



BWLC-VA **Power** **Partner** **Resource** **Packet**

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About Our Power Partner Resource Packet

Dear Sister,

Time and again, it is Black women who carry the water—for our families, our communities, our democracy. We show up when others won't. We push through when others sit down. And we have paid the price in exhaustion, in sacrifice, and in rights stripped away piece by piece. We know you are tired.

But we cannot—and we will not—sit idly by while our communities are robbed of resources, while our children inherit less than what we were promised, while our rights are chipped away one law, one vote, one policy at a time. This is our charge: to protect what we've built, to demand what is ours, and to keep moving forward. Not because it's easy. Not because it's fair. But because history shows us—again and again—that when Black women move, so does this nation.

Here in Virginia, we have the opportunity to begin moving the country toward a brighter future that reflects our values. The Black Women's Leadership Collective in Virginia invites you to join our two-week engagement challenge! We are providing a Power Partner Resource Packet to equip you with the tools and opportunities to engage your community throughout the Commonwealth. We want you to get involved—knock doors, register voters, volunteer at the polls, educate your neighbors. This is a live document and will be updated regularly.

Please contact any of the organizations named in this packet to get activated. For direct involvement with any campaign of your choosing, reach out to Natalie, your BWLC-VA State Director, at natalielshorter@gmail.com. A sheet will also be shared in the BWLC-VA Signal group chat soon so you can post live updates on your progress.

Now is the time to rise, to gather, and to remind America who we are—and what we will never allow to be taken from us.

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-Natalie

OUR CALL TO ACTION

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Join the Challenge

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**Join our Power Partner
Conversations on Wednesday
(bi-weekly). [REGISTER HERE.](#)**

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**Share the Power Partner
Resource Packet with your
network**

Key Dates – General Election

- **Early Voting (in-person):** Sep 19 – Nov 1, 2025 (varies by locality hours)
- **Voter Registration Deadline:** Oct 24, 2025 (Same-Day Registration available through Election Day via provisional ballot)
- **Absentee/Mail Ballot Request Deadline:** (online/by mail): Check locality; generally ~11 days before Election Day (use Citizen Portal in below Dep. of Elections Link)
- **Absentee Ballot Return Deadline:** Postmarked by Election Day and received by noon, 3 days after Election Day
- **Election Day:** Tuesday, Nov 4, 2025, polls open 6:00 AM–7:00 PM

Action Links — Voter Tools & Lookups (Share w/ your Networks)

- **Citizen Portal (Official):** Access/Update registration, request absentee ballot, track ballot, find polling place & districts
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/>
- **Polling Place & Ballot Info Lookup (Official):** Enter address for Election Day site, early vote site(s), and sample ballot
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/polling-place-lookup/>
- **Early Voting Locations (Official):** Registrar & satellite early vote sites by locality
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/early-voting-office-locations/>
- **Absentee / Vote by Mail (Official):** How to vote absentee, permanent absentee list, deadlines
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/>

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Action Links — Voter Tools & Lookups (Share w/ your Networks) cont.

- **Photo ID Rules (Official):** Accepted IDs or sign ID Confirmation Statement; printable ID chart (multi-language)
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/voterid/>
- **► PDF one-pager:**
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/voter-id/outreach-materials/documents/Voter-Identification-Chart---Revised-07.2025.pdf>
- **Non-partisan Voter GuidesVote411 (LWV):**
 - <https://www.vote411.org/virginia>
- **Vote.org (tools & reminders):**
 - <https://www.vote.org/>

Live Numbers & Dashboards

- **Early Voting — Daily Tracker (VPAP):** Statewide & by House of Delegates district; updates throughout the early vote window
 - <https://www.vpap.org/elections/early-voting/2025-november-general-election/>
- **Registered Voters (Official):** Monthly statewide totals & breakouts
 - <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/resultsreports/registration-statistics/>

Note: The Dept. of Elections publishes official statewide turnout only after certification. For day-to-day early vote counts, use VPAP.

VIRGINIA BLACK WOMEN'S & CIVIC ORG DIRECTORY

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NOVA / DC Metro (Arlington, Fairfax, Alexandria, parts of Prince William, etc.)

Virginia Black Women's & Civic Org Directory

Advocacy, community service, leadership development, civic engagement

NCBW Northern Virginia Chapter+1

Email: ncbwnova@ncbwnova.org NCBW Northern Virginia Chapter

Phone: (571) 358-4568 NCBW Northern Virginia Chapter

Website: ncbwnova.org NCBW Northern Virginia Chapter+1

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Prince William / Suburban VA

NCBW Prince William County Chapter

Local organizing, advocacy, community programs

Email: info@ncbwpwcc.org ncbwpwcc.org+1

Phone: (571) 330-0946 ncbwpwcc.org

Address: P.O. Box 1166, Dumfries, VA 22026 ncbwpwcc.org+1

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Central / Richmond / Greater RVA

NCBW Richmond Metro Area Chapter (NCBW-RMAC)

Civic engagement, leadership & policy in Richmond area

Email: ncbwrmac@ncbw-rma.org

Website: ncbw-rma.org ncbw-rma.org

Address: P.O. Box 6452, Richmond, VA 23230

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Statewide / Multi-Region

Black Girls Vote (BGV)

