

DEMOCRACY NC



This winter, **Democracy NC** joined NC Black Alliance, Common Cause NC, and NC Counts to host the powerful Road to Fair Maps town hall series across Eastern North Carolina, creating space for neighbors to learn, ask questions, and chart a path forward together. Meetings combined clear information about redistricting and court decisions with open, community-led dialogue about what comes next. Each event centered on helping residents understand how maps are drawn, who holds power, and why community leadership matters now more than ever.

“Too often, decisions are made without the people most impacted in the room,” said Lucas Seijo, Eastern Regional Managing Organizer. “These town halls are changing that, raising awareness, building confidence, and reminding folks their voices still matter. When lawmakers ignore communities, the people have to lead.”

Together, these conversations help turn frustration into action and building momentum for fair representation across the region.



Celebrating *your* *impact* in 2025.

100K Print resources distributed to North Carolina voters

20K Clicks to online voter tools, such as demnc.co/regcheck

4K+ Emails to North Carolina lawmakers from advocates

150+ Advocates distributing Voter Education resources

11K Advocates took over 27K actions

26 Community organizations awarded nonprofit voter engagement grants

400+ Community events the organizing team held to cultivate advocates

18 Friendterns completed 26th Democracy Summer and raised \$6500 for student led programs on NC college campuses

At Democracy North Carolina, we know that when *everyday people take action together*, real change happens.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kai McNeil



What drew you to the work at Democracy North Carolina?

Democracy North Carolina has a long legacy of civic participation, education, and engagement. The upstanding legacy of democracy in North Carolina seemed like the right place for me to combine my background in media with my passion for social justice. Who knew, in the midst of my birth, an organization was also being formed alongside me that I would later call home.

What are some projects that you are excited about in 2026?

In 2026, I am excited about the “Our Regions” video series, which tells the story of North Carolina through the eyes of our organizers, who are fighting gerrymanders, rigged elections, and standing up for what democracy truly represents. Through this five-part video series, we meet with Democracy NC’s regional managing organizers to understand the challenges they face, how local politics affect their region, and, more importantly, what democracy means to them.

I think it is important to tell these stories not just of what we are fighting, but also of how we are fighting. As long as the movement’s stories are preserved, it’ll continue to grow.

Scan the QR Code or visit demnc.co/ourregions to watch episode one!



Democracy Summer Applications NOW OPEN!

Do you know a current NC college student who might be interested? We teach our “friendterns” how to organize people around a shared vision for a better democracy in our state, address structural barriers to civic engagement, and build power alongside historically marginalized groups. This program equips young people with lifelong skills that they can use to work for positive social change in their communities. Visit demnc.co/summer to learn more!



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What Can **You** Do in 2026?

Democracy is not a spectator sport and 2026 is a year that calls each of us in.

Across North Carolina, Democracy NC is training community leaders, protecting the freedom to vote, monitoring election administration, and organizing in the places where power is too often ignored. But this movement only works when people show up.

You can be a Vote Protector. Join a phone bank. Table at a community festival. Attend a town hall. Monitor your County Board of Elections. Scan the QR code or visit [demnc.co/linktree](#) to explore opportunities near you.

Sign up. Bring a friend. Build power together.



**JOIN THE
MOVEMENT!**

