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Democracy News

Welcome, Democracy Builders. Check out the exciting news for upcoming dates, events, and opportunities to expand Equitable Civic Engagement. Check out the newsletter below!



Do you know the key 2021 dates?

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for them. This year, we have a Primary Election for the Suburbs, a Special Election for the District 11 Congressional Race, Cleveland Primary Election, and a General Election. Below are the dates and the voter registration deadlines. Remember to encourage people to check their voter registration [here](#).

May 4th Primary (Suburbs)

Voter Registration Deadline: April 5th

Early Voting Starts: April 6th

August 3rd - Special Election (District 11 Congressional Race)

Voter Registration Deadline: July 6

Early Voting - TBD

September 14th Primary (Cleveland)

Voter Registration Deadline: August 16th

Early Voting Starts: August 17th

November 2nd General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 4th

Early Voting Starts: October 5th

Upcoming Event: Office of Reentry's Reentry Week 2021

Cleveland VOTES, Alpha Omega Foundation, and the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry are hosting a nonpartisan training for individuals interested in engaging community members civically and learning

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engage elected officials about legislation relevant to their needs. To participate in the training, you can register [here](#). If you have any questions and want to learn more about the Office of Reentry's Reentry Week contact Katrice Williams at katrice.williams@jfs.ohio.gov.

Date: April 28th, 2021
Time: 11:30 am - 1 pm



2020 Democracy in Review: Reclaiming our Narrative

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pushed in unimaginable ways. Whether it was registering people at peaceful rallies/protests, prototyping digital engagements, providing PPE to people while they registered to vote and complete the census, equitable democracy is about us collectively reclaim our narrative.

Cleveland VOTES is proud to release our first 2020 Democracy in Review: Reclaiming our Narrative soon. Please be on the lookout for our upcoming Democracy in Review report soon. Below are some 2020 highlights of our collective work. Thank you, Democracy Builders.

\$312,437

Awarded from Cleveland VOTES in 2020

\$562,437

Awarded with Philanthropic partners in 2020

109 Events

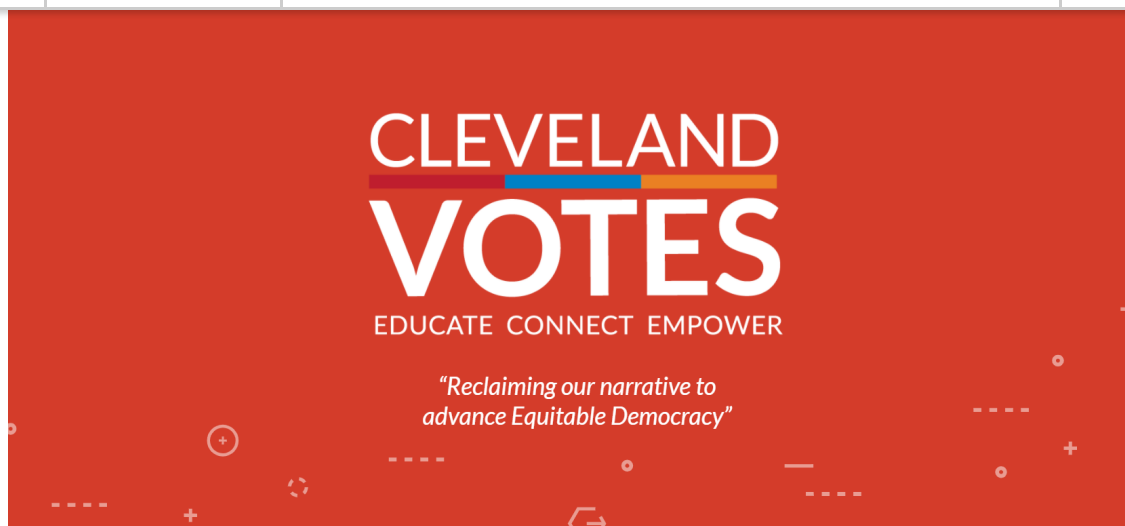
Cleveland VOTES + Partners/Grantees' Events in 2020

89 Engagements

Cleveland VOTES Speaking Engagements/Training

21,000+ Completed Voter Registrations

Completed voter registrations collected with partners/grantees in 2020



What did we do?

#Commit2CLE Celebrate Democracy + Civic Engagement

Last week, Cleveland VOTES reconnected with some partners for this year's first, **#C2C Celebrate Democracy + Civic Engagement**. The purpose of this meeting was to *Learn from the Past and Build for the Future*. We shared our plans for the year, discussed critical dates and important democracy-related matters, and shared what we all have planned for the upcoming year. Thank you, Democracy Builders, for joining us for this celebration. Additionally, Cleveland VOTES and the Ohio Progressive Collaborative conducted a presentation to the Community Development Corporations (CDCs) about the 2020 Election data, voter turnout in Cleveland, and discussed how CDCs can infuse equitable civic engagement strategies in their organizations.



Working toward a more inclusive, collaborative and engaged Cleveland: Alesha Washington, Marcia Egbert and Dale Anglin

Curious how philanthropy is shifting as a result of 2020? Check out this article discussing the ways philanthropic partners are working to create a more inclusive, equitable, and collaborative Cleveland. Read more about the article [here](#).



Criminal Justice Fellowship

The Cleveland Foundation, in partnership with the [Ohio Transformation Fund](#), to develop the [Criminal Justice Fellowship](#). The purpose of the fellowship is to develop guiding principles for supporting criminal justice reform in Greater Cleveland that aligns, honors, and adds value to existing and developing efforts by stakeholders and effectively uses Cleveland Foundation networks and resources, and more. Apply for the fellowship [here](#).

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