

30 years of people power



Join Democracy NC in celebrating 30 years of mobilizing, protecting, educating, and living the legacy of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and be part of the march to the ballots in 2022.

The future of our state is on the ballot in 2022.

Democracy NC celebrates its 30th birthday this year. We have spent every moment working to increase fair representation and access to our state and nation’s political process. We want voting to be easier, more accessible, and equitable, especially in Black and brown communities that have been targets of voter suppression since long before Dr. King’s leadership catalyzed our nation for change. Our laws and doctrines still show the lingering effects of past efforts to suppress the vote, such as the state constitution’s literacy test – which remains intact to this day – originally included as a way to prevent Black, brown, and Indigenous North Carolinians from voting. It is our time now to work together to build power among disenfranchised communities, and inspire confidence in a transformed political process that works for all.



“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there “is” such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.” - Dr. MLK, Jr.

Primary election. The primary election will now be held on **May 17, 2022**. This will include major races, including the race for one of North Carolina’s U.S. Senate seats.

Midterm election. We saw historic turnout for the 2020 General Election and 2022 is no year to stay home. Vote early or be there on **November 8, 2022** to make your voice heard.

Rescheduled municipal elections. COVID-19 delayed the 2020 Census and many 2021 municipal elections were postponed to 2022. With the change to the primary, the State Board of Elections is working to update municipal dates. Stay tuned at ncvoter.org.

Legislative short session. After one of the longest legislative sessions on record in 2021, lawmakers are expected to return to Raleigh this Spring. We will be monitoring closely.

Pro-voter policy. Dozens of anti-voter bills to restrict voter freedoms were proposed in 2021. Make sure your lawmakers know that the policies they propose in 2022 will impact communities across the state. Take action to advance affirmative, pro-voter legislation by contacting your lawmakers regularly.

Civics of Justice. Black lives matter. We must build a coalition of advocates to form deep relationships between civic engagement and social issues. Together, we can craft a toolbox of unified tactics to break the cycle of oppressive practices and policies in NC.

Stay up to date on election information and voter education at ncvoter.org.



ELECTION PROTECTION IS KEY IN 2022.

Join one of the nation's largest Election Protection programs, fully staffed with law experts ready to answer questions from the non-partisan voter hotline 1-888-OUR-VOTE. Vote Protectors monitor voting sites and address voting problems in real time, ensuring every vote is counted. Let's make sure every polling place is running as it should be and promptly sound the alarm when it isn't!

Sign up today at demnc.co/voteprotector.



You can be part of the movement for a better North Carolina in 2022.

Stay local. Not everything that happens in North Carolina happens in Raleigh, despite what state lawmakers want you to think. Work with Regional Managing Organizers and local partners across the state to make sure your communities know how they'll be affected by election campaigns and policies right where they live.

Learn more at demnc.co/volunteer.

Get educated. Become a local Election Advocate and build relationships with your county board of elections. Monitor your local meetings and help work toward funding, accessible voting sites, and greater transparency.

Learn more at demnc.co/boe.

Plan for the future. Know a college student who wants to make lasting social change a part of their career? The Democracy Summer internship program, now in its 23rd summer, exposes young leaders to new ideas and political movements. Participants learn how to organize around a shared vision for a better democracy.

Learn more at demnc.co/demsummer.

Bridge the gap. Do you work with a nonprofit service provider that wants to get involved with helping voters in this important election year? The Nonprofit Voter Engagement Program engages, supports, and evaluates local service organizations in doing voter engagement for vulnerable communities.

Learn more at demnc.co/nonprofit.