



Massachusetts Citizens Congress on Poverty

“Without a civil society to nourish engaged citizens, politicians turn into “professionals” out of touch with their constituencies.” Benjamin Barber

WHAT BLOCK CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS CAN DO

- Make discussion of the importance of voting an agenda item for meetings.
- Create a flyer about the importance of voting and encouraging everyone on your street to vote. Put copies in mailboxes, under doors and on community bulletin boards.
- Encourage other neighborhood organizations to work together and host a community wide event. Invite a local elected official as a guest.
- Write critical information for voters on the election: about the candidate, where to register to vote and where to vote. Distribute the information.
- Write a group letter to the editor of your local daily or community newspaper, encouraging Black people to come out and vote.
- Meet with local clergy or clergy groups about working together on get out the vote efforts.
- Organize a walking tour of your community with your representative and senator. Ask neighbors to sign pledges committing to vote.
- Host a children’s party on your street. Children must bring a parent in order to attend. While children play, meet with parents and ask them to register to vote and to vote. Tell them about any bills important to the health of the community which they should support.
- Host/sponsor/co-sponsor a Heritage Day after local polls have closed and watch the returns.
- Organize young people in the community to do door to door literature drops encouraging people to vote.
- Organize a phone tree of all its members to come out and vote.
- Team up with other interested associations and form a neighborhood strategy team and developing an election day strategy with a goal of 100% participation of all eligible voters.

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.