Nonpartisan voter education, civic engagement, and mobilizing Black women

Website & general contact: blackgirlsvote.com Black Girls Vote

Contact form via “Campaign Groups / Contact Us” page Black Girls Vote

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Statewide / National Bridge

WinWithBlackWomen

Voter registration verification, mobilization, national-to-local support (especially for Black women)

Website: winwithblackwomen.org

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Statewide / Civic Infrastructure

Center for Common Ground

Black-led GOTV, voter education, partner networks (statewide)

Website: centerforcommonground.org

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Statewide / Civic + Education

NAACP – Virginia Chapters

Legal oversight, voter mobilization, local branches in many districts

Link to volunteer / chapter locator: naacp.org/volunteer NAACP+1

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Statewide Resource / Voter Guide

Virginia State Board of Elections / Voter Guide Resources

Official voter registration, polling, deadlines, election info

Website: elections.virginia.gov

Virginia Voter Guide via NAACP: see “Virginia Voter Guide” resource listing NAACP

Facts & References

- **Early voting window & key dates (General Election 2025):** Early voting began Fri, Sept 19 and runs through Sat, Nov 1; Election Day is Tue, Nov 4. Same-day registration (provisional) is available; see statewide overview and local examples. [The Washington Post+1](#)
- **Official voter tools (share these):**
 - Citizen Portal (check registration, request/track mail ballot, find polling place/ballot): [Virginia Department of Elections](#)
 - Polling place & ballot lookup (address search): [Virginia Department of Elections](#)
 - Early voting locations by locality: [Virginia Department of Elections](#)
 - Absentee / vote-by-mail how-to & permanent absentee list: [Virginia Department of Elections](#)
 - Voter ID rules (you can show ID or sign the ID Confirmation Statement) + printable chart (July 2025): [Virginia Department of Elections+1](#)
 - Non-partisan guides: LWV Vote411, vote.org tools. [VOTE411+1](#)
- **“Current early voting numbers”:** The Department of Elections does not publish daily statewide tallies; official turnout posts after certification. For day-by-day early ballots cast, use VPAP’s live tracker (updates throughout the window; statewide + by House district). [Virginia Department of Elections+1](#)
 - Live tracker: VPAP Early Voting – 2025 November General. [Virginia Public Access Project](#)

Facts & References

- **Registered voters (context):** Virginia had ~6.30M registered voters as of Sept 1, 2025 (official monthly stat). Virginia Department of Elections
- **How Spanberger is likely to fare vs. Sears (snapshot as of today):**
 - Polling: Recent public polling shows Abigail Spanberger (D) leading Winsome Earle-Sears (R) by mid-single to high-single digits (e.g., Roanoke College Aug 11–15: 46–39; newer coverage echoes a Spanberger edge). Roanoke College+2Virginia Mercury+2
 - Issue environment: Cost of living remains #1; “threats to democracy” newly high-salience (esp. among Dems & some independents) per CNU/Wason polling. Axios
 - Resources: Democrats currently hold a cash advantage (Spanberger out-raising Earle-Sears; significant DGA help; RGA spending is ramping but smaller so far). The Washington Post
 - Turnout picture: Early voting just opened statewide; media/VPAP emphasize tracking day-to-day via the dashboard. The Washington Post+1
- **Bottom line:** The data slightly favors Spanberger today, but it’s competitive. Margins in NoVA, Richmond suburbs, and Hampton Roads—especially Black women’s turnout—will likely decide it.

BLACK WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE

The Black Women's Leadership Collective (BWLC) is a national leadership and organizing hub dedicated to empowering Black women through advocacy, civic engagement, and leadership development. It unites Black women leaders, organizations, and supporters to amplify their collective influence in politics, policy, and community leadership. I am your Virginia State Director, Natalie Louise Lucas-Shorter, and please allow me to explain what we wish to accomplish in the days/years ahead:



NATALIE LOUISE LUCAS -SHORTER

BWLC Virginia State Director

MISSION AND FOCUS

BWLC's mission centers on ensuring Black women are represented in decision-making spaces—from the ballot box to the halls of power. The Collective supports civic participation, champions equity, and mobilizes around critical issues such as voting rights, economic justice, and healthcare access. It also provides strategic support and resources for Black women seeking to lead in their communities and beyond.

KEY INITIATIVES AND IMPACT

- **Political Advocacy:** BWLC has been instrumental in mobilizing support for historic milestones, including the nomination and confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Collective also played a key role in rallying support for Vice President Kamala Harris, organizing open letters and campaigns to recognize her leadership and inspire future generations.
- **Leadership Development:** Through regional programs like the North Carolina chapter, BWLC offers training and resources to Black women aspiring to take active roles in their communities. These initiatives foster a network of empowered leaders equipped to drive change at local and national levels.
- **Community Engagement:** BWLC organizes events and campaigns that encourage civic participation and community involvement, aiming to build a more inclusive and equitable society.

ORGAINZATIONAL STRUCTURE

BWLC operates as a coalition of Black women-led organizations and advocates, collaborating across sectors to advance shared goals. The Collective's decentralized structure allows for regional autonomy while maintaining a unified national vision. This approach enables BWLC to address local needs effectively while contributing to broader systemic change.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Participation:** Join regional chapters or attend events to connect with like-minded individuals committed to empowering Black women.
- **Advocacy:** Support BWLC's campaigns by spreading awareness and advocating for policies that promote equity and representation.
- **Donations:** Contribute financially to sustain and expand BWLC's programs and initiatives.

