

Discussion & Resources - Suppressed 2020 – the Fight to Vote

Link to Suppressed 2020 on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rynnRBQwrU>

Share it with friends, congregations, spiritual communities, community action groups

Volunteer opportunities for getting out the vote -September 2020

1. Send letters to registered voters encouraging them to vote:

<https://votefwd.org/indivisible>

2. Send postcards to voters:

To send postcards to voters with a focus on the Senate, contact Casey Leones at politicalcasey@gmail.com. They have two campaigns: 1) send postcards to voters of color in North Carolina to register those that are not registered and ask registered voters to pledge to vote and volunteer with the NC NAACP, and 2) ask registered voters of color in Arizona to sign up for Arizona's vote by mail system, the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL).

To send postcards to voters in swing states go to

<https://postcardstoswingstates.com/>

3. Call voters: contact Reclaim Our Vote (ROV) at:

<http://centerforcommonground.org/main/index.php/campaigns/reclaim-our-vote>

You can sign up with them directly. Or for a local connection with Reclaim Our Vote, contact Sister District Marin to make calls to voters of color affected by voter suppression:

<https://sisterdistrict.com/volunteer/marin/>

Here are some helpful links to election letter writing efforts and there is a lovely Metta Prayer by Maylie Scott included in the PDF.

<https://votefwd.org>

<https://www.electionretreat.org/materials-for-letter-writing-retreat/>

Website Resources:

Help staff your local polling place: powerthepolls.org

Marinvotes.org

Tells you deadlines to register for absentee ballots in CA and much more.
Also find out where our drop boxes and voting places will be.

Oct 19th is deadline to register for absentee ballot in CA

Oct 27 deadline by which you can request a new absentee ballot if you did not get one.

Track your ballot in CA. When it was mailed, received and counted.

Wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov

This is a site about **protecting the right to vote:**

<https://fairfight.com/join-our-fight/>

There is a new website with **easy to follow voting information** for **Each STATE!** Stephen Colbert has created this:

<https://www.betterknowaballot.com/>

click on your state. **You can learn how to register to vote, request an absentee ballot or how to vote in person easily & safely in your state.**
Soon, there will be a video for every state. Spread the word!!!

SURJMarin.org

Reclaim our vote virtual phone bank.

Calling out of state voters who have likely been purged from the rolls and offering tools to help.

Potential Actions:

- Do outreach to voters in other states via postcard campaigns, calls or letters writing campaigns
- Write letters to the editor of newspapers
- Spread the word to those out of state to know more about voting in their state: <https://www.betterknowaballot.com/>
- Donate to those that are fighting against voter suppression such as the ACLU or Southern Poverty Law Center, etc...
- Inform others locally of their resources
- If you are healthy, young & feel safe, volunteer at a polling place

What else do you suggest? How can you get involved?