



**“Give us the ballot.”**  
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## TOP 4 WAYS TO

# BUILD A MOVEMENT THAT VOTES IN 2020

### 1 Become a Vote Protector in 2020

*Of voting, Dr. King warned us that “the denial of this sacred right is a tragic betrayal of the highest mandates of our democratic tradition.”*

The best way to help voters gain access to the polls — and make sure their votes count — is to become a **Vote Protector** (Poll Monitor) during this year’s high-turnout elections. As a Vote Protector, you receive important training about the latest rules of voting, how to connect voters with questions or issues to experts waiting to help, and ways to document voting problems that can assist election officials and advocates to make the voting process better in real time and for future elections. Learn more about this vital program at [demnc.co/protectvotes](http://demnc.co/protectvotes).

### 2 Monitor Your Local Board of Elections for Better Voting Options

*Dr. King said, “Every step toward the goal of justice requires [the] passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”*

From Early Voting options to poll worker education, county boards of elections (and the county commissions that fund them) shoulder much of the responsibility for carrying out new voting rules mandated by the state. In order to make sure the system works for all, we must understand how elections are run on the local level. That means getting to know our county elections director and members, attending monthly meetings where big decisions are made, and raising our voices at crucial times throughout the year. To learn more about becoming a **BOE monitor** — including tips for Early Voting advocacy — visit [demnc.co/boe](http://demnc.co/boe).

### 3 Apply for a Nonprofit Voter Engagement Grant

*Dr. King teaches us that “All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”*

North Carolina’s nonprofit service providers are some of the most important resources in our communities — and serve many of the same populations who most need information to vote (and most need their votes protected). Democracy North Carolina’s **Nonprofit Voter Engagement Program** is a nonpartisan initiative to engage, support, and evaluate local service providers in doing voter engagement. We provide trainings, resources, and the latest election information — all tailored to fit your nonprofit’s needs. Apply today at [demnc.co/nonprofit](http://demnc.co/nonprofit).

### 4 Help Young People Lead During Democracy Summer

*Dr. King said, “our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.”*

Democracy North Carolina’s renowned **Democracy Summer** program for college students is expanding in 2020. This year even more students will be equipped with innovative skills that they can use to work for positive change in their communities. The nine-week paid summer internship takes young people from the halls of state government to the neighborhoods of our communities, teaching them valuable lessons about how to organize around a shared vision for a better democracy. Learn more about Democracy Summer at [demnc.co/demsummer](http://demnc.co/demsummer).



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# TOP TIPS FOR VOTING – IN 2020 #WEVOTE

**“Voting is the foundation stone for political action.” – MLK**

Voting rules have changed in 2020, and some of these rules are being challenged in court.

For the very latest, visit [ncvoter.org](http://ncvoter.org) or call 888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683).

## ✓ **Vote Early**

The popular last Saturday of Early Voting before Election Day is back! Vote early during the 17-day period at any early voting site in your county to avoid long lines, bad weather, and to register and vote at the same time! To find your Early Voting dates and sites for elections this year, go to [ncvoter.org](http://ncvoter.org).

## ✓ **Check Your Registration & Polling Place**

If you vote on Election Day, your voter registration must be current and you must go to your own assigned polling place between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Find your Election Day poll at [demnc.co/lookup](http://demnc.co/lookup).

## ✓ **Read Up on New Rules**

Election rules have changed, including when you can vote early, how to vote by mail, and what you'll need to vote in-person. To learn the latest, visit [ncvoter.org](http://ncvoter.org).

**CALL OUR TOLL-FREE HOTLINE at 888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683)**

if you have questions about voting, experience problems at the polls, or know of someone who is unable to vote in 2020.

## GET ORGANIZED IN 2020

Share “A Movement That Votes” by following or tagging any voting-related social posts with #wevote.

Get trained on new voting rules and what's on the ballot by visiting [demnc.co/ontheballot](http://demnc.co/ontheballot).

Be a part of a faith community that votes. Help your congregation cast their ballots at [demnc.co/faith](http://demnc.co/faith).

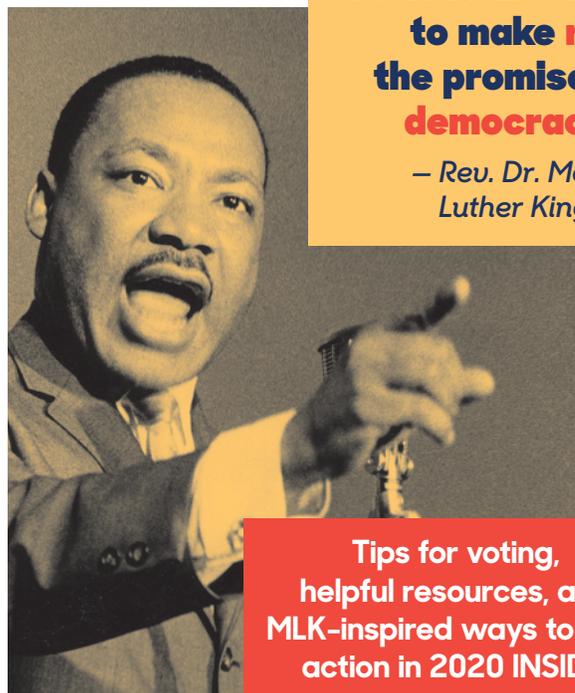
Distribute free voting resources from Democracy North Carolina. Get yours by contacting 919-286-6000 and [info@democracync.org](mailto:info@democracync.org), or by visiting [democracync.org](http://democracync.org), including:

- ✓ materials with the latest on new voting rules;
- ✓ resources for faith communities & others; and
- ✓ voter pledge cards that are proven to work!

**“To attempt radical reform without adequate organization is like trying to sail a boat without a rudder.” – MLK**

**“Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.”**

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Tips for voting, helpful resources, and MLK-inspired ways to take action in 2020 INSIDE!**

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