

The primary focus of the Black Leadership Roundtable leading up to the election is information dissemination. Our efforts will be concentrated on ensuring that the community is fully informed about crucial election topics, voter registration processes, and the importance of participation.

PART 1

Agenda:

1. Board of Election: Voter ID and early and absentee ballot process
 - Required photo
 - Types of ballots, i.e., absentee/provisional etc.
 - MAT team
 - Dates/times, locations for voting sites
 - Jobs@ Board of Elections
 - 6 Rules and authorities governing processes

PART 11

Elected Officials: To get elected officials to accept and act on a community-driven agenda rather than working in silos, it's essential to adopt innovative and strategic approaches that foster collaboration, accountability, and mutual respect. Here are some ideas and suggestions:

1. Community-Led Town Halls with Structured Agendas
 - **Innovative Approach:** Organize regular town halls entirely led by community members, with a structured agenda that reflects the community's priorities. Use a rotating leadership model where different community groups lead these meetings.
 - **How It Works:** Elected officials are invited to participate as listeners and respondents rather than agenda-setters. This shifts the power dynamics and ensures the community's voice is the focus.
 - **Benefit:** This approach encourages officials to engage directly with community concerns and provides a platform for them to publicly commit to addressing specific issues.
2. Citizen-Led Advisory Committees
 - **Innovative Approach:** Establish permanent or temporary advisory committees composed of community representatives who meet regularly with elected officials to present and discuss the community's agenda.

- **How It Works:** These committees could be formalized through local ordinances or informal but recognized by officials. The committees would collect community input, prioritize issues, and ensure continuous dialogue with elected leaders.
- **Benefit:** This creates a direct, ongoing channel for communication and ensures that community voices are consistently integrated into decision-making processes.

3. Crowdsourced Policy Platforms

- **Innovative Approach:** Use digital platforms to crowdsource ideas and solutions from the community (East Winston), which are then compiled into a policy platform presented to elected officials.
- **How It Works:** Create an online portal where East Winston residents can submit ideas, vote on priorities, and discuss potential solutions. The most supported ideas form the basis of a community agenda, which is then officially presented to local leaders.
- **Benefit:** This approach leverages technology to efficiently and transparently aggregate community input, making it harder for officials to ignore widely supported proposals.

4. Community Accountability Reports

- **Innovative Approach:** Develop and distribute regular “Community Accountability Reports” that track elected officials’ responses to the community’s agenda and their progress on promised actions.
- **How It Works:** A coalition of community organizations could create and share these reports widely through local media, social media, and public meetings. They would include metrics, testimonials, and a clear record of whether officials align with the community’s priorities.
- **Benefit:** This creates public accountability and pressures officials to adhere to the community’s agenda or risk harmful exposure.

5. Collaborative Action Plans with Incentives

- **Innovative Approach:** Propose collaborative action plans where elected officials and community leaders co-create solutions to pressing issues. Include incentives for officials to participate, such as **public endorsements, positive media coverage, or support for their other initiatives.**
- **How It Works:** Set up workshops or retreats where community leaders and officials work together on specific issues, with clear timelines and responsibilities. Offer public recognition and rewards for officials who actively support and implement the community’s agenda.

- Benefit: This approach fosters a spirit of partnership and makes it attractive for officials to collaborate rather than work in silos.

6. Engagement Scorecards

- Innovative Approach: Develop “Engagement Scorecards” that rate elected officials on how well they listen to and act on community input.
- How It Works: These scorecards would be based on specific criteria such as responsiveness to community requests, attendance at community meetings, and implementation of community-driven policies. They would be publicly shared before elections to inform voters.
- Benefit: This creates a clear incentive for officials to engage with the community, as their level of engagement directly affects their public rating and electoral prospects.

7. Participatory Budgeting Initiatives

- Innovative Approach: Advocate for participatory budgeting processes where a portion of the public budget is allocated based on community decisions.
- How It Works: Community members would propose and vote on projects or initiatives to be funded, ensuring that financial resources are directed toward the community’s most urgent needs.
- Benefit: This method directly involves the community in decision-making and ensures their priorities are funded and implemented.

By implementing these innovative strategies, communities can better ensure that their elected officials listen to their concerns and actively work to address them collaboratively and transparently.

D. An Independent Economic Development Project? Restaurant and Food Complex
Outline:

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PART 111

Church Strategy

- 1. SOULS to the POLLS (High Point & Greensboro)**
- 2. Early Ballot assistance**
- 3. Transportation**

4. **What are pastors doing?**
5. **Partnering with civic organizations**
6. **Hosting Candidate forums**
7. **How can the church help?**
8. **Voter education and registration**

PART 1V

Voter Dates and Deadlines:

Sept. 6, 2024: County boards of elections begin mailing absentee ballots to eligible voters who submitted an absentee ballots request form.

Oct. 11, 2024: Voter registration deadline (5 p.m.)

Oct. 17, 2024: In-person early voting begins; same-day registration is available.

Oct. 29, 2024: Absentee ballot request deadline (5 p.m.)

Nov. 2, 2024: In-person early voting ends (3 p.m.)

Nov. 5, 2024: General Election Day.

Nov. 5, 2024: Absentee ballot return deadline (7:30 p.m.)