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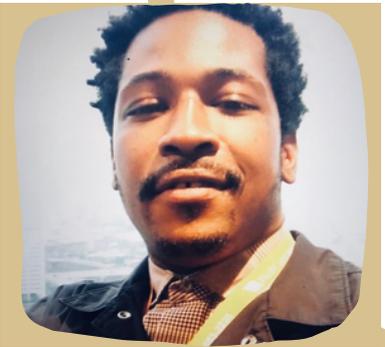
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Although we're still in the middle of a pandemic, Black Voters Matter has been doing a lot of work virtually and on the ground while still taking the necessary precautions to stay safe and healthy. We held virtual town halls in South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Michigan! We traveled on the ground in Georgia and Kentucky for the primaries, and did some great collaborations with our partners and some very special guests! Take a look at our June newsletter to see what we've been up to here at Black Voters Matter.



Black Lives Matter

While many continue to mourn the lives of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor and also organize in the streets to demand change - we also want to recognize Tony McDade, Oluwatoyin Salau, and Rayshard Brooks. None of us are free until we're all free, as we continue to fight for the protection of Black lives and Black communities, we must not only center Black men but Black women and Black trans folks. Tony McDade, a Black trans man, was murdered in Tallahassee, Florida by a police officer. Oluwatoyin Salau, a Black woman and organizer, was kidnapped and murdered in Tallahassee, Florida after disclosing her sexual assault online. Rayshard Brooks, a Black man, was murdered in a Wendy's parking lot in Atlanta, Georgia. There are families behind these hashtags. We send love to their family, friends, and communities.

Virtual Town Halls

Get on the bus! During the month of June, we continued with our virtual bus tour. We held virtual town halls in South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Michigan!

We were joined by our partners, amazing leaders in different communities, and health professionals to learn more about mutual aid efforts, COVID-19 updates, election updates, and ways to take action!



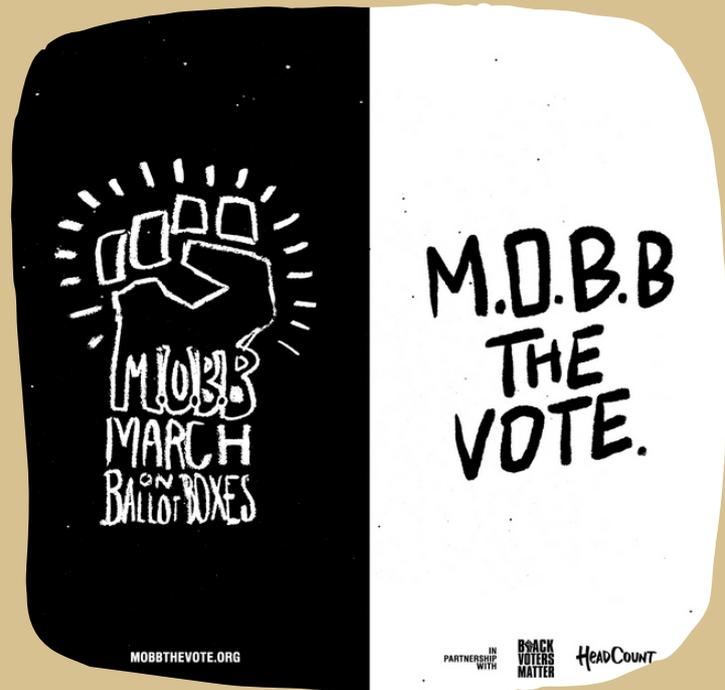
Georgia Elections

On June 9th, we were on the ground for Georgia Primary Elections. We started the day with Rapper Lil Jon at his polling location since many Georgia voters like him, didn't receive absentee ballots in the mail. Polling locations in predominantly Black areas, experienced broken machines, closed polling places, long lines, understaffed locations, and many who requested their absentee ballots in the mail did not receive them. Black Voters Matter visited polling locations to hand out masks, food, chairs, water, and hand sanitizer to voters waiting in line. Our team stayed at locations until the last voter left the precinct around 12:30 am. We went live on Justin Bieber's instagram with Scooter Braun to shed light on voter suppression in Georgia. Learn more about what happened in Georgia!



March On Ballot Boxes

We collaborated with music industry leaders, local grassroots organizations, and HeadCount to launch March on Ballot Boxes (M.O.B.B) to register and educate Black voters across the United States. To learn more visit: <https://mobbthevote.org/>



#AllEyesonKentucky

In Collaboration with Louisville Urban League, Black Lives Matter Louisville and Collective PAC, we traveled to Kentucky to work with partners and organizers to encourage people to get out and vote! Singer, Ariana Grande, provided food trucks for voters waiting in line. As we always do, we decided to spread some Black love and joy with music, dancing, engaging with voters, and handing out BVM merchandise!

In the 2018 election in Kentucky, there were 3,200 polling locations statewide. For the primary election on June 23rd, there were less than 200 polling locations. Polling places closed at 6 PM and many voters already in line were locked out, due to an injunction filed by Charles Booker, voting time was extend!



Black Voters Matter Co-Founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, who was on the ground in Kentucky, was featured on Democracy Now to discuss primary elections in the state of Kentucky. Take a look at what Kentucky voters had to say:

- <https://www.facebook.com/BlackVotersMtr/videos/667501187164537/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/134323820585259/videos/979615579139803>
- <https://www.facebook.com/BlackVotersMtr/videos/641811896679256/>

BVM Highlights



- Our Co-Founder, LaTosha Brown, went on IG Live with Scooter Braun and also Avery*Sunshine to discuss voting, voter suppression, and more.
- Black Voters Matter Co-Founders Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown went on Instagram Live with Scooter Braun via Justin Bieber's Instagram account to bring awareness to voting issues in Georgia.
- Our Tennessee State Coordinator, Timothy Hughes, attended a tornado relief gathering to spread Black love and joy and do voter registration. Our Pennsylvania State Coordinator, Brittany Smalls, helped organize the #SayHerName march in Philly.

BVM Highlights

Check out some of our favorite media highlights for the month of June!

- New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/16/opinion/georgia-voting-election.html>
- Politico: <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2020/06/09/dont-march-on-washington-308932>
- MadameNoire: <https://madamenoire.com/1170440/black-voters-matter-fund-latosha-brown-voter-suppression/>
- Washington Post: https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/black-votes-matter/2020/06/14/4c01d5e0-ab50-11ea-a43b-be9f6494a87d_story.html
- Cosmopolitan: <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/a32934795/kentucky-voting-election-polling-location-how-to-help-donate/>



Black Voters Matter will continue to do the work of supporting our communities during these times.

Continue to practice physical distancing, take the necessary precautions to stay safe, stay updated on changes to state elections, and take care of yourself! Be sure to follow us on social media to stay updated on all things Black Voters Matter!



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