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“Voting is Our Voice”

Roll to the Polls Kick Off

and

Taking it to the Streets

St. Petersburg, FL— October 14, 2020 — The Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum in partnership with Women Talk Black, the Tampa Bay Rays and more than 60 community organizations have joined forces to ensure the largest voter turnout in our city’s history. Tropicana Field will be the host location for St. Petersburg’s ONLY **Drive Thru Drop Off** voting location. Since the primary election, **“Voting is Our Voice”** has worked tirelessly to lessen concerns regarding safe options for residents to cast their ballots during the pandemic. Beginning October 19 through November 1, members of the community can drive through the parking lot of Tropicana Field and deposit their ballot. A designated member of the Supervisor of Elections office will manage the daily operation of the site.

Saturday, October 17, beginning at 10:30 am **“Voting is Our Voice”** organizers and partners will rally in their vehicles during a Press Conference which will kick off activities in conjunction with getting out the vote. Immediately following the Press Conference, volunteers will be taking our efforts to the street. Motorcading through neighborhoods, sign waving and knocking on doors to remind residents the importance of returning their mail-in ballot.

Saturday, October 24 and 31 beginning at 1:30 pm, staging for a motorcade will occur in Tropicana’s Lot 4 where bicyclist, motorcyclist, skaters, those on golf carts, cars, and trucks will **“Roll to the Polls.”** Saturday, October 31, vehicles will be creatively decorated as a part of our demonstration of democracy. Masks, t shirts, water bottles and other novelty items will be available for the first 1,000 participants.

Confirmed Speakers: Mayor Rick Kriseman, Stephon Thomas, Tampa Bay Rays, Michele Raynor Goolsby, District 70 State Representative Elect, Watson Haynes, Pinellas County Urban League, Linsey Grove, The League of Women Voters of St. Pete Area, and Lorelei Matisse, COMEOUTSTPETE.

Voting is Our Voice is a collaboration between Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum and Women Talk Black. Voter empowerment is the core of this initiative. Launched earlier this year, our goal is to deliver resources and programming to support efforts around voter education and increased civic engagement.

Voting is Our Voice Partners

Ilove Magazine
Advantage Village Academy
African American Heritage Trail
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc -Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter*
AKA AKAdemy
Allendale United Methodist Church
Arts Conservatory for Teens -ACT
ASALH Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Bay Area Dream Defenders
Beards and Bikes of Tampa Bay
Black Health Equity Alliance
CDAT Community Development and Training
CDK Art by Carina Dorothy Krehl
COMEOUTSTPETE
Common Ground
Cultured Books
Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum
Equal Ground
Eta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Faith in Florida
Ford Christian Academy
Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg*
Fred G. Minnis, Sr. Bar Association*
Greater Mt. Zion AME Church*
Healthy Start - A Program at Johns Hopkins
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions ISPS (St. Petersburg College)
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. St. Petersburg Alumni Chapter
Kappa League Male Leadership Institute
League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area*
Legacy-56
Mt. Zion Human Services
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church
Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
Ministry of Empowerment, Inc.
Nu Body Fitness
Organize Florida
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Delta Omicron Sigma Chapter
Pinellas County Black Caucus
Pinellas County National Panhellenic Council
Pinellas County Urban League
PrettySMART Law
SCLC Florida Pinellas County Chapter
Shirley Proctor Puller Foundation
South Pinellas - St. Petersburg Chapter of the FAMU National Alumni Association*
Social Justice Advocacy Program at Stetson College
St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
St. Petersburg Section NCNW - National Council of Negro Women*
Suncoast Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
The Deuces Live
The Make it Out Foundation, Inc.
The Original NFL Veterans
The Tampa Bay Rays
The Well
Theta Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Tombolo Books
Trike Boyz
Voice Your Vote 2020
Women Talk Black
Woodson Warrior Scholars
Zeta Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority