

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS WASHINGTON, DC



### Voter Education and Outreach Division General Election Outreach After Action Report

### Voter Education Outreach Overview:

The DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) Voter Education and Outreach Division is committed to providing equal and accessible opportunities for District residents to register to vote and to learn about the voting process and District elections. Proactive and inclusive voter outreach increase meaningful participation of all eligible voters. To increase voter registration among residents in marginalized and vulnerable communities and groups, DCBOE takes an intentional approach to outreach and education efforts to increase awareness, perception and confidence among residents of marginalized and vulnerable communities and groups.

From January to November 2024, DCBOE participated in approximately 335 outreach events, with 164 events targeting the General Election, across the District. These events included voter engagement and registration activities at high schools, colleges, senior facilities, homeless shelters, and libraries.

From January to November 2022, DCBOE participated in 210 outreach events, with 97 events targeting the General Election. These outreach efforts included in person and virtual activities.

There were specific factors that contributed to an increase in outreach efforts in 2024 compared to 2022: Presidential Election in 2024, new Non-Citizen Voting Legislation passed in 2023, more community partnerships, and increase excitement surrounding the Presidential Election.

#### Non-Citizen DC Resident Voting:

In February 2023, the DC Council passed the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, giving non-citizen DC residents the right to vote in local elections. DCBOE targeted multi-ethnic and multi-lingual communities to increase outreach and education efforts surrounding the new legislation for local non-citizen residents. DCBOE focused its efforts towards Spanish-speaking neighborhoods and building stronger partnerships with community organizations that provide services to multi-ethnic populations, such as Mary's Center, the DC Bar Legal Clinic, Carlos Rosario Public Charter School, and Naturalization Ceremonies.

#### **Community Events and Partnerships:**

DCBOE collaborated with various community groups and municipal partners to ensure every eligible voter had an opportunity to register to vote and to cast a ballot in the 2024 General Election. DCBOE strengthened its existing partnership with DC Department of Aging and

Community Living and numerous nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, retirement communities, and senior residential buildings, by engaging District seniors about the 2024 Presidential Election, and registering them to vote and update their residential address to ensure they receive a mail-in ballot. In addition, DCBOE collaborated with several public and public charter high schools, to engage and educate first-time voters about voter registration, voting and District elections. Below is a list of high school outreach events facilitated from January to October 2024.

School Name	Ward	Date
Eastern High School	7	January 18, 2024
1700 E Capitol Street,		
NE		
Theodore Roosevelt	4	January 31, 2024
High School		
4301 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW		
Phelps ACE High	5	February 6, 2024
School		
704 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, NE		
Bard High School	8	February 20, 2024
1350 Alabama Ave,		
SE		
Cardozo Education	1	February 23, 2024
Campus High School		
1200 Clifton Street,		
NW		
Basis High School	2	February 26, 2024
410 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW		
School Without Walls	2	March 20, 2024
High School		
2130 G Street, NW		
Phelps ACE High	5	April 29, 2024
School		
704 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, NE		
Maya Angelou Public	7	May 1, 2024
Charter School		
5600 East Capitol		
Street, NE		
Duke Ellington School	2	May 13, 2024
of Arts		
3500 R Street, NW		

#### FY 2024 Public High Schools Outreach Events

Ron Brown High	7	May 14, 2024
School		
4800 Meade Street,		
NE		

## FY 2024 Public Charter High School Outreach Events

School Name	Ward	Date
E.L. Haynes PCS	4	January 11, 2024
4501 Kansas Avenue, NW		
Washington Latin PCS	4	February 2, 2024
5200 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, NW		
Richard Wright PCS	6	March 11, 2024
475 School Street, SW		
IDEA PCS	7	March 19, 2024
1027 45th Street, NE		
Columbia Heights Education Campus	1	March 22, 2024
3101 16 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW		
Briya PCS	4	April 12, 2024
2333 Ontario Rd NW		
Maya Angelou PCS	7	May 1, 2024
5600 East Capitol Street, NE		
Academy of Hope PCS	8	May 8, 2024
421 Alabama Avenue, SE		
Thurgood Marshall Academy	8	August 20, 2024
2427 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE		
Friendship Technology Prep Academy	8	September 4, 2024
2705 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE		
Maya Angelou School	7	September 13, 2024
5600 E Capitol Street, NE		
The Next Step PCS	1	September 16, 2024
3047 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW		
Carlos Rosario International PCS	1	September 16, 2024
1100 Harvard Street, NW		
Washington Latin PCS	4	September 16, 2024
5200 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, NW		
Carlos Rosario International PCS	1	September 16, 2024
1100 Harvard Street, NW		
Carlos Rosario International PCS	1	September 17, 2024
514 V Street, NE		
Friendship Technology Prep Academy	8	September 17, 2024
2705 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE		
Richard Wright PCS	4	September 19, 2024

475 School Street, SW		
Cesar Chavez PCS	7	September 20, 2024
3701 Hayes Street, NE		
Washington Leadership Academy	5	September 21, 2024
3015 4th Street, NE		
IDEA PCS	7	September 24, 2024
1027 45th Street, NE		
The PCS	1	September 30, 2024
3047 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW		
SEED PCS	7	September 30, 2024
4300 C Street SE		
Richard Wright PCS	6	October 1, 2024
475 School Street, SW		
Columbia Height Education Campus	1	October 17, 2024
3101 16th Street, NW		
Friendship Collegiate Academy	7	October 27, 2024
4095 Minnesota Avenue, NE		

In addition to high schools located in wards 7 and 8, DCBOE participated in a total of 60 outreach events and activities in communities throughout wards 7 and 8. DCBOE also facilitated voter education and outreach efforts at 16 shelters and facilities for unhoused individuals or those without a permanent residential address. Some of the organizations include Catholic Charities (East Men's Shelter, Adam's Place, Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter, and New York Avenue's Men's Shelter), DC Coalition for the Homeless, So Others Might Eat (SOME), and Calvary Women's Services.

During the 2024 election, the Voter Education and Outreach Division (VEOD) established many new community partnerships to strengthen its relationship with District residents and to facilitate voter registration services throughout the city. By collaborating with a diverse group of partners, VEOD advanced voter education, increased voter confidence, boosted election awareness, and expanded voter in underserved and marginalized communities' engagement in an impactful and intentional manner. Below is a list of VEOD's 2024 new community partners:

- DC National Army Guard
- Davis Boxing Promotions
- N Street Village
- Smart from the Start
- Capitol Classics
- Day of Play at RFK
- El Tamarindo Restaurant
- Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter
- St. Josephine's Women's Shelter
- A Taste of the DMV Festival

- A Wider Circle
- Black Nurses Rock DMV Chapter
- Building Bridges Across the River (THEARC)
- DC Bar
- National Hand Dance Association
- Hope and a Home
- Christ House

#### Adopt-A-Vote Center (AAVC):

This year, VEOD developed and distributed an outreach survey to participating groups and organizations in the Adopt-A-Vote Center (AAVC) program. The survey's intent was to obtain feedback on the participants' overall experience. It sought information on communication from VEOD and the Election Worker Division, as well as their expectations and experience. It also provided space for individuals to share additional comments and suggestions.

The results of the survey were relatively favorable and positive. VEOD received an "excellent" in all categories. Below are selected comments and suggestions:

- "Great site lead, training was thorough."
- "This was an incredible "behind-the-scenes" experience to see how a Vote Center is prepared for elections and operates."
- "This was my first time working at a Vote Center. I am glad I was able to do it through the Adopt-A-Vote Center program."

Four of the 13 groups and organizations participating in the 2024 General Election AAVC program returned a survey.