

The South Carolina Progressive Network is working to build a movement for a more democratic, just and equitable state. We believe that when citizens are not engaged in the political process, their government is not responsive to their needs. Toward that end, the Network started the Missing Voter Project in 2004 to teach groups and individuals how to use state-of-the-art tools and strategies to maximize their voter registration and mobilization drives. The MVP is a nonpartisan campaign that seeks to find the nearly 1 million eligible SC citizens who are not registered. Another one million who are registered vote infrequently.

The United States ranks behind 137 other nations — between Armenia and Nigeria — in the percentage of citizens voting. In the 2014 general election, of the 2,881,408 registered voters, fewer than 44% turned out to vote. In 2012, 69% of SC registered voters turned out to choose a president (1.98 million), but 1.5 million voting age citizens didn't vote. Obama lost in SC by 205,000 votes and nearly 400,000 eligible black citizens didn't vote.

The MVP is designed to take voter registration beyond traditional party building or drumming up support for a specific campaign or candidate. It is a long-term effort to engage new voters in a larger movement for social change based on citizen empowerment. During its registration drives, the Network will collect information from new voters about the issues important to them, and they will be offered the opportunity to get involved with organizations working on those issues.

The MVP is built on the idea that registering and voting is simply the first step to building power at the grassroots level. Our intention is to create a movement of voters with enough power to help set political priorities that meet their needs rather than the needs of politicians and corporate interests.

The MVP uses the voter registration list and runs it against Census and other data, which allows us to target blocks of unregistered citizens in neighborhoods across the state to maximize voter registration drives. The data can be sorted for race, income, employment, age and other demographics.

If you or your organization is interested in joining the Missing Voter Project, e-mail network@scpronet. com or call 803-808-3384. We will arrange a free training session and provide materials for you to conduct a registration drive in your community. You will find the Missing Voter Tool Box at our web site.

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The Progressive Network's Missing Voter Project is an innovative and high-tech way of finding unregistered and infrequent voters. Using voter registration lists and running them against Census and other data, we are able to target blocks in neighborhoods across the state where voter registration drives would be most effective. The data can be sorted for race, income, employment, age and other demographics. Pick a county, and you can find a precinct and print maps that show high areas of unregistered and infrequent voters.

If your organization is interested to joining the nonpartisan Missing Voter Project, e-mail network@scpronet.com or call 803-808-3384. We would be glad to arrange a training session for your group and provide materials to conduct a registration drive.

SC Voter Data:

(numbers are drawn from 2014 census projection and 2014 voter registration data)

