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# MEMPHIS, TN VOTER PROTECTION REPORT

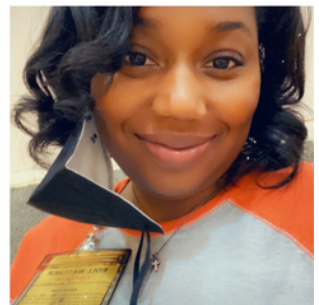
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# ABOUT ORGANIZE TENNESSEE

Organize Tennessee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that every eligible voter in Tennessee can cast their ballot safely, securely, and easily. We work to protect voting rights, build coalitions, legal support, and organize grassroots campaigns to eliminate barriers and empower disenfranchised Tennesseans.

Our election day voter protection includes:

- deploying trained and