With your support, we are continuing to implement an ambitious strategic plan that includes more staff, more advocacy at county election boards, and more voter protection. In 2015, we added nearly 6,000 new supporters, helped force the legislature to modify the ID law, provided 300,000 voter guides and pamphlets for city elections, exposed cases of political corruption, and won strong early voting plans for the 2016 primary in dozens of counties. In 2016, we’ll work hard to defend voting rights, educate and mobilize infrequent voters, and fight for a democracy “of, by, and for the people.”

- Bob Hall

A message from our Executive Director

Spotlight:
16 Years of Democracy Summer

2015 marked the 16th anniversary of our summer internship program. Democracy Summer is a life-changing, hands-on internship experience for college students from across the state. They work in organizing teams based in Durham, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Asheville, or Winston-Salem to empower local volunteers and advocate for policies that improve democracy. In 2015, interns were instrumental in the statewide voter ID hearings through speaking, recruiting volunteers, phone banking, and participating in Moral Mondays. With your support, we’re successfully training tomorrow’s social justice organizers and leaders.
“Getting big money out of the driver’s seat and getting voters more involved in elections is key to change on all other issues. Every North Carolinian needs Democracy NC. If Democracy NC wins, we all win.”

– Steve Dear, Chapel Hill, NC

People across North Carolina turned to Democracy North Carolina throughout 2015 to prepare them for an important municipal election. We provided guidance and meaningful ways for individuals to help their neighbors register to vote, become educated about the candidates for office and the new Monster Voting Law, advocate for strong early voting plans, and obtain photo IDs in preparation for the 2016 elections. As a result, thousands were ACTIVE in our democracy!

Our Impact on the Ground

27,800
Number of voter registrations collected less per year at public aid agencies after Gov. Pat McCrory took office. Democracy NC sued the State of NC for not providing proper voter registration services at public assistance agencies, as required by the National Voter Registration Act.

162
Number of names we collected of “silenced voters” who couldn’t use a regular ballot in 2014 even though research confirmed they tried to register to vote at a DMV office. We gave these names to our lawyers when we sued the State for violating the “Motor Voter Law.”

24
Number of state legislators we gave Sunshine Awards for filing campaign finance reports that went beyond the minimum requirements to fully disclose their donors and expenses.

7,357
Number of Democracy Advocates (YOU!) who took multiple actions to fight the anti-voter Monster Law, promote turnout in city elections, or distribute voter ed materials.

23,000
Number of “New American Majority” voters (people of color, youth, and/or single women) who skipped previous city elections who our volunteers called to go vote in 2015.

125,000
Number of voter guides produced and distributed for city elections in Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, and Fayetteville – half were mailed to targeted infrequent voters.

32
Number of county boards of elections that adopted stronger Early Voting plans for the 2016 primary because of our advocacy in late 2015; e.g., Sunday hours, campus sites, evening hours.

100+
Number of workshops and speaking events conducted by our staff in 2015. We’ll have 10 organizers and trainers plus several part-time field staff for 2016’s ambitious programs.
Thanks for Your Generous Support in 2015!

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Money & Politics News

Coal Cash: A Democracy NC report revealed that Duke Energy gave $3 million to the Republican Governors Association during the time Gov. Pat McCrory was deciding how to respond to the company’s giant coal ash spill.

Bad Bet: Our complaint about possible corrupt donations from video gambling magnate Chase Burns led to the resignation of a State Board of Elections member with secret ties to Burns, plus the launch of a criminal investigation by the Wake County district attorney.

Road Hog: Drawing on our research, the News & Observer disclosed that the Shelton family gave $40,000 to Gov. McCrory’s 2012 campaign (part of $1 million given to NC politicians over 25 years); at the family’s request, McCrory had state troopers arrest truck drivers napping on the exit ramp near the Shelton’s winery and resort.
Lost Voices: During 2015, we recorded the stories of dozens of voters harmed by the Monster Law (HB589) and released “Alarm Bells from Silenced Voters,” a detailed report about the 30,000 votes lost in 2014 due to the law.
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