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Black Votes Matter

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Black Lives, Black Poverty and Black Votes Matter

Back to School

We are less than 90 days until the 2016 Presidential Election and it's time for us all to go back to election school. Your assignment is to study the following 10 points, share with others, and take action on those that call for it. Reminder of three important homework assignments you should be up on, if you have been reading this column. 1. Black Votes Matter, 2. Our community has a lot at stake in this 2016 election, 3. Don't let Trump change your life.

Study these points:

- 1. Saturday, September 10th. (10am until 3pm). Please plan to attend this fun filled outdoor event, with music, food and fun for the kids. Voter registration, meet and greet candidates for office and come meet our special guest WBO world boxing champion Terrence "Bud" Crawford.
- 2. Register to vote: If you have never registered, if you have moved or you are new to Douglas County, register. Make sure your church is registering its members. You can register at any Library. If you are an ex-felon and you have been out of prison and/or off paper for two years or more, you can vote, so register. If you are registered, register your friends, family and social circles. You can register on-line at; *votedouglascounty.com*.
- 3. Vote early: Fill out an Early Vote Application and have the Ballot sent to your home. Return the Application to the election commission, a library or Preston Love Jr (402-812-3324), we will pick it up. There will be an application sent to your house from the Election Commission, August 24th
- 4. August 24th the Election Commission will send to every registered voter a three-part yellow card. The card will provide you with where your polling place is and an application for Early Voting. You can return the tear off application and the November ballot will be sent to your home.
- 5. Proudly place a Black Votes Matter yard sign in your yard.
- 6. Educate yourself on the candidates. Read the League of Women Voters, *Voter Guide*, where every candidates profile and answers to key questions are printed for you to review. There will be *Guides* all over north Omaha.
- 7. Death Penalty: Vote to RETAIN on the Ballot. Retain means to keep things as they are in Nebraska. The Death Penalty has been eliminated in Nebraska, we want to keep it that way, vote RETAIN if you are against the death Penalty.
- 8. Remember to vote the entire ballot. Don't just vote for the President or just one or two other races, vote for every race, even if you are not sure. Black Votes Matter will be publishing a Slate in October that may help!!

- 9. Ride to the Polls: If you need a ride to vote, want to volunteer to drive voters or you have voter questions call: 402-575-0144
- 10. **Don't miss this event: Saturday, September 10th. (10am until 3pm)**. Please plan to attend this fun filled outdoor event, with music, food and fun for the kids. Voter registration, meet and greet candidates for office and come meet our special guest **WBO** world boxing champion Terrence "Bud" Crawford. See flyer at *Prestonlovejr.com*

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