

REPRESENTWOMEN'S

TAKE ACTION RESOURCE GUIDE

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A thriving democracy is within our reach, but we must ensure that women across the racial, ideological, and geographic spectrum have equal opportunities to enter political office so that our nation's rich diversity is reflected in our government.

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RepresentWomen is a research-based advocacy group that promotes the use of systems strategies to advance women's representation and leadership in the U.S. and abroad.

To achieve our mission, RepresentWomen partners with allies across the country and political spectrum who help amplify our work by putting what we've researched into practice. By working in concert with our allies to address the barriers to office, we can ensure that more women RUN, WIN, SERVE & LEAD.

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INTRODUCTION



For our inaugural Solutions Summit, RepresentWomen gathered experts in election administration, voting rights, and democracy reform to discuss the viable, scalable, and transformative initiatives that will strengthen our democracy. Over the course of three days, we held sessions on fair elections, fair access, and fair representation, ending each day with ways we could take action to advance the solutions discussed that day.

We compiled all of those ideas, resources, and guides into one place to create this 2022 Solutions Summit Resource Guide, which provides a plethora of take-action options so you can be a part of the solution.

Join us in building a 21st-century democracy.

If you have any additional questions about the Resource Guide or RepresentWomen, please contact us at info@representwomen.org. For more Take Action items and information, visit the RepresentWomen website and follow us online.



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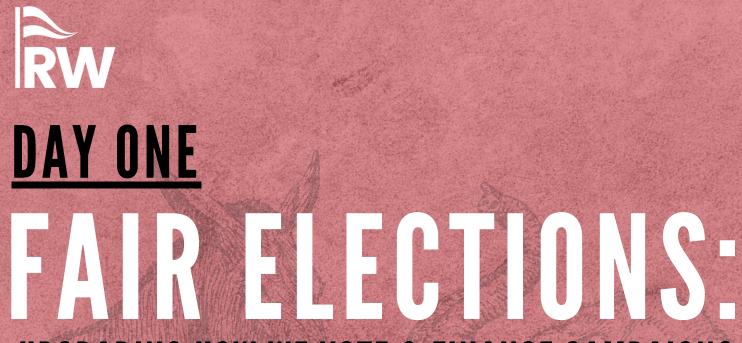
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UPGRADING HOW WE VOTE & FINANCE CAMPAIGNS

To kick off our Solutions Summit, experts in elections and election administration discussed the ways in which early voting, vote by mail, universal voting registration, and innovative campaign financing can combat pressing issues related to fair elections. Day I featured New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Pennsylvania Acting Secretary of State Leigh Chapman, Director of Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Danielle Allen, United States Postal Service Board of Governors member Amber McReynolds, and many more! Take a look at the Action Steps provided by our Day I speakers and panelists.



DAY ONE FAIR ELECTIONS:

UPGRADING HOW WE VOTE & FINANCE CAMPAIGNS

*SESSION 1: EARLY VOTING / VOTE BY MAIL AND UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION

WITH LEIGH CHAPMAN, ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE (PENNSYLVANIA)



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DAY ONE FAIR ELECTIONS:

UPGRADING HOW WE VOTE & FINANCE CAMPAIGNS

*SESSION 2: INNOVATIONS IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE

WITH SHEILA KRUMHOLZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPENSECRETS, CHISUN LEE, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS & GOVERNMENT AT THE BRENNAN CENTER, AND ANN RAVEL, FORMER CHAIR OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



DEFEND GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO CHIP AWAY AT ACCESS TO INFORMATION THROUGH MEANINGFUL (SUBSTANTIVE, COMPLETE) AND EFFECTIVE (MACHINE READABLE) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.





SIGN UP HERE TO LEARN ABOUT THE FAIR ELECTIONS FOR NEW YORK ACTIONS AND EVENTS, AND SMALL DONOR MATCH PUBLIC FINANCING PROGRAM.

IF YOU REPRESENT A LAW FIRM INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH THE BRENNAN CENTER ON PRO BONO PROJECTS, PLEASE CONTACT ELISA MILLER AT ELISA.MILLER@NYU.EDU.

