



# Souls to the **POLLS**

## Preparation for the Midterm Elections

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# FAITH ENGAGEMENT TEAM



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# WHO WE ARE

The North Carolina Black Alliance is a 501(c)(3) organization working toward state-level systemic change by strengthening the network of Black elected officials, and Black constituencies throughout the state.

The alliance collaborates with progressive, grassroots networks on intersecting issues to ambitiously address inequality and advance fairness and equity. These issues range from democracy reform, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, and economic justice.

Learn more at [www.NCBlackAlliance.org](http://www.NCBlackAlliance.org).



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# GERRYMANDERING ORIGINS

- Originally spelled Gerry-mander was a term coined by the Boston Gazette in March 1812.
- It was used after Governor Elbridge Gerr signed a bill to redistrict Massachusetts in favor of his party.
- The district was said to have resembled a mythological salamander.



# CODE RED REDISTRICTING

It is critically important that communities of color be involved, as the redistricting process impacts our ability to build and maintain political power and advance the issues that impact our communities daily.

This redistricting education program offered training and resources to help our community understand and monitor the redistricting process and become more effective advocates for fair maps.



# 2022 REDISTRICTING UPDATES

- Plan to participate in monitoring efforts for local redistricting. Resources to assist with this can be found on the **CODE RED** website. We have already hosted two training sessions and conversations this year around the new maps, look out for upcoming county-specific sessions on our website.
- Educate communities on the ways the redistricting process impacts the issues that affect them on a daily basis.
- Submit a public comment on line currently at [www.ncblackalliance.org/Code-Red](http://www.ncblackalliance.org/Code-Red)





# WHY FAITH BASED ORGANIZING

The Black church has been at the forefront of the black liberation movement. From its roots in the “hush harbors,” where secret worship and anti-slavery resistance movements were formed, to its role in the Civil Rights, Voting Rights, and Black Power movements.

This history compels us to work alongside churches in the Black community to once again create the safe spaces, provide opportunities, and cultivate leadership skills to politically empower Black people.

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

## *Engaging Faith Spaces*

- Faith Leaders
  - use the pulpit to galvanize congregants, helping them to make biblical and theological connections to social justice issues
- Identify a Social Justice Coordinator
  - works alongside the pastor(s) to keep the parishioners informed about political issues
  - keeps the church updated on policy changes, and is responsible for registering all voting age members to vote



# WAYS TO ENGAGE

*Sustaining Engagement  
Community-wide*

## Faith Action Coordinator

- Works with local congregations to coordinate issue-campaigns and GOTV efforts
- Works alongside pastors and the Social Justice Coordinators to inform congregants of any pertinent information on policy agendas and election cycles

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

## *Safely Mobilizing Faith Communities to Vote*

- Education (deadlines, options for registration, options for voting)
- Learn how to register online
- Safely mobilize your community to cast their ballot



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### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Date	Event
OCT. 14	Voter Registration Deadline for 2022 Statewide General Elections.
OCT. 20	One-stop, in-person early voting period begins.
NOV. 1	Deadline for civilians to submit an absentee ballot request form.
NOV. 5	One-stop, in-person early voting period ends.
NOV. 8	ELECTION DAY

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

## *Establish a Souls to the Polls Campaign*

- Include the “6 Steps to Register to Vote” flyer in announcements and display on website. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 14.**
- **100%** registration campaign where membership will be asked to check and update their registration.



[ DOWNLOAD RESOURCE AT [SAFEVOTERNC.ORG](https://SAFEVOTERNC.ORG) ]

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

## *Establish a Souls to the Polls Campaign*

- For all credible election information, direct congregants to **SafeVoterNC.Org** →
- Emphasize using the **Voter Tool** for updates around EV, visit **www.ncsbe.gov**
- Mobilize every member to vote at an **Early Voting site**, or complete and return their absentee ballot.
- Utilize **SUNDAY VOTING!!!**



The screenshot shows the 'Voter Safety + Protection' page of the NC Black Alliance. The header includes navigation links like 'HOME', 'COLLECT STUDENTS', and 'VOTER RESOURCES'. The main heading is 'VOTER SAFETY + PROTECTION' with a subtext explaining the platform's purpose. Below this is a 'KEY ELECTION DEADLINES' section with a table of dates and events. The 'KNOW THE FACTS' section provides details on the 2022 statewide election, voter registration, and voting options. The 'GET RESOURCES' section lists links for registering to vote and absentee ballots. The 'PRINTABLE RESOURCES' section features four guides: 'Breaking Down the Ballot', 'How to Register to Vote', 'Steps to Vote Absentee by Mail', and 'Voting Plan Template'. At the bottom, there is a call to action for attorneys to join the fight and a section for 'Our Chance. Our Choice. Our VOTE!' with links for donations and volunteering.

DATE	EVENT
OCTOBER 14	Voter Registration Deadline for NC Residents Electing
OCTOBER 20	One-stop, in-person voting at all election sites, November 8 & 9 start
NOVEMBER 1	Deadline for citizens to submit an absentee ballot request form
NOVEMBER 8	Election Day and online absentee ballot return deadline

### KNOW THE FACTS

- 2022 Statewide Election Information**  
Find details about the 2022 statewide general election. Also, review the information about how to ask for assistance.
- Find Election Dates & Options**  
The 1-year timer has started for your election control date at precinct, county, and municipal level.
- Register to Vote**  
The voter registration deadline in North Carolina is 22 days before an election.
- Voter ID**  
Voters are not currently required to show photo ID until further order of the courts.
- Vote Early in Person**  
Early voting allows registered voters to cast an absentee ballot in person on select days prior to Election Day.
- Vote by Mail**  
Registered North Carolina voters may request, receive and vote using a mail-in absentee ballot in voter elections.

