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Once again let's celebrate the North Omaha voting victory from the 2016 Primary. My beloved collectively; leadership, voters, Black Votes Matter, League of Women Voters, IMA, Activate85 and others, for the first time in over 20 years, we voted our own interest. Never in recent history has North Omaha voted at the same percentage as did the entire Douglas county voters. That's significant and that's victory for all. Take the victory, talk to your circles about it and let's get ready to make a difference and break records in the General Election. Turnout for Douglas County was 21% for the primary, turnout for North Omaha was 22%. Be proud. Let's Keep the Victory!

How important is the General Election (November 8)?

We will elect the President of the United States (Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump). Federal policy on so many issues affects us directly. Don't put your head in the sand and ignore federal policy that hurts our lives. Vote in your own self-interest. We will elect a congressman from our Congressional District as well. (Brad Ashford or Don Bacon). Let's Keep the Victory!

We will determine the fate of the death penalty in Nebraska. The 2015 Nebraska state senate voted to eliminate the death penalty. The Governor would not accept the senate's decision and chose to initiate and fund a campaign to get the senate's decision repealed. That initiative was successful in getting a vote of the people on the ballot in November. Be careful. Just like in 2009, when affirmative Action was on the state ballot and many north Omahans voted to eliminate Affirmative Action despite the fact they were for it. Why? Because the language was tricky and misleading. The language regarding the death penalty is tricky and misleading. As mentioned, the death penalty in Nebraska is illegal. If you are against the death penalty vote to retain the law as is. Vote RETAIN. Let's Keep the Victory!

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, 156 Americans have been released (since 1973) from death row because they were not guilty, 81 were black. Mistakes can kill. In Nebraska, we wrongfully **convicted or executed** at least 6. If you would like to volunteer to fight to retain no death penalty in Nebraska, phone 402.991.2345. Let's Keep the Victory!

We will be electing our county commissioner (Chris Rodgers or Marque Snow), State Senators for District 11 (Ernie Chambers or John Sciara) and District 13 (Justin Wayne or Jill Brown), Two (2) Learning Community Council members (Cornelius Williams, Justice Braimah, Carol Hahn or Keith Bigsby), OPS District 1 (Ricky Smith or Yolanda Williams), MCC Board (Fred Conley or Michael Young).

For these reasons and more we need to get out the vote in November. Let's Keep the Victory!" You surely, don't want to wake up November 9, learn Donald Trump is president and say, "Oops, I should have voted!"

Support North Omaha voter programs

IMA 10K: Race to the Polls: we will be registering 10,000 this summer. Make sure your church is involved. We will conducting deputy registrar training, July 16. Call to get details. Join us.

Black Votes Matter: Speaking, registering, educating, events and more. Join us!!

This Black Votes Matter column will be providing continual information and will be endorsing candidates in October. The Black Votes Matter Slate will be in the October 7 issue of the Omaha Star. "Let's Keep the Victory."