

THEY THOUGHT
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#TRANSFORMERSUNITE #FAIRMAPS #DEALING

PROTECT
THE SOUTH:
**NO JIM
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MAPS**

ACLU Tennessee



DON'T ARGUE
WITH PEOPLE

APRIL-MAY WRAP UP
BLACK VOTERS MATTER

THE SOUTH WILL NOT BE SILENCED!!



WE GOT US

This spring, we officially launched the We Got Us campaign, a reminder that our communities have always been our greatest source of strength.

At a time when many of our rights, freedoms, and opportunities are being challenged, We Got Us highlights the power of collective action, community care, and grassroots organizing. Because when systems fail us, we show up for each other.

Over the last two months, Black Voters Matter has been on the ground across the South and beyond – organizing communities, defending voting rights, amplifying local voices, and building the power necessary to create lasting change.

From launching our We Got Us campaign to traveling thousands of miles on The Blackest Bus in America and putting boots on the ground for the fight for fair representation, here's a look at what we've been up to.



SICK AND TIRED ***MATERNAL HEALTH***

Black women continue to face some of the highest maternal mortality rates in the country, and our communities deserve better.

In April, Black Voters Matter traveled through **Florida** and **North Carolina** as part of the **Sick and Tired Maternal Health Tour**, bringing together community members, healthcare advocates, organizers, and local leaders for honest conversations about maternal health inequities and the policies needed to address them.

800+

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED



A key part of the tour included a series of community baby showers designed to support expecting and new parents with both resources and community care. Families received essential items for newborns and caregivers, including diapers, wipes, baby clothing, infant care supplies, and other necessities to help ease the financial burden many families face. Beyond the giveaways, the baby showers created opportunities for participants to connect with local organizations, healthcare resources, and support networks dedicated to improving maternal and infant health outcomes.

Across both states, the tour centered the voices of Black mothers and families while highlighting the urgent need for investments in maternal health and community wellness.

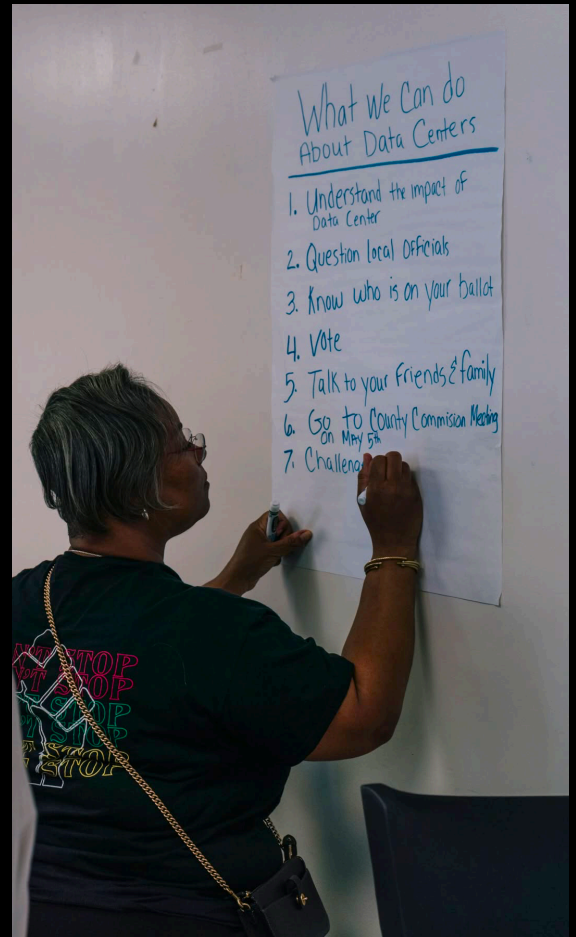


WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT DATA CENTERS?

As data center development continues to expand across **Georgia**, many communities are asking important questions about environmental impact, resource consumption, and community accountability.

In April, we engaged residents through POWER Canvassing and community conversations focused on building real community power. By recognizing people as experts of their own experiences, we created space for honest dialogue about the issues affecting their communities.

From Augusta and Savannah to Quitman and Sparta, residents shared concerns about data center development, rising utility costs, environmental impacts, economic divestment, disaster recovery, and the need for greater investment in local communities.



