

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/nba-star-lebron-james-group-plans-effort-recruit-poll-workers-n1238014

#### Senator Marlon Kimpson on November

https://www.postandcourier.com/health/covid19/commentary-legislature-must-act-now-to-ensure-every-southcarolinian-can-safely-vote/article\_017202a6-e616-11ea-bcca-c7c502c8f223.html

#### Sample Ballots in South Carolina

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/09/03/sample-ballots-sc-dont-list-joe-bidenpresidential-candidate/5711246002/



#### **Upcoming Deadlines for South Carolina**

ABSENTEE IN-PERSON VOTING BEGINS	SEPTEMBER 28TH
LAST DAY TO REGISTER IN-PERSON	OCTOBER 2ND
LAST DAY TO REGISTER ONLINE	OCTOBER 4TH
LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL	OCTOBER 5TH
LAST SATURDAY TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN-PERSON	OCTOBER 31ST
LAST DAY TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN-PERSON	NOVEMBER 2ND
GENERAL ELECTION DAY	NOVEMBER 3RD
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### IMPORTANT DATES

September 12th at 6 PM County Liaison and County Chair Happy Hour

> September 16th at 10 AM Volunteer Recruitment Phone Bank

September 16th at 4 PM Purge and Inactive Voter Phone Bank

September 17th at 6 PM Millennial and Generation Z Kickoff Party

September 19th at 6 PM Poll Watcher and Hotline Worker Happy Hour

September 22nd at 2 PM National Voter Registration Day Phone Bank

September 23th at 4 PM Purge and Inactive Voter Phone Bank

September 26th at 6 PM Boiler Room Attorney Happy Hour

September 30th at 4 PM Purge and Inactive Voter Phone Bank

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