



Massachusetts Citizens Congress on Poverty

"I am sick and tired of being sick and tired." Fannie Lou Hamer

WHAT YOU CAN DO AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Educate yourself! Learn all you can about the candidates so you can make an educated choice. Learn all you can about voting in your state. Get the facts about how Black, Brown and poor people are being hurt by present policies.

Read your local community newspapers about the election. Study the information on this site.

1. Talk to your neighbors and friends about the importance of voting.
 - Give them the information they need to register to vote.
 - Explain the importance of voting and encourage them to talk to their friends.
 - Invite neighbors to your home to discuss the election. Form a BlackBallotPower.com committee to get Black people to the polls
 - Post your thoughts on social media...encourage discussion and encourage your friends to vote
 - For your birthday present, ask your friends to sign a pledge to vote in November and to ask 10 of their friends to do the same.
 - Write a letter to your friends, neighbors, to the editor explaining why voting is important to you.

OR

2. Touch bases with your community businesses, organizations and individuals.
 - Visit your neighborhood businesses. Ask if you could leave copies of fact sheets and information regarding upcoming events and information on the election and voting
 - Organize a neighborhood canvass to distribute literature and knock on doors to speak directly to voters on a Saturday morning or a weeknight after work.
 - Distribute literature and information at your local bus or train station stop during commutes.
 - Reach out to your pastor. Ask him to devote a future sermon to the importance of voting.
 - Ask leaders of local organizations to encourage their members, to vote and host a special event to promote voter participation and education.

OR

3. Volunteer.
 - Join a local organization or a political campaign group working on the 2020 election.
 - Volunteer to make register people to vote and to make 'get out the vote' phone calls.

Use, print, pass on any information on the UMN site you find useful.

Even if you choose one action, you will be helping to build a movement for equity.