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## Breaking News: Its official, the 2016 Nebraska Election cycle has begun

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## **Black Votes Matter**

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Black Lives, Black Poverty and Black Votes Matter

### **Breaking News: Its official, the 2016 Nebraska Election cycle has begun.**

#### Black Votes Matter Initiative:

The initiative has been launched. To raise community consciousness and directed to increased voter turnout. The North Omaha Voter Project will place 1000 free **Black Votes Matter** yard signs in North Omaha. There will informational meetings, voter registration, ride to the polls, early voting assistance, community forums and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) door knocking and phone calls as well as numerous speaking engagements on voting. We will join with many partners in our efforts; Neighborhood associations, Social and civic organizations, Clergy and north Omaha leadership. We are supportive and partner with the league of women voters and with the new effort called Activate85. Please plan to support this effort to increase turnout.

Attend their community forums at Salem Baptist Church:

- February 25<sup>th</sup>
- March 17<sup>th</sup>
- April 7<sup>th</sup>

Join the fight to control our destiny and put a **Black Votes Matter** yard sign in your yard. Go to your caucus March 5<sup>th</sup>. Call me to find when and where you go to caucus, 402-812-3324. Vote in our Primary May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### The 2016 Democratic Caucus:

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 8am and Caucus officially starts at 10am. I expect large crowds this year so get there early and register for the caucus and find your area to caucus. Come ready to support your candidate Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. The caucus sites are organized by the boundaries of the state Legislative Districts (LD). There are three caucus sites in north Omaha:

- LD 8 (State Senator Burt Harr): Monroe Middle School
- LD 11 (State Senator Ernie Chambers): Skinner Magnet School
- LD13 (State Senator Tonya Cook): Nathan Hale Magnet School

You must attend the correct site.

You must be a registered Democrat to caucus.

You can register to vote at the caucus and then participate.

In order to become a national Delegate to the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia you must attend you Caucus.

If you cannot attend you can participate via an absentee ballot. You can obtain an absentee ballot application by going on-line to: <http://nebraskacaucus2016.org/forms>. Fill out the application

and an absentee ballot will be sent to you. Fill it out and return and your vote will be counted in the caucus. Request forms must be submitted by Wednesday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

### The Nebraska Primary Election:

May 10<sup>th</sup>. (8am to 8pm)

On-line voter registration is in effect now. Go to <http://www.votedouglascounty.com>

There will be elections for the President/Vice President, US Congress, State, county and local offices. Also on the Ballot will be a ballot initiative to retain the Nebraska law prohibiting death penalty (Read the language carefully)

Early voting:

- Applications are available now. Call me or go to: <http://www.votedouglascounty.com>
- Ballots will be mailed April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Voting early in person begins April 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Returning Ballots**
  - New Counting Equipment will allow DCEC to count folded ballots. This means ballots can be returned folded in the envelope included with the ballot. The return envelope will only require standard postage, not \$1.20.
  - Ballots can also be deposited into our drop boxes from April 4 through May 10 up until 8:00 pm.
- **Drop Box Locations**
  - We will have 4 additional drop box locations soon but I don't want to list them until they are installed (by the end of March).
  - Current Drop Box Locations are:
    - Charles B. Washington Library, 2868 Ames Avenue (This box is one of our most heavily used, even receiving ballots for Valley special elections)
    - South Omaha Library, 2808 Q Street
    - Millard Public Schools Foundation, 5225 S 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue
    - Bess Johnson Elkhorn – Omaha Public Library, 100 Reading Road
    - Douglas County Election Commission, 225 N. 115<sup>th</sup> Street (2 blocks South of Dodge)
- **Finding your Polling Place**
  - You can find your polling place with the search engine on the home page of our website here:
    - <http://www.votedouglascounty.com/index.aspx>
    - Go to the box on the lower left side of the homepage titled "Find Your Polling Place" and enter your house number and your ZIP code. It will then prompt you to select your correct address from a list. You will then be provided with your polling place and all election jurisdictions that correspond with your address.
- **New Election Commissioner:** Brian W. Kruse is the new Election Commissioner

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