### GET RESOURCES

#### NC VOTER FORMS

- REGISTER TO VOTE**
  - Online Voter Registration Application (NC DMV)
  - Voter Registration Form (English)
  - Voter Registration Form (Spanish)
  - Check Your Registration Status
- ABSENTEE BALLOT (MAIL-IN)**
  - NC Absentee Ballot Request Form (English)
  - Absentee Ballot Request Form (Spanish)
  - Absentee Ballot Request Form (Spanish)

**Voter Registration Deadline is Oct. 14**

**The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Nov. 1 by 5 p.m. The deadline to submit your absentee ballot is Election Day, Nov. 8 by 5 p.m.**

### PRINTABLE RESOURCES

- Breaking Down the Ballot
- How to Register to Vote
- Steps to Vote Absentee by Mail
- Voting Plan Template

[DOWNLOAD PRINTABLE RESOURCES](#)

**Attorneys, Join the Fight!**  
Use these resources to join the fight to protect our fundamental right to vote in North Carolina. If interested, please sign up below. After signing up you will receive the scheduled dates and times for our upcoming sessions.

[SIGN UP TO JOIN THE FIGHT](#)

### Our Chance. Our Choice. Our VOTE!

**ABOUT THE SITE**  
This voter safety information website is a project of the NC Black Alliance. The site is a project of the NC Black Alliance. The site is a project of the NC Black Alliance. The site is a project of the NC Black Alliance.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**  
• [Voter Registration](#)  
• [Voter ID](#)  
• [Voting Plan](#)

**MAKE A DONATION**  
[VOLUNTEER TODAY](#)



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# MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCESS

## *Requesting an Absentee Ballot*

- The ballot must be requested by filling out the Absentee Request Form
- Places to Obtain Absentee Request Forms
  - State Board of Elections Website at <https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov/app/home>
  - State Board of Elections Office
  - County Boards of Elections Office



## 5 STEPS TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL

TOOLS + RESOURCES



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# MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCESS

## *Who may request an Absentee Ballot*

Only a voter, near relative, legal guardian, or any member of a multi-partisan assistance team (MAT) may complete the actual request.

A “near-relative” means: **Spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.**

## *Returning the Absentee Ballot Request*

For the 2022 Midterm Election, a request form may be delivered to the County Board of Elections **by 5 p.m. on November 1**, by one of the following methods:

- In-person
- US Mail or designated delivery service

## *Who can submit the request form?*

- The voter
- The voter’s near relative or verifiable legal guardian
- A county multi-partisan assistance team

**\*A THIRD PARTY, NOT FITTING ONE OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES, MAY NOT SUBMIT THE REQUEST FORM\***

# TIMELINE

## *Transportation Suggestions*

- Individuals who participate in the caravans can drop off ballots at BOE or one stop early voting site
- Coordinate a plan with local officials for public transit for voting

## *Tips for a Successful Caravan*

1. Encourage members to request their absentee ballots
2. Decide on a meeting location and Caravan time
3. Caravan to your Designated Early Voting Location
4. Snap a picture and share #BlackPowerBlackFaith and tag @ncblackalliance on Instagram.

## *Early Voting*

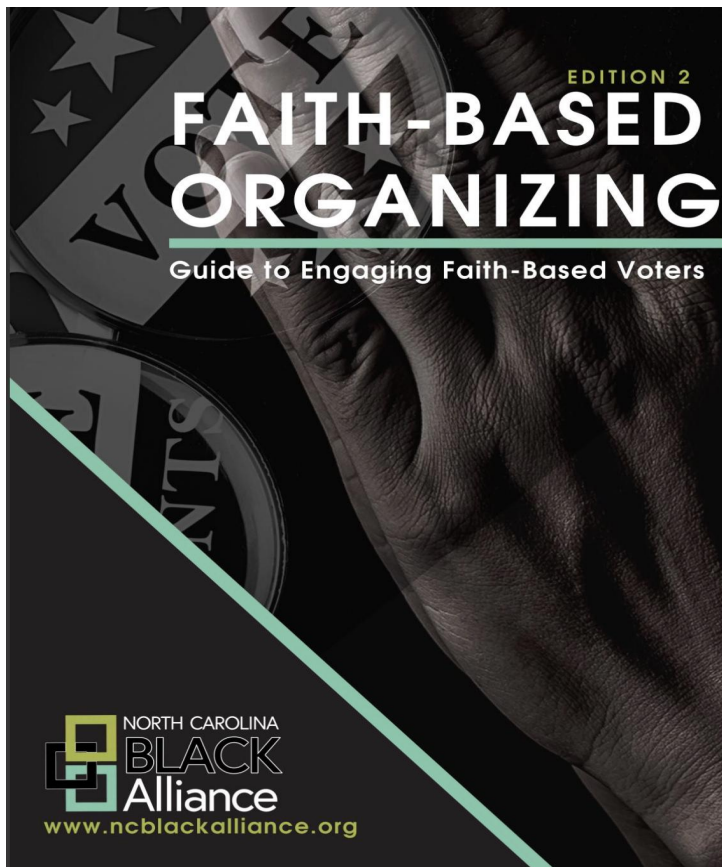
October 20-November 5

**Early Voting/Election Day:**

- Include information about Early Voting dates and times in announcements, website, and social media. **The Early Voting Period will be specific to local BOEs. Check your county BOE for specific hours and locations.**
- **There is One-Stop Voting for all Municipalities that have Early Voting.**



# GET YOURS TODAY!



*Swag Available Soon!*

Faith-Based T-Shirt



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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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# THANK YOU!



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