

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROTECTING THE POLLS & THE VOTE

10-27-20

<b>PROTECTING THE POLLS &amp; THE ELECTION</b>	
<b>Protect the Vote</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To sign up, visit <a href="#">here</a> or <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• On Election Day (and during early voting), Protect the Vote will mobilize voter protection field programs across the country. Roles: monitoring polling places (from your vehicle, or with proper personal safety equipment), watchdogging social media for disinformation, reaching out to voters to make sure they know their rights, or maintaining voter assistance hotlines in multiple languages to connect voters with trained, legal assistance.</li> <li>• Protect the Vote is a national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition made up of more than 100 local, state and national partners. Main sponsor: Common Cause.</li> </ul>
<b>Election Defenders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To sign up, visit <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Election Defenders is working to provide safe supports for voting (such as PPE and water), election and voter defense, de-escalating intimidation tactics and signaling to a network of groups and lawyers if and where trouble breaks out. Online trainings cover: poll monitoring, bystander training, de-escalation, and combating disinformation.</li> <li>• Election Defenders is organized by <a href="#">The Frontline</a>, a new group sponsored by Working Families Organization, Working Families Party, and Movement for Black Lives Electoral Justice Project.</li> </ul>
<b>UU the Vote</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Ready and Resilient Group Planning and Processing.” Last training: Fri, Oct 30, 2020 12:00 PM. Register <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Join Rev. Ashley Horan for facilitated group discussion and action planning session re: need to defend the election. “With early voting and absentee ballot returns underway, we’re already seeing intentionally weak infrastructure to support the volume of people casting their ballots. This year we must be prepared for all scenarios, find our lane, and take faithful action to defend our elections, support voters, and to act in unity and solidarity to demand that every vote is counted.”</li> </ul>
<b>PROTECTING THE RESULTS</b>	
<b>Protect the Results - Boston</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Boston events and registration, visit <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• If Trump undermines the election results, the Protect the Results coalition will activate nationwide mobilizations to demand that all votes are counted and for peaceful transition of power. For Boston, tentative first mobilization date/time is Nov. 4, 3:30pm, Boston Common across from State House. To find events in other MA communities, visit <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Lead organizers: Indivisible and Stand Up America; also Choose Democracy, Common Cause plus <a href="#">many others</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Choose Democracy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A short-term <a href="#">platform</a> focusing on “What if there’s a coup?” bringing together a crew of organizers, activists, trainers, academics, and concerned citizens. They offer a pledge, training, handbooks and resources on how efforts can succeed to stop a coup.</li> <li>• Two trainings offered: 1. “How To Defeat an Election-Related Power Grab” featuring George Lakey; and 2. “At the brink: Getting Ready to Stop a Coup.” Sign up <a href="#">here</a>. Also see this <a href="#">resource list</a>.</li> </ul>
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