Black Voters Matter traveled to 10 states in 9 days with our local and national partners to bring awareness to voter suppression efforts across the country. Take a look at our June Newsletter!
In June, we completed our #FreedomRide2021 Bus Tour! For 9 days, "The Blackest Bus in America" hit the road with our local and national partners to call for the passage of the For The People Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and D.C. Statehood.

From the South to Washington D.C. we continued to spread love and build power. When we work together, we win! Take a look at our recap video!

Thank you to our Co-Founders Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown for your dedication to the movement. Thank you to our local and national partners, our event planning team Plateau Event Productions Inc and the entire BVM staff!

Thank you to the Original Freedom Riders and Civil Rights Leaders for meeting us on this journey. Your work continues to inspire us and generations to come!

ORIGINAL FREEDOM RIDERS

- Jerome "Big Duck" Smith
- Doratha "Dodie" Smith-Simmons
- Claude Reese
- Joan Mulholland
LOUISIANA PRE-LAUNCH!

FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS
- Tambourine & Fan
- 9th Ward Voter's Coalition
- Black Folks Talking
- United Ballot
- Stand Black
- Hood Politics
- All Streets, All People (ASAP)
- UNITE HERE Local 123
- The Power Coalition
- Urban League of Louisiana
- NAACP Young Adult's Chapter

MISSISSIPPI

FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS
- One Voice Unite
- NAACP – Jackson, MS
- Helping Hands Outreach
- Madison County Union for Progress
- Mississippi Center for Justice
- ACLU- Mississippi
- SPLC – MS
- Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative
- Quitman County Development Organization (QCDO)
- Mississippi Family for Kids
- Mississippi Trailblazers
- Mississippi Poor People's Campaign
- Coastwide MLK
- NAACP MS
- Arcola Voices
- All My Children
- Southern Rural Black Women’s Initiative for Economic and Social Justice (SRBWI)
- Southern Echo
- MS Moves
- MS Votes
- Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus
- SRBWI Leland
- SRBWI Metcalfe
- Sunday School Live
- Patterson Community
- Mississippi Center for Worker’s Rights
ALABAMA FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS
- The National Black Action Group
- Birmingham Civil Rights Organization
- T.O.P.S
- Black Women’s Roundtable
- The National Juneteenth Foundation of Alabama
- Lift Our Vote

TENNESSEE FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS
- 100 Black Men of Middle TN
- 200 Man Stand
- AMEND Together
- Black Nashville Assembly
- Brothers Roundtable
- City Council Movement (Knoxville)
- Concerned Citizens For Justice (Chattanooga)
- D.A.D.s - Dads Against Destruction
- GANG - Gentlemen And Not Gangsters
- Gideon’s Army
- Esquires Distinguished Gentlemen
- Free Hearts
- Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship
- Manifest Magic: Black Girl Collective (Clarksville)
- Mens Initiative @ Tennessee State University
- NAACP TN Statewide Conference
- NPHC Nashville
- The Equity Alliance
- Urban League of Middle TN
- Up The Vote 901
GEORGIA

FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS

- Urban League of Greater Columbus
- Progress Georgia
- Atlanta North Georgia Labor Council
- Sister In Service of SW Georgia
- New Vision MSK
- GA Stand-Up
- DeKalb County Democratic Committee
- A Philip Randolph Institute
- Shanita D. Bryant, Commissioner
- Hancock County Democratic club Inc
- South GA Voters League
- Black Women Vote
- Cultivating Lives Educational Services Inc
- Women of Purpose Global Ministries, Inc.
- John Lewis Get Out the Vote Committee
- Georgia Coalition of The People's Agenda - Coastal Georgia
- Protect The Vote
- South Tifton Learning Center Inc.
- Brown y Black Unidos Ltd
- FRESH Communities
- Terrell County NAACP
- Collegiate Men of VSU
- Thomas County Branch NAACP
- Higher Heights Leadership Fund
- GALEO Impact Fund
- 9to5
- Pulaski County Democratic Party
- New Vision MSK
- DeKalb Dems
- The Newberry Foundation
- Georgia NAACP Youth and College Division
- More than a Vote
- Greater Augusta's Interfaith Coalition
- South GA Voter's League (Terrell County Branch)
- New Vision MSK

- Antioch AME Social Action Ministries
- Dekalb Dems
- When Leaders Meet
- The Campaign To Keep Guns Off Campus
- DeKalb Young Democrats
- Be Smart Movement
- Necessary Trouble
- NAACP Atlanta
- Common Cause
- Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church
- Georgia Youth Justice Coalition x Civic GA
- Community Impact & Empowerment Foundation
- Common Cause
- Sisters in Service of Southwest Georgia
- TIA Through It All Inc
- Organizing For Grady County
- Indivisible Georgia Coalition
- Absolute Justice Now
- Georgia Coalition of the People's Agenda
- Mind Body and Soul Consultation inc
- AKA/NCNW/TLOD
SOUTH CAROLINA
FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS

