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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Community Empowerment Association

Community Empowerment Association (CEA), Inc. was organized by community activist T. Rashad Byrdsong in 1993 in an effort to reduce and prevent violence in the Homewood-Brushton area of Pittsburgh. CEA's mission is to restore, reclaim and transform distressed communities through strategic planning, collaboration, advocacy, education and mobilization. CEA seeks to develop the knowledge, skill, leadership and influence that will enable its participants, families, and the community to live healthy secure, fruitful, and productive lives. Since its inception in 1993, CEA has been tirelessly serving thousands of disadvantaged and minority families throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area and has served over 25,000 individuals, youth and families residing in 48 neighborhoods, enrolled in 74 schools and 9 school districts within Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

Registering to Vote

How do I register to vote?

Register online, in-person or by mail. To register online at:
https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx.

Otherwise, you may print a paper application and mail or take it to your county elections office.
https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Documents/Voter_Registration_Application_English.pdf

Deadline to register is October 19th.

Am I already registered?

Check your voter registration status online with the Pennsylvania Department of State. If you're already registered but need to change your address or political affiliation, you may do so by filling out a new voter registration form.

What is required to register and what's the deadline?

You must have been a resident of your voting district and U.S. citizen for at least 30 days before the election. You must also be 18 years old by Election Day. The deadline to register is October 19th.

How Can I Vote?

How can I vote?

You can vote in person or by mail. In-person voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 3. Check with your county elections office for polling place locations. You can request a mail-in ballot application either online or at your county elections office.

How do I get a mail-in ballot?

Fill out and submit the Pennsylvania Department of State's online mail ballot request form. Or print and fill out an application, and mail or deliver it to your county elections office. If you don't have access to a computer, you can contact your elections office and ask to have an application mailed to you. If you're voting by mail, also be sure to place your ballot first in the enclosed secrecy envelope before putting it inside the larger envelope for mailing.

Can I vote in person?

Yes. Use this link:
https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx
to find your polling place. In-person voting will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 3. You do not need an ID unless it is your first time voting in your current precinct. If it is, you should plan to bring a state or student ID, passport or proof of residence, like a utility bill.

Three Reasons to VOTE

1.Your Vote DOES matter.

Many people were raised to believe that voting isn't important. Your vote may not directly elect the president, but if your vote joins enough others in your voting district or county, your vote undoubtedly matters when it comes to electoral results.

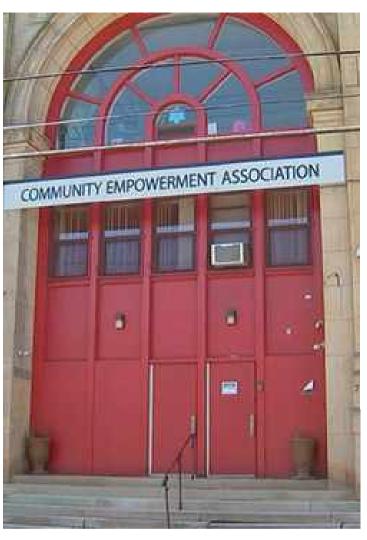## 2.Everything to gain, and much to lose.

Vote because we (African Americans) are the ones that are at the bottom of the pole economically, at every level you can think of. Depending on this election's final result that disparities in the Black community, such as unemployment, housing, education and health could worsen.

3.Frustration is NOT an excuse.

Frustration with politicians, however Is understandable, provides no excuse. Those who make the conscious decision to not vote FAILS their community. It is our responsibility to be civic actors. VOTE.

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