Across every stop, one message was clear: people want transparency, accountability, and a meaningful voice in decisions that affect their future.



ON THE ROAD IN TEXAS



Across **Dallas and East Texas**, we heard a clear message: people aren't checked out, they're carrying a lot. Rising costs, housing instability, healthcare access, and everyday pressures are shaping how communities engage. While there is frustration and fatigue, there is also a strong desire to be heard and a belief that trust is built through relationships and community.

Throughout the tour, Black Voters Matter and our local partners engaged more than 750 people through meaningful conversations and community gatherings. We closed the tour in Orange, Texas, with a Community Love Day & Fish Fry alongside the members of El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, whose resilience and strength continue to inspire us all.

It was a powerful reminder of what the We Got Us campaign is all about: showing up for one another and ensuring no community has to rebuild alone.

750+



COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENGAGED



This spring, Black Voters Matter joined advocates, community leaders, students, and residents for Days at the Capitol in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina bringing community voices directly to decision-makers and demonstrating the power of collective action.

In **Michigan**, more than 170 students from Southeast Michigan gathered at the Capitol to meet with lawmakers, participate in a youth-led panel, and learn more about civic engagement.



In **Pennsylvania**, Black communities from across the state came together to advocate for voting rights, public education, and solutions to gun violence. It was a powerful day of organizing, connection, and engagement with lawmakers and grassroots leaders committed to building stronger communities.

In **North Carolina**, community members and partners united to confront ongoing attacks on Black political power and demand accountability from elected officials. Through advocacy, organizing, and collective action, participants reaffirmed a simple truth: when systems fail us, we organize. When our voices are challenged, we come together and build power.

Across all three states, Days at the Capitol served as a reminder that lasting change happens when communities show up, speak out, and take action together.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE SOUTH

Black Voters Matter joined a coalition of civil rights organizations to challenge efforts aimed at restricting access to mail-in voting, including legal action opposing President Trump's Executive Order targeting vote-by-mail. As attacks on voting rights and fair representation continue to evolve, we remain committed to protecting every eligible voter's ability to participate in our democracy.

That commitment was further underscored by the **Supreme Court's decision in Louisiana v. Callais**, which marked another chapter in the ongoing effort to weaken Black political power and representation. In response, Black Voters Matter reaffirmed our dedication to defending voting rights, advancing fair representation, and ensuring Black communities have a voice in the decisions that shape their futures.

Beyond advocacy and legal action, we mobilized communities through **our Louisiana Bus Tour and grassroots efforts across Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, and Georgia, culminating in the All Roads Lead to the South National Day of Action in Montgomery, Alabama with over 5,000+ attendees**. Alongside local and national partners, we engaged residents in conversations about representation and civic participation, amplified community voices, and strengthened organizing efforts.

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STATES ENGAGED
WITH 84 SATELLITE EVENTS





VOLUNTEER CORNER

Over the past two months, volunteers across the country demonstrated the power of collective action, community care, and civic engagement.

In **April**, we celebrated **Global Volunteer Month** by canvassing in Cobb County to promote the warrant clinic, supporting a community food distribution, and phone banking more than 130 residents ahead of the Tuscaloosa Warrant Clinic. We also recognized outstanding volunteers and partners, including ACS and Turn Up as Partners of the Year, Miguel as Student of the Year, and Roja as Volunteer of the Year, and hosted appreciation events in Houston and Atlanta to celebrate their impact.

We closed the month with a book club discussion on radical imagination and the importance of envisioning a more just future.

In **May**, volunteers helped prepare more than 150 Detroit residents for the Detroit Warrant Clinic and supported more than 350 attendees during the event. Our texting volunteers also sent more than 3.5 million messages encouraging civic engagement and community action.

To celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Month**, we hosted a Volunteer Voices panel featuring educators and moderated by Candis Houston. Panelists Kennedy Jackson, Renee Dawson, Dr. Sharon Doe, and Lauren Matthews shared how teaching the truth serves as a foundation for civic engagement and social justice. We continued the conversation at our monthly postcard party, where volunteers took action to support teachers and strengthen public education.

I MATTER. YOU MATTER. WE MATTER.

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