August was a busy month for Black Voters Matter and the work doesn't stop as we continue to educate, organize, and work with our partners. With less than 60 days until the election, now more than ever, we must make sure our votes are counted!

While we prepare for elections make sure you're also getting counted in the 2020 census! The deadline is now September 30th! Complete your census today.
In August, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of The Voting Rights Act (VRA) and the March on Washington. We continue to march. As protests continue across the country in over 600 cities, we continue to demand accountability, funding in our communities, equality and more. We continue to remind the world that our lives, stories and votes matter. Read statements from our Co-Founders, Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown. Checkout what the VRA and voting means to our State Coordinators.

Our Co-Founders Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown participated in panels for the Democratic National Convention and The Black National Convention. Our Co-Founder, Cliff Albright, not only spoke at the BNC but was joined by Sen. Bernie Sanders, Rep. Ilhan Omar and other leaders of progressive organizations for a virtual conversation to lay out a plan to win in November 2020.

JOE BIDEN GOT IT RIGHT!

This month, we witnessed history. Senator Kamala Harris was selected by former Vice President Joe Biden as his presidential running mate making Harris the first Black woman and South Asian American on a major party ticket.

Read statements from our Co-Founders Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown on what this means for Black women, Black voters and the movement.
On August 23, 2020, Jacob Blake, was shot in the back seven times in front of his children by police officer Rusten Sheskey in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Jacob Blake is now paralyzed from the waist down and protests continue as many continue to demand justice for the harm caused to Black lives.

Checkout what our Co-Founder, Cliff Albright had to say about the protests in Kenosha.

We send love to the family and community of Jacob Blake as he continues to rest surrounded by continued love and support.

VOTE BY MAIL: POWER TO THE POLLS

"It’s important we recognize that Vote by Mail is not just a problem now because of Trump. We face a coordinated and concerted campaign with multiple access points to disproportionately marginalize communities of color and deny votes. Many Black voters feel they will face several challenges this November at the polls. Whether it's voting by mail or in person, the risk of their lives and their voice are at stake." Read our full statement here.

Check out our new BVM Voting Tool where you can register to vote, request an absentee ballot, check your registration status, get election reminders and complete your census.
BVM HIGHLIGHTS:

- BVM received 20,000 in donated masks from BAGGU. To learn more about their brand visit: baggu.com

- Our Pennsylvania State Coordinator, Brittany Smalls, collaborated with our Harrisburg/Dauphin County partners, Capital Rebirth, to host a Town Hall on the steps of the state Capitol to discuss community solutions. Attendees were also able to complete their voter registration and census.

- Also in Pennsylvania, we joined our Philly partners at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church for voter engagement and food distribution. Over 600 people were engaged!

- In Georgia, we held a voter registration caravan to canvass neighborhoods to make sure folks registered to vote by scanning our QR codes. BVM was joined by our partners: Sisters in Service, who’ve created a coalition of members in Divine 9 organizations across 10 Middle Georgia counties. Thank you to community members and our Georgia Senior State Coordinator, Wanda Mosley!
BVM HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Michigan, our partners at Linc Up based out of Grand Rapids, had a “Feed the Block” event to get food and resources to 300 people!

- Over the weekend, at the Feed the Valley Food Drive in Dawson, GA, Our partners at the local NAACP, members of the Americus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and teen volunteers encouraged recipients to register to vote and complete their census applications!

- In Tennessee, our State Coordinator, Timothy Hughes, and Nashville NAACP held a Census Caravan in North Nashville at the Hadley Park Community Center!
BVM IN THE MEDIA

Take a look at some of our favorite highlights in the media:

- CBS News - LaTosha Brown
- CBS News - Cliff Albright
- MSNBC
- Queen Latifah interviews BVM Co-Founder, LaTosha Brown
- The Loop

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