



Democracy Advocates (our volunteers) are the backbone for Democracy NC’s work. Strong grassroots leadership is essential to promoting and protecting hard-fought reform victories. Democracy NC develops strong local leaders through winnable campaigns that strengthen our democracy, one step at a time.

**Please indicate below how you can be involved. It’s our job to help you along the way.**

**Be Counted: Census Outreach**

The Constitution says the government must count everyone living in the US every 10 years. The number of people counted in a city, county, and state determines how much government money goes to an area. Population size affects where voting district lines are drawn and ultimately who gets elected. It’s about money, it’s about power, it’s about the future.

- I will help develop an “adopt-a-neighborhood” project in my community to ensure that every person is counted. \$200 grants may be available for projects.
- I will distribute materials about the census to “hard-to-count” communities.

**Be an Advocate: Voter-Owned Elections**

NC is a national leader for campaign reform. Currently, efforts are underway to expand full public financing of campaigns at the local, state, and national levels. VOE programs are working in NC and help all of us — candidates and voters. It’s about putting our government and our elections where they should be — in the hands of voters.

- I will speak to groups in my community about the need for voter-owned elections at the local, state, and national levels. *(We will help with materials/training)*
- I will collect postcards to support the Fair Elections Now Act, now being considered in the US Congress.
- I will call and email my elected leaders.

**Be a Leader: Trainings & Workshops**

Democracy NC has a long history of training and developing leaders. Democracy Advocates are stronger and more effective when they understand the dynamics of power in our communities as well as organizing tactics to create real and lasting change. We offer a variety of training opportunities.

- I will participate in a Get Out the Vote training.
- I will participate in a “Pathway to Power” Organizer’s training.
- I will participate in a voter-owned elections speakers bureau training.

**Be an Educator: Youth Pre-Registration**

Beginning in 2010, 16 and 17 year olds in NC can “pre-register” to vote. Also, county school boards and boards of elections are encouraged to work together to better educate and register high school students to vote. Volunteers are needed to implement this law across the state.

- I will work with county officials and organizations to implement the pre-registration law.
- I will register or pre-register teenage voters in my county.
- I will speak to educators in my community about this new law.

**I am a Democracy Advocate!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, NC \_\_\_\_\_

- I will make a tax-deductible contribution to support the work of Democracy NC.