Voting Age Popula	tion(VAP): 3,	747,734	Total Missi	ing Voters (201	14): 2,507,507
White VAP	2,	,632,087	White Miss	sing Voters	1,759,608
Black VAP	9	996,222	Non-White	Missing Voters	s 747,899
Hispanic VAP		168,956		_	
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Black	818,076		Margin	59,971	180,379
Hispanic	34,663				
Asian	21,961		Total SC v	otes in 2012 fo	r President: 1,964,118
Native American	5,958		Romney	1,071,645	
Other	17,143		Obama	865,941	
Male	1,296,875		Margin	205,704	
Female	1,584,399				
18-24	250,979		 National r 	anking of perce	ent of VAP registered:
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Unregistered VAP	(2014)	866,326			
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1	Suriname(8)	93.8	49	Ireland(16)	74.5
2	Comoros Islands(2)	93.6	50	South Africa(2)	74.7
3	Seychelles(2)	93.1	51	Turkey(10)	74.2
4	Albania(5)	92.4	52	St. Vincent & the Grenadines (1	
5	Italy(15)	92.0	53		73.8
6	Cambodia(2)	90.5	54	Republic of Korea(10)	72.
7	Iceland(17)	89.3	55	Dominica(12)	72.
8	Angola(1)	88.3	56	Cap Verde(3)	72.4
9	Portugal(10)	88.2	57	Papua New Guinea(8)	72.
10	Indonesia(7)	87.9	58	Romania(3)	72.
11	Uzbekistan(3)	87.7	59	Azerbaijan(2)	71.
12	Cook Islands(1)	87.3	60	Cyprus(7)	71.
13	Somalia(1)	87.1	61	Ukraine(2)	70.
14	Malawi(2)	86.9	62	Taiwan (Republic of China)(4)	70.
15	Western Samoa(3)	86.4	63	Togo(4)	69.
16	Guyana(8)	86.0	64	Argentina(18)	69.
17	New Zealand(19)	86.0	65	Japan(22)	68.
18	Belgium(18)	84.8	66	Costa Rica(13)	68.
19	Austria(17)	84.4	67	Hungary(3)	68.
20	Australia(22)	84.2	68	Dominican Republic(11)	67.
21	Sweden(17)	84.1	69	Lebanon(3)	67.
22	Netherlands(16)	83.8	70	Iran(2)	67.
23	Denmark(22)	83.6	71	France(15)	67.
24	Slovakia(4)	82.9	72	Belize(5)	67.
25	Czech Republic(4)	82.8	73	Venezuela(11)	67.
26	Canada(18)	82.6	74	Algeria(2)	67.
27	San Marino(7)	82.5	75	Nepal(7)	67.
28	Mauritius(7)	82.4	76	Trinidad & Tobago(12)	66.
29	Thailand(14)	82.1	77	Madagascar(5)	66.
30	Palau(1)	81.7	78	Grenada(12)	66.
31	Greece(18)	80.8	79	Vanuatu(5)	65.
32	Aruba(3)	80.4	80	Fiji(3)	64.
33	Israel(15)	80.3	81	Lesotho(4)	64.
34	Germany(14)	80.2	82	Barbados(11)	63.
35	Mongolia(4)	79.5	83	Georgia(3)	63.
36	Norway(15)	79.2	84	Liechtenstein(17)	63.
37	Tajikistan(2)	79.0	85	Luxembourg(13)	63.
38	Malta(14)	78.9	86	Bahamas(6)	63.
39	Finland(16)	78.1	87	St. Lucia(13)	62.
40	Slovenia(3)	77.9	88	Sri Lanka(11)	62.
41	Croatia(3)	77.2	89	Kiribati(5)	62.
42	Spain(8)	76.4	90	Mozambique(2)	62.
43	Bulgaria(4)	76.1	91	Benin(3)	62.

92	Nicaragua(10)	62.0	140 Sierra Leone(3)	46.8
93	Moldova(3)	61.6	141 Tanzania(2)	46.8
94	India(13)	61.5	142 Botswana(7)	46.2
95	Bolivia(13)	61.4	143 Micronesia(2)	46.2
96	Philippines(7)	60.6	144 Ghana(6)	46.1
97	St. Kitts & Nevis(11)	60.6	145 Chile(11)	45.9
98	Latvia(4)	60.3	146 Mauritania(2)	45.1
99	Guinea(1)	59.9	147 El Salvador(16)	43.9
100	Andorra(3)	59.5	148 Kenya(2)	43.8
101	Solomon Islands(5)	59.0	149 Ecuador(15)	42.6
102	Belarus(2)	58.9	150 Senegal(7)	42.3
103	Jamaica(12)	58.6	151 Zambia(3)	41.4
104	Bosnia & Herzegovina(3)	58.3	152 Pakistan(6)	40.7
105	Syria(1)	58.0	153 Democratic Rep. of Congo(2)	39.0
	Panama(5)	58.0	154 Nauru(8)	38.8
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	Anguilla(2)	57.7	157 Colombia(20)	36.2
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111	Lithuania(3)	56.9	159 Sudan(2)	32.0
	Russia(3)	56.6	160 Ivory Coast(2)	31.9
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	Poland(5)	51.4	* Czech Republic indudes elections in Czechoslov	akia 1990
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SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION MAIL APPLICATION MAIL APPLICATION



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Guide to helping voters register under South Carolina law

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

In South Carolina, an individual may become a registered voter if he/she:

- · Is a citizen of the United States.
- Is at least 18 years of age on the day of the election.
- Is a SC resident, living in the county and precinct where they want to vote.
- Not under a court order declaring them mentally incompetent.
- Is not in jail or prison serving a sentence, or on probation or parole, for a felony or offenses against the election laws.
- Students may register to vote where they reside while attending college. Use dormitory address for residence, PO Box for mailing.
- Submits a voter registration application 30 days before the election.
- You do not need ID to register to vote. First time voters will be required to show ID at the polls.
- If you do not have a DMV ID card or driver's license, a military ID, a passport, or a photo voter registration card, you will be allowed to vote a paper ballot IF YOU CLAIM A "REASONABLE IMPEDEMENT" prevented you from getting a photo ID. A "reasonable impedement" ballot can not be rejected by the county board unless proof is presented you lied about your impedement.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION?