CHECK OUT THE BRENNAN CENTER'S <u>Money in Politics Toolkit</u>

GET EQUIPPED WITH BRENNAN CENTER'S <u>NEW YORK STATE'S NEW SMALL</u>

<u>DONOR PUBLIC FINANCING PROGRAM GUIDE</u>

READ <u>DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA?: WHAT HAS GONE WRONG</u>

AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

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DAY ONE FAIR ELECTIONS:

UPGRADING HOW WE VOTE & FINANCE CAMPAIGNS

*SESSION 3: EARLY VOTING / VOTE BY MAIL, UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION, ELECTRONIC VOTING ACCESS, AND BETTER CAMPAIGN FINANCE

WITH ONIDA COWARD MAYERS, MIRAM GROUP VICE PRESIDENT SARAH BLAHOVEC, VOTING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING AND MOLLY FITZPATRICK, BOULDER COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

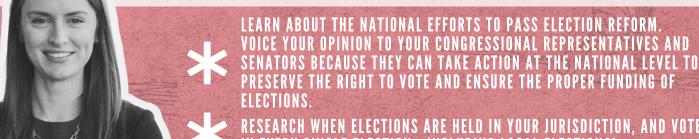


REGISTER SOMEONE TO VOTE, DONATE TO SUPPORT BLACK WOMEN'S CAMPAIGNS, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME!









RESEARCH WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN YOUR JURISDICTION, AND VOTE IN EVERY SINGLE ELECTION - INCLUDING LOCAL ELECTIONS!

READ BOULDER COUNTY ELECTIONS ELECTION SECURITY COMMUNITY BRIEFING

FAIR ACCESS:

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, VOTING RIGHTS & THE LEGACY OF LANI GUINIER

The second day of the Solutions Summit focused on legislation and policies that make voting more accessible to all people. Our panelists and speakers highlighted solutions such as the National Popular Vote, reauthorizing the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, electronic voting, and language translation to ensure everyone can cast their vote. Day 2 featured New Mexico House Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez, Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold, and many others! Here you will find the Action Steps that were provided by our Day 2 speakers and panelists.

FAIR ACCESS:

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, VOTING RIGHTS & THE LEGACY OF LANI GUINIER

*SESSION 1: NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE WITH EILEEN REAVEY, NATIONAL GRASSROOTS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE



- * WRITE YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS ASKING THEM TO SUPPORT ELECTING THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.
- * READ THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE EXPLANATION HERE.

DAY TWO

FAIR ACCESS:

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THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, VOTING RIGHTS & THE LEGACY OF LANI GUINIER

*SESSION 2: REAUTHORIZATION OF THE JOHN LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT

WITH <u>YAEL BROMBERG</u>, ESQ. CHIEF COUNSEL & STRATEGIC DIRECTOR AND <u>SABRINA KHAN</u>, DEPUTY DIRECTORY, VOTER PROTECTION PROGRAM AT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT



TAKE ACTION TAKE AWAYS



READ BOMBERG'S ARTICLE
"YOUTH VOTING RIGHTS AND THE
UNFULFILLED PROMISE OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT."



VISIT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT'S WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS ON HOW TO SUPPORT VOTING RIGHTS WORK ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

DAY TWO

FAIR ACCESS:



THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, VOTING RIGHTS
& THE LEGACY OF LANI GUINIER

*SESSION 3: ACCESS TO VOTING FOR ALL PANEL



SHARE AAPIS' EXPERIENCES WITH VOTING AND GET THE WORD OUT THAT THE FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS INCLUDES AND IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITIES USING APIA VOTE'S SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT AND THE HASHTAG #AAPISFORVOTINGRIGHTS

- * CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS HERE
- * READ APIA VOTE'S CONFRONTING DISINFORMATION GUIDE

WITH CHRISTINE CHEN, CO-FOUNDER & ED OF ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN VOTE



NOMINATE A NATIVE LEADER TO RUN FOR OFFICE WITH ADVANCE NATIVE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP <u>HERE</u>.

READ ANPL'S <u>Publication</u> "Addressing the strengths, structural barriers, and opportunities to getting native americans into elected leadership"

READ THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND'S <u>Publication</u> "Obstacles at every turn: barriers to political participation faced by native american voters"

<u>Anathea Chino</u>, co-founder & ed of advance native political leadership



SIGN UP TO BE AN **ELECTION PROTECTION MONITOR** WITH THE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND OR YOUR STATES ELECTION PROTECTION COALITION.

SIGN UP TO BE A POLL WORKER OR ELECTION JUDGE IN YOUR LOCALITY.

IF YOU RESIDE IN THE SOUTH IN A STATE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY UNDER PRE-CLEARANCE, CHECK OUT THE NAACP LDF'S VOTING RIGHTS MICROSITE!

<u>Christina das</u>, attorney, naacp legal defense fund



HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A YOUNG PERSON ABOUT WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS TO YOU! ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THEIR REGISTRATION STATUS, THEIR POLLING PLACE, AND WHO IS ON THEIR BALLOT. BY BEING A REGISTERED AND INFORMED VOTER, THEIR VOTE IS IN THEIR HANDS!

AND AVA MATEO, ED OF 18BY.VOTE



PAY THREE FAIR REPRESENTATION:

EXPANDING THE HOUSE, RANKED CHOICE VOTING, REDISTRICTING & THE FAIR REPRESENTATION ACT

To round out the Solutions Summit, we highlighted what needs to be done to create a democracy that reflects all people and the solutions we can implement to ensure our government is truly working for us all. With barriers such as the incumbency advantage, limited size of the House, gerrymandering, and winner-take-all elections, there are numerous factors that hinder equal representation. Our featured experts discussed how expanding the House, independent redistricting committees, ranked choice voting, and the Fair Representation Act are a viable solutions that resolve this crisis in representation. Notably, Day 3 featured Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, Director of Harvard's Edmond Safra Center for Ethics Danielle Allen, Founder and CEO of Vote Run Lead Erin Vilardi, former UT legislator Rebecca Chavez-Houck, and many others! Here you will find the Action Steps that were provided by our Day 3 speakers and panelists.

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KPANDING THE HOUSE, RANKED CHOICE VOTING, PEDISTRICTING & THE FAIR REPRESENTATION ACT

RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND PLURALITY WINNERS ***SESSION 1**:



READ THE <u>OUR COMMON PURPOSE</u> REPORT

DANIELLE ALLEN, NON-PROFIT LEADER AND DIRECTOR OF HARVARD'S EDMOND J. SAFRA CENTER FOR ETHICS



CHECK OUT DEMOCRACY RISING'S RESOURCES ON RANKED CHOICE VOTING (AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

GRACE RAMSEY. CO-DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRACY RISING





VOLUNTEER AS A POLL WORKER!



FOR MAINE RESIDENTS, CHECK OUT THE MAINE BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND COMMISSIONS

SHENNA BELLOWS, SECRETARY OF STATE (MAINE)





USE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND TABLING EVENTS TO INVITE ATTENDEES TO "TRY OUT" RANKED CHOICE VOTING.

YOU CAN ALSO HOST RCV POLLS FOR OTHER "VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES" THAT RELATE TO ISSUES OF CONCERN IN YOUR COMMUNITY ON YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL WEBSITES AND THEN POST RESULTS.

LEARN MORE ABOUT RCV FROM THE RCV RESOURCE CENTER AND ABOUT RCV IN UTAH

REBECCA CHAVEZ-HOUCK. RANKED CHOICE VOTING RESOURCE CENTER VICE-CHAIR AND UTAH RCV BOARD MEMBER



FAIR REPRESENTATION:

EXPANDING THE HOUSE, RANKED CHOICE VOTING, REDISTRICTING & THE FAIR REPRESENTATION ACT

*SESSION 2: RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND PLURALITY WINNERS

WITH KATIE FAHEY, CO-FOUNDER AND ED OF THE PEOPLE





FAIR REPRESENTATION:

EXPANDING THE HOUSE, RANKED CHOICE VOTING, REDITATION ACT

*SESSION 3: PANEL RCV, THE FRA, HOUSE EXPANSION, AND REDISTRICTING



READ THE CASE FOR ENLARGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JESSICA LIEBERMAN, PROGRAM OFFICER FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, POLITICAL AND VOTING REFORM, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES



VISIT THE DC LATINO CAUCUS WEBSITE TO VIEW AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR RCV EVENTS AND HOW TO PREPARE OUR LATINX COMMUNITIES FOR RCV IN DC!

JAQUELINE CASTANEDA, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, MORE VOICE DC



ATTEND A BI-MONTHLY "WHY RANKED-CHOICE VOTING WORKS" WORKSHOP WITH FAIRVOTE WASHINGTON TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE AROUND RCV AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MOVEMENT

READ AND SHARE FAIRVOTE WASHINGTON'S HOW RANKED-CHOICE VOTING WORKS
CHECK OUT THE FULL LIST OF RESOURCES FROM FAIRVOTE WASHINGTON

STEPHANIS HOUGHTON, ORGANIZING DIRECTOR AT FAIRVOTE WASHINGTON



READ THE REPORT AND WATCH THE VIDEO ON "THE PRIMARY PROBLEM - HOW PARTISAN PRIMARIES DISENFRANCHISE VOTERS, DISTORT REPRESENTATION, AND FUEL POLITICAL DIVISION"

<u>SARAH JANE HIGGINBOTHAM,</u> MANAGING DIRECTOR OF UNITE AMERICA



- WATCH AND SHARE OUR SINGLE-WINNER RANKED CHOICE VOTING VIDEO: ENGLISH AND ESPAÑOL
- WATCH AND SHARE OUR MULTI-WINNER RANKED CHOICE VOTING VIDEO: **English** and **españo**l
 - READ AND SHARE OUR REPORT ON <u>ATTITUDES ON RCV IN SPANISH SPEAKING</u> COMMUNITIES

MARIA PEREZ, CO-DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRACY RISING



SPEAKER DIRECTORY

INTRODUCTION

- DANIELLE ALLEN DIRECTOR OF HARVARD'S EDMOND SAFRA CENTER FOR ETHICS
- MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER NEW MEXICO'S 26TH SECRETARY OF STATE

SESSION ONE

- LEIGH CHAPMAN ACTING SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
- AMBER MCREYNOLDS UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SESSION TWO

- SHEILA KRUMHOLZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPENSECRETS
- CHISUN LEE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT AT THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE
- ANN RAVEL FORMER CHAIR OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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- SARAH BLAHOVEC VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING
- MOLLY FITZPATRICK BOULDER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER (COLORADO)
- <u>MICHELLE WHITTAKER</u> MESSAGING AND CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST
- TERESA MOSQUEDA SEATTLE CITY COUNCILMEMBER



SPEAKER DIRECTORY

- <u>TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ</u> U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE (NEW MEXICO)
- ANITA EARLS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
- DONNA BRAZILE POLITICAL STRATEGIST, CAMPAIGN MANAGER, AND POLITICAL ANALYST

SESSION ONE

- SHEMIA FAGAN OREGON SECRETARY OF STATE
- JENA GRISWOLD COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE
- EILEEN REAVEY NATIONAL GRASSROOTS DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

SESSION TWO

- <u>YAEL BROMBERG, ESQ.</u> CHIEF COUNSEL AND STRATEGIC ADVISOR FOR THE ANDREW GOODMAN FOUNDATION AND PRINCIPAL OF BROMBERG LAW LLC
- SABRINA KHAN SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE VOTER PROTECTION PROGRAM
 AT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT
- ARIELLE MCTOOTLE LAW FELLOW AT THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
- <u>NICOLE AUSTIN-HILLERY</u> PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION

SESSION THREE

- JHEANELLE WILKINS MARYLAND STATE DELEGATE
- ANATHEA CHINO CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE NATIVE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
- <u>CHRISTINE CHEN</u> CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN VOTE (APIAVOTE)
- CHRISTINA DAS ATTORNEY WITH THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
- AVA MATEO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 18BY. VOTE
- ROXANNE SZAL DIGITAL EDITOR AT MS. MAGAZINE

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- ERIN VILARDI FOUNDER AND CEO OF VOTE RUN LEAD
- DANIELLE ALLEN DIRECTOR OF HARVARD'S EDMOND SAFRA CENTER FOR ETHICS

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- SHENNA BELLOWS MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE
- GRACE RAMSEY CO-DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRACY RISING
- REBECCA CHAVEZ-HOUCK RANKED CHOICE VOTING RESOURCE CENTER VICE-CHAIR AND UTAH RCV BOARD MEMBER

SESSION TWO

- RINA SHAH POLITICAL CONSULTANT & CEO OF RILAX STRATEGIES
- KATIE FAHEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PEOPLE
- MICHELLE WHITTAKER MESSAGING AND CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST
- ANGELA KOUTERS DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AT FAIRVOTE

SESSION THREE

- TIFFANY GARDNER CEO OF REFLECTUS
- STEPHANIE HOUGHTON ORGANIZING AND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR AT FAIRVOTE WASHINGTON
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