



LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR
CIVIL RIGHTS
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DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

The public health crisis caused by COVID-19 laid bare just how deeply racial inequality affects the key functions of our democracy, particularly access to the ballot box. Some voters were forced to choose between their health and well-being, or exercising their right to vote.

Throughout the 2020 primary and general election season, we made sure that Black voters and other communities of color could cast their ballots. We filed over **50** lawsuits to expand access to safe voting practices, organized **43,000** lawyers to staff the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline, held education events to reach unregistered voters, testified before Congress, and promoted the importance of participating in the 2020 Census and the following redistricting cycle.

► OUR IMPACT IN 2020

Reached 246,000 voters through the Election Protection Hotline.

Educated first-time voters and dispelled voter confusion

Secured access to absentee ballots for voters and extended poll hours

Countered voter intimidation and attacks on groups registering voters of color

Stopped illegal purges of state voter rolls

Addressed the shortages of poll workers in underserved communities

Ensured safe and sanitary poll conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic

866-OUR-VOTE

MADE THE DIFFERENCE



45,000

volunteer shifts



50+

voting lawsuits filed



300

partner organizations



246,000

calls to 866-OUR-VOTE



\$1→\$7

\$1 donated equals \$7 in impact

BLOCKING BARRIERS TO THE VOTE

TOP CONCERNS OF CALLERS TO THE HOTLINE

PRE-2020



Voter Registration



Polling Place Location



Absentee Ballot Access

2020



Voter Registration and ID



Vote by Mail



Voter Intimidation

ELECTION PROTECTION
1-866-OUR-VOTE
(1-866-687-8683)
Know Your Rights

SECURING RACIAL JUSTICE

2021 AND FORWARD



OUR ISSUES

- ▶ **Criminal Justice**
- ▶ **Digital Justice**
- ▶ **Economic Justice**
- ▶ **Educational Opportunities**
- ▶ **Fair Housing and Community Development**
- ▶ **James Byrd, Jr. Center to Stop Hate**
- ▶ **Public Policy**
- ▶ **Regional Office in North Carolina**
- ▶ **Special Litigation & Advocacy**
- ▶ **Voting Rights**

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law stands on the front lines of the most pressing and complex civil rights issues of our time. We use legal advocacy to achieve racial justice, fighting inside and outside the courts to ensure that Black people and other people of color have voice, opportunity, and power to make the promises of our democracy real.

Through our work, we:



Advance Democracy to make Black voices, votes, and vitality count



Advance Justice to reduce criminalization of poverty and race and enhance safety for Black communities



Advance Opportunity to promote equity in access to, and diversity of, critical institutions



Advance Prosperity to ensure increased economic stability, wealth, and health for Black communities



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