Midterm elections are approaching and Black Voters Matter is making sure our partners have the resources and support they need on the ground! From our warrant clinic, raising awareness around healthcare access, and more.

Take a look at our August Wrap-up Report!

This month we suffered a great loss. Black Voters Matter partner and freedom fighter, Albert Woodfox, who is thought to have been held in solitary confinement longer than any individual in U.S. history, having survived 43 years in one of America’s most brutal prisons, transitioned at the age of 75.

In the six years of freedom that Woodfox enjoyed he devoted himself to educating the public in the U.S. and beyond about the atrocities of the US criminal justice system. We are sending love to his family, friends, and community.
In August, we held state convenings in some of our core states: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Texas!

It was great to connect with our partners to discuss strategy and key issues impacting Black communities ahead of midterm elections.

Are you ready for Election Day?

Be sure to head over to our voting toolbox to get registered to vote, check your status, request your absentee ballot, and sign up for election reminders!
A federal judge ruled that statewide elections for the Georgia Public Service Commission discriminate against Black voters, blocking state officials from holding a November election for two seats that were set to be on the ballot! One of the plaintiffs in the case? Our National Field Director, Wanda Mosley! Thank you for your tireless work, leadership, and commitment to fight for the protection of Black voters and voting rights!

In Macon-Bibb, Georgia we held a warrant clinic to help eliminate warrants brought on by misdemeanor offenses and traffic violations. By eliminating warrants, we help our communities gain access to voting, housing, and employment. Thank you to our partners at APRI-Macon, Helping Others Foundation, GRAE Now, Black Push, and the Bibb County Solicitor-General's Office.

We joined our partners on the ground for a Georgia Healthcare Day of Action! We visited multiple locations in Georgia to provide free and low-cost health services due to rural hospital closures. We are calling on lawmakers to improve rural health care! We deserve equitable access to health care that will save Black lives in rural areas across the state.
Black Voters Matter stood with our community in Greenville to call on our elected officials to overturn James Richardson’s wrongful conviction and immediately release him from prison.

Twelve years ago, James E. Richardson, was wrongly accused and subsequently convicted of two murders he did not commit. James has maintained his innocence since the moment he was wrongly accused and refuses to admit to something he did not do. Every day this innocent man is forced to languish in prison away from his family and loved ones. Your support can help change his life by giving him the freedom he so desperately deserves.

Sign the petition here.

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

NORTH CAROLINA

Led by the Ohio Unity Coalition, in commemoration of the 57th Anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights, activists from across the state joined together outside the Ohio Statehouse to protect Ohioans’ freedom to vote and keep up the fight for fair district maps.

Missed the rally? Watch here.
This month we hosted our third policy corner on ranked choice voting. Our Policy Manager, Rhyane Wagner, and our Co-founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright joined Harvard University students and Rob Richie, CEO of FairVote, for a virtual teach-in.

During this conversation, they discussed the future of ranked choice voting and how it could potentially impact future primary elections.

Missed the teach-in? Watch here.

Did you know that August 5th is officially Cliff Albright Day?! Our Co-Founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, received a surprise from our Georgia Partners in Macon.

Thank you for all that you do for Black Voters Matter and the movement.
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Our friends at Omaze are giving YOU the chance to score $100,000 (yes, you read that right) to spend on just about anything! If that many zeroes fell in your lap, how would you spend it? With change in the air, it’s the perfect time to imagine bigger and better things for yourself… and your community! Whether it’s funding that dream DIY project around the house, scoring season tickets to cheer on your favorite football team, or making a BIG impact for your favorite charity, the sky is never the limit.

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