- Carolina For All
- Racial Justice Network
- Moms Against Racism
- SC AFL-CIO
- Campbell Chapel AME Church
- Lowcountry Indivisible
- Pick 42 Foundation
- Black Pages South
- Eventions by Joselyn
- SC Progressive Network

NORTH CAROLINA
FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS

- Union Bethel AME Zion Church
- RMBAC
- National Conference of Black Lawyers (NC Chapter)
- Recidivism Reduction Educational Program Services (RREPS)
- ABC2
- ACLU (nc)
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. ETA MU LAMBDA Chapter
- African American Caucus of Mecklenburg County
- Ausie & Martin Rivens Scholarship Foundation
- HOLA!
- We The People International
- NCNW
- North Carolina Justice Center
- Rowan Concerned Citizens
- NC Black Leadership & Organizing Collective
- Black & Green Network
NORTH CAROLINA
FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS (CONTINUED)

- Audacity Group Social Enterprise LLC
- Democracy NC
- Justice Served NC
- Deep Roots CPS Farm
- NC Black Alliance
- Advance Carolina
- NC Counts Coalition
- NC APRI Bayard Rustin Chapter
- NC Community Outreach & Wellness Center Inc./Justice Reinvestment Group of NC
- Juneteenth Freedom Festival
- For The Struggle
- Freedom On The Inside
- Bringing Summer Back

- Forward Justice
- RCHID BLOOM NPO
- NAACP Chapters: New Hanover, Moore County, Pitt County, Hoke County and Pasquotank County
- National Black Leadership Caucus
- Black Lives Matter - Wilmington, North Carolina
- Dun Lillington
- Ayetteville PACT
- Kinston Teen
- A. Philip Randolph Institute, Inc. - Raleigh Youth Chapter

WEST VIRGINIA
FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS

- Call to Action for Racially Equality
- WV NAACP
- National Organization for Women
- Black By God The West Virginian
- Community Change/Community Change Action Huntington Cabell NAACP
VIRGINIA
FREEDOM RIDE PARTNERS

- #Enough
- Henrico Dems Black Caucus
- Are Black Party
- Center for Common Ground Should
- Marijuana Justice
- Richmond Democratic Committee
- National Pan Hellenic Council
- Urban League of Central VA
- New Leaders Council
- Richmond Crusade for Voters
- Campaign for Paid Family Leave
- NAACP Social Action Committee - Henrico County

WASHINGTON D.C.

As we ended our journey in Washington D.C. with our local and national partners, legislators, community members and more - we are reminded that the fight is not over.

In the words of our Co-Founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, "It ain't over, cause the battle is still ongoing, we're going to be fighting all throughout the rest of the summer and all throughout the rest of the fall. We are going to get our voting rights and it's going to be through love and power."

Our ride to Freedom doesn't end here. Stay tuned!
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“At Essentia Water, putting People-First and being a voice is one of our four strategic pillars and is fundamental to our culture. We are just as passionate in our support for social justice and equality and specifically helping to support the voices for our Black community. We commend the work of Black Voters Matter and its progress towards improved voting rights and access. We are honored to partner with BVM in this effort as voting represents individual voices and is one of the most powerful tools to create change.” – Scott Miller, CEO Essentia Water

BVM IN THE MEDIA!
Checkout some of our favorite media highlights:

- CNN - LaTosha Brown
- CNN - Cliff Albright
- Essence
- NBC News
- USA Today
- Prospect

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- Advancement Project National Office
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- Black Church PAC
- Black Women’s RoundTable
- Congressional Progressive Caucus Center
- DC Vote
- Declaration for American Democracy
- Ebenezer Baptist Church
- End Citizens United
- Make it Plain
- Movement for Black Lives Electoral Justice Project
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
- People For the American Way
- Neighbors United for DC Statehood
- Center for Disability Rights
- Vote.org
- Black Leadership AIDS Crisis Coalition
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- The Workers Circle
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- New Jersey Institute of Social Justice
- NETWORK Advocates for Catholic Social Justice
- Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- SCLC Southern California
- SPLC Action Fund
- Stand Up America
- The Daniel Initiative
- The Daniel Initiative S.E.T Project
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- The Working Families Party
- Transformative Justice Coalition
- Unite Here
- Until Freedom
- Women’s March
- The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights
- Higher Heights for America
- SEIU
- National Organization for Women
- The Frontline
- 51 for 51
- Just Democracy
- Fix Our Senate
- National Council of Negro Women
- The Nuns on the Bus
- Public Wise
- Hip Hop Caucus