Without the following information an application will be rejected:

- Name
- Sex
- Race
- Social security number (this is not public information)
- · Date of birth
- · Residence address
- Telephone number (if they don't have one put "none")
- Location of prior voter registration is required for all previously registered voters. The applicant should fill in whatever information she knows about the location of previous registration, even if she cannot recall the precinct or county (put "?" if unknown, everyone should know what state they were previously registered in.)
- The applicant must affirm that he is not under a court order declaring him mentally incompetent. If ever convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws that he has served his entire sentence, including probation and parole, or has received a pardon for the conviction.
- Additionally, the applicant must take the following oath: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and that on the date of the next ensuing election, I will have attained the age of eighteen years and am a resident of South Carolina, this county, and of my precinct. The home address listed herein is my sole legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my legal residence."
- Signature of applicant

The following information is optional:

- Mailing address, if the same as "address where you live".
- Diagram of home location and whether or not you are inside city limits
- "Would you like to be a poll worker?" check off box.

The law requires any application to be rejected if:

- Any portion of the application is not complete (answering "none" for telephone, or indicating they don't know location of previous registration with a "?" is acceptable.)
- Any portion of the application is illegible in the opinion of a member and the clerk of the board
- The board is unable to determine, from the address stated on the application, the precinct in which the voter should be assigned or the election districts in which he is entitled to vote. If a new voter provides a bad address their application will be rejected.



MVP GUIDELINES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

- A. Do not fold and seal forms. Turn the completed forms in to your MVP coordinator. Do not leave them with the new voter. Your coordinator will copy the forms and turn them into the county registration office. Teams will follow up to make sure the new voter got their card and gets out to vote.
- B. MVP coordinators will turn in completed forms, after copying, to their county voter registration office once a week. Forms MUST be turned in 30 days before election day. If the 30 day cut off falls on a Sunday find out if your voter registration office will be open Saturday. Contact the county voter registration office to insure timely delivery.
- C. If your MVP team is awarding prizes for the most registrations, put your name on the bottom of the form, so you can receive credit for each new voter. We have a letter to businesses that you can use to solicit donations of goods and money to reward the organizers. Let us know if you want to do this for your team(s).
- D. New applicants do not have to present ID to register. You must tell them they will have to bring their a valid photo ID when they vote. If they don't have photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, or other government document showing their name and address will do. The State Election Commission has advised the counties that the ID requirement at the polls is for identification, not proof of residency.
- E. VOTER CONTACT INFORMATION. Ask each new voter and registered citizens you encounter during the registration drive what their most important issues are and if they would like to be contacted if citizens in their area meet to work on these issues. If yes, ask for their email (or, "may we call you if you don't use email"). Enter the information on the VOTER CONTACT SHEET. Turn the Voter contact sheet into your MVP coordinator with the completed forms. Make sure you get blank Voter Contact sheets from your MVP coordinator. This "issue identification" will allow us to integrate people into a movement that goes beyond elections.
- F. The state does not require any training, or place restrictions on people registering voters using the mail in form. (ie. you don't have to be 18 and registered in order to do voter registration).
- G. Absentee Ballot Application request cards. If you are registering someone who thinks they may not be able to get to the polls November 4, and they would like to vote by mail, have them sign a Absentee Ballot Application request card (get these from your MVP coordinator). We will turn the card in and they will be mailed an application NOT A BALLOT. They must complete and return the application they are mailed by the county, in order to have the Absentee Ballot mailed to their voting address.
- H. If a voter registration application is incomplete or illegible, the MVP organizer can call the applicant and, with their permission, write the missing information on the application. County offices may reject incomplete or illegible applications, but they must contact the applicant in writing to offer an opportunity to complete their registration.
- I. THE MISSING VOTER PROJECT IS NONPARTISAN. This means you can NOT support or oppose any candidate when you are doing voter registration with the MVP. You can NOT wear campaign buttons. You CAN talk about issues of social justice and equality. You CAN encourage people to register and vote to support issues they believe in. You CAN urge them to sign up on the Voter Contact sheet and be notified of meetings on issues that concern them.

The information contained here is for general guidance only. The South Carolina Progressive Network is not responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the results obtained from the use of this information. Contact the Network if you have questions.

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Missing Voter Project Agreement

This is an agreement between the SC Progressive Network Education Fund and organizers of the Miss-

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Missing Voter Team Contact information

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TEAM LEADER:		
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Voter Contact Sheet (to be filled out by Missing Voter Project organizer)



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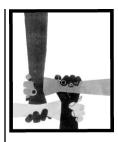
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P.O. Box 8325 Columbia, SC 29202

July 26, 2008

Fairfield County Businesses Re: Supporting Democracy Sample contribution letter that can be customized for your MVP teams.

Dear Friends,

The SC Progressive Network, a nonpartisan, tax-exempt social justice organization, is hosting a Missing Voter Project in Fairfield County and we need your help.

In 2006, only 138 voters under 21 voted in Fairfield County. That is less than 10% of that population group. While only about half the Fairfield County adults are voting, youth participation in our democracy is almost nonexistent. We know that you agree that an engaged and voting population is necessary for civic well being. With your help, we know that we find and engage many of Fairfield County's missing voters.

Our Missing Voter Project is working with the Teen Institute at the Fairfield County High School to register citizens to vote - especially young, first time voters. We have formed teams of students to register voters and we want to offer prizes to the teams and the students who register the most voters.

Please consider sponsoring prizes for these students. It could be an item, gift certificate, or a cash contribution that we use to a purchase savings bond. We would encourage you to offer a contribution that is valued at no less than \$25.

Voter registration efforts will run through the deadline of October 6. After the deadline for registration, we will host an awards ceremony for the winning teams and individuals, where your company's donation will be awarded. We will acknowledge your contribution in the program and in the media releases.

The Missing Voter Project does not support or oppose candidates and your contributions to the SC Progressive Network Education Fund/Missing Voter Project are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support,

Jackie Workman Fairfield Missing Voter Project Organizer 803-635-2147

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Know Your Rights!

You have the right to vote—it's the law, and you have the proof in your hands! You'll notice letters and numbers after each of your rights listed below-those codes tell lawyers and poll-workers where to find the actual South Carolina statute that protects your right to vote! These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters.

If you think your rights have been violated, call the Election Protection lawyer hotline toll free: 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

South Carolina Voters' Bill of Rights

- 1. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm on Election Day. If you are in line or in the process of voting when the polls close at 7 pm, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 7-13-60 and 7-13-850 (2002)
- 2. If something happens to your registration card, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A DUPLICATE CARD from the county board of registration. § 7-13-710
- 3. If your name is not on the poll list and election officials cannot verify your eligibility at that time after calling the county registrar's office, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE by provisional ballot. § 7-13-820
- 4. If you cannot read or write, or if a disability prevents you from casting a ballot, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to request assistance from either a family member or from an election manager and one other person (except your employer, agent of your employer or officer or agent of your union). §7-13-770
- 5. If you are blind, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to request assistance from any person of your choosing without the presence of a manager. Id.
- 6. If you are elderly or physically disabled and are unable to enter the polling place to vote, YOU HAVE A RIGHT to vote outside the polling place in your vehicle in the closest available parking area. § 7-13-771(A)
- 7. If you are physically disabled, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to vote at the Countywide Barrier-Free Voting Precinct if you apply for and receive authorization from the county board 30 days before the election. § 7-7-990
- 8. If you have moved within the same precinct, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE at that same precinct after affirming your change of address verbally or in writing. § 7-5-440(A)
- 9. If you have moved between precincts or between counties within 30 days of the election, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE, after affirming your new address, at your former polling place by provisional ballot or at the main office of the county board of voter registration for your new county of residence. § 7-5-440(B)(1)-(2)
- 10. If the registration records inaccurately indicate that you have moved, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE after providing written or oral affirmation that you have not moved. § 7-5-440(C)
- 11. If you have been convicted of a felony or of violating the election laws, but have completed your sentence, including any period of probation and parole, and have registered to vote since that time, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. § 7-5-120(B)(3)
- 12. When you are within 200 feet of the polling place entrance, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to vote or wait without anyone distributing campaign literature to you. § 7-25-180(A)
- 13. If you make a mistake on your ballot and have not cast it, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN ONE REPLACEMENT BALLOT after returning the spoiled ballot to the election managers with the stub attached. § 7-13-790
- 14. If your right to vote is challenged for any reason, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE by provisional ballot. § 7-13-830

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THIS BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE VOTING BOOTH WITH YOU.

Call 1-866-OUR VOTE to report problems