

**“Every man of humane convictions must decide on the protest that best suits his convictions, but *we must all protest.*”**

*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**DEMOCRACY NC**



**“We must accept finite disappointment, but *never lose infinite hope.*”**

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***“Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.”***

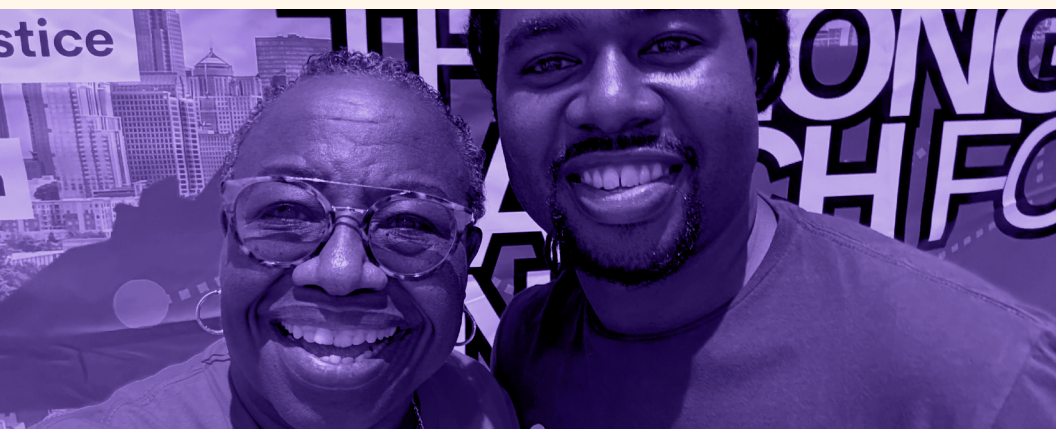
In the struggle toward civil rights and a true democracy, history teaches us that there will be moments of triumph and those of grief. Dr. King saw this and urged his fellow Americans to look toward the present now – not four years from now, waiting for the next “major” election year – to “demonstrate, teach, and preach.”

⚡ During this period of uncertainty we must **resist** efforts to curb democratic rights, protect our long-established public institutions that serve all Americans, and fight any move toward fascism.

⚡ In an era of disinformation, we must **educate** each other on what is real, sharing our resources and encouraging discourse, without shame, knowing everyone is on their own journey.

⚡ And at a time of remarkable divisions, we must **organize**. As Dr. King named, there is more power in socially organized masses than in the violence of the few.

We welcome all who would join us at Democracy NC as we work toward a better future for North Carolina. We will demand justice in the face of injustice, advocate for better elections, and make sure all North Carolinians have the information they need to register to vote and cast their ballot – without disruption or fear. Perhaps more than ever we recognize the importance of civic education and that we have an opportunity to make sure people of all ages better understand how elections work. At a time when so many try to hide the truth or make things intentionally confusing, we will work to shed light.



## **RESIST, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE IN 2025**

Democracy NC’s commitment to making voting easier, more accessible, and equitable, especially in Black and brown communities that have been targeted by anti-voter efforts, has never been stronger than at this moment. We want to work with dedicated, courageous leaders in the spirit of Dr. King, willing to join us in this fight.

**Vote Local** Municipal election years like 2025 are typically not on many voters’ radars. Mayor and city council races can influence policies that directly affect your daily life and community. You and your allies can have a major impact through voter education and mobilization efforts! Bring your ID, vote early and register during the early voting period, and stay up to date on elections at [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org)

**Fight For the Future** Know a college student who wants to make a career in social change? The Democracy Summer internship program will celebrate 26 years in 2025. It exposes young leaders to political movements and teaches them how to organize around a shared vision for a better democracy. [demnc.co/demsummer](https://demnc.co/demsummer)

**Protect the Freedom to Vote** We need lawmakers to know during the upcoming legislative session how their policies impact communities across the state. Take action to advance pro-voter bills by joining us as legislative advocates. [demnc.co/legadvocacy](https://demnc.co/legadvocacy)

**Get Involved, Get a Grant** Through our Nonprofit Voter Engagement Program, we partner with nonprofit service providers doing voter mobilization to support efforts and voter engagement strategies. [demnc.co/nonprofit](https://demnc.co/nonprofit)

**Be an Advocate** Protest comes in many forms, such as being part of a movement toward better policies. Becoming an Elections Advocate and learning how elections are run in your community is a simple way to advocate for better elections. [demnc.co/electionsadvocacy](https://demnc.co/electionsadvocacy)

**Join Us** We host regional events, trainings, volunteer opportunities, and more throughout the year. Sign up at [demnc.co/event](https://demnc.co/event)

**Have questions about voting?** Call or text our non-partisan voter assistance hotline: **888-OUR-VOTE** (888-687-8683)

***“In this juncture of our nation’s history, there is an urgent need for dedicated and courageous leadership.”***

