2026

BLACK VOTERS' SURVIVAL GUIDE

866 OUR VOTE

WE DECIDE OUR FUTURE.

This 2026 election season, Black voters and other voters of color are facing increased threats to our access to the ballot box. The federal government and many state lawmakers are attacking our voting rights so that they can hold on to power at all costs. They are changing voting rules, rigging election maps, attacking vote by mail, and using shoddy data in an effort to remove millions of Black and Brown citizens from the voter rolls.

Despite their best efforts, we will not be silenced. We are "the people" and we have the power. Let's show up and make sure our voices are heard and our votes counted.

In the current climate, the **866-OUR-VOTE** Election Protection hotline, administered by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, is more important than ever.

The Lawyers' Committee was founded over 60 years ago, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, to ensure the full protection of voting rights for Black people and other people of color, and we're not backing down now. **Whether you call, text, or contact 866-OUR-VOTE** through social media, a trained volunteer will provide you with trusted, nonpartisan information, so that you can vote and have your vote counted.

We decide who represents us. No matter the obstacles coming our way this election, the **866-OUR-VOTE** hotline has your back. We are in this fight with you, ensuring that every person has the voice, opportunity, and power to thrive in their communities.

Make a plan to vote and contact **866-OUR-VOTE** or visit **866ourvote.org** to get information about voting in your state.

MAKE A VOTING PLAN

- **Confirm your voter registration** status at least a month before Election Day. Visit 866.ourvote.org and select your state page to check your voter registration.
- **Vote early,** if possible.
- **If voting by mail,** return your ballot as early as possible – no later than 7 days before Election Day. You may also be able to hand-deliver it to a drop box or your elections office before polls close on Election Day. Call the Hotline to learn about ballot delivery options in your state.
- **Check your voting location** before you go and allow extra time in case the lines are long.
- **Visit 866ourvote.org** to check ID requirements for your state.
- **You have the right to vote without intimidation, coercion, or threats.** Immediately report problems to election officials or local law enforcement. Call the Election Protection Hotline to report issues.
- **Save 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)** in your phone so you can call from the polling place if necessary.

If you need information or have problems voting, call us!
Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE / 866-687-8683

WE CAN HELP

The Election Protection 866-OUR-VOTE hotline offers year-round support on a wide range of voting questions and problems.

HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Common Voting Problems

- Late-arriving absentee ballots
- Voting equipment issues
- Long lines at polling places
- Campaigning inside restricted areas
- Intimidation or harassment at the polls
- Poll worker misconduct
- Provisional ballots
- Curbside voting assistance
- Language assistance

Common Voting Questions

- When can I vote?
- Where can I vote?
- How do I register to vote?
- Can I vote early?
- Am I allowed to vote by absentee ballot?
- What ID do I need to vote?
- I moved, can I vote at my old polling place?
- I am in the military/living overseas, how do I vote?
- I am a reentering citizen, am I able to vote?

Assistance is also available in:

Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Tagalog, Urdu, and Vietnamese