

# CELEBRATING BLACK AUGUST

## August Wrap-Up Report



### BUILDING POWER 365

What better way to celebrate Black August than hitting the road with the Blackest Bus in America, spreading love and building power in our communities? From our action-packed Black August Freedom School Bus Tour to our empowering Warrant Clinics, we seize every opportunity to ignite passion and remind our communities of the incredible power they hold to drive real change.

Take a look at our August Wrap-Up Report!

# REDEFINING FREEDOM

## WARRANT CLINICS



In collaboration with Growing Real Alternatives Everywhere (GRAE), we embarked on our exciting Freedom Summer Tour with our warrant clinics, where we helped individuals reclaim their sense of normalcy and freedom.



Our journey brought us back to the beautiful state of Michigan, specifically to the city of Flint, to provide assistance to those in need. Additionally, we made a visit to Macon, Georgia, joining forces with communities to help them remove warrants, enhancing their access to vital resources such as voting rights, housing options, employment opportunities, and more.



Thank you to our amazing Michigan Partners at FAIR Voting Alliance, Flint Neighborhood Action Council, and Oman Court 132.



Thank you to our amazing Georgia Partner, Helping Others Foundation.

# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

## ALABAMA

In Alabama, we united with our partners in a powerful demonstration and passionately called for a boycott outside the establishment owned by one of the individuals who caused harm to our community during the Montgomery Brawl.

We diligently encouraged our community to actively participate in the Montgomery Municipal elections, emphasizing the importance of their vote.



## LOUISIANA

On our thrilling Black August Freedom School Bus Tour, we embarked on an incredible journey through the vibrant state of Louisiana. We sought to educate, ignite, and rally our beloved communities in preparation for the crucial gubernatorial and legislative elections that ahead.

With stops in Monroe, Baton Rouge, Jonesboro, Arcadia, Shreveport, and more, our tour reached its spectacular intensity in the heart of New Orleans.

# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

## OHIO

In Ohio, we hit the ground running alongside our partner, The Ohio Unity Coalition, in key cities such as Cincinnati, Dayton, and Cleveland, passionately urging voters to vote NO on issue one.

As a result, Ohio resoundingly rejected this restrictive measure with an impressive 57% majority. We are immensely grateful to the wonderful state of Ohio! Notably, the percentage of Black women voters saw a significant surge from 7% to 9%, exemplifying the remarkable power of unity.

Read our statement [here](#).



## TENNESSEE

Black Voters Matter has returned to Tennessee with full force! We united in solidarity to oppose gun violence and police brutality while spreading awareness about the forthcoming statewide elections.

Our impactful endeavors included compelling press conferences and vibrant block parties through which we actively connected with the communities in Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville.

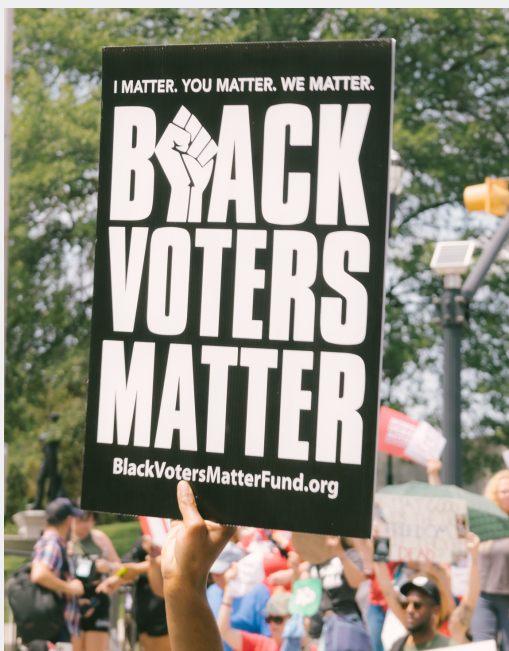
# STATEMENT UPDATES

## #STOPCOPCITY

Black Voters Matter issue a statement following announcement from Atlanta City Council on plans to use voter suppression tactic for #StopCopCity referendum petition. We strongly condemn the recent announcement from the Atlanta City Council regarding plans to use signature matching, a form of voter suppression, for the Stop Cop City referendum petition.

It is disgraceful and hypocritical that our local city officials are adopting the same tactics that organizations in our state are currently suing Republican lawmakers for.

Read our full statement [here](#).



## TRUMP INDICTMENT

A Georgia grand jury took the right action by issuing a fourth indictment against twice impeached former President Donald Trump and 18 of his allies, on multiple counts of corruption and election tampering following the results of the 2020 election.

This is the first time in history that a sitting President has attempted to overthrow an election proceeding. Read our full statement [here](#).

# TAKE ACTION WITH BVM

## VOLUNTEER CORNER



We closed 2 more cases this month with our 501c3 Program!

One of our partners, The God's Sons Foundation founded by Kareem Moore, started the process at the very beginning stages - he did not have a business checking account, no EIN #, did not register with the Secretary of State, and had not filed his articles of incorporation. Attorney Marty Rowan helped him complete all these tasks, and Kareem officially received his 501c3 letter from the IRS this month.

Our texting volunteers have been going strong every week at Texting Tuesdays. Because of their volunteer efforts, more people are being informed, staying vigilant, and recognizing that local elections matter. Our volunteers are also showing each text recipient that their voice and their vote can make a change like it did in Ohio. Join us on Tuesdays at 6pm ET to be involved in this great work.

We are attending college volunteer fairs across the South. This month we went to Kennesaw State University and Mississippi State University campuses. We spoke to hundreds of students about volunteering and got to hear from them about why voting and volunteering are important!

# BVM IN THE MEDIA

## CHECKOUT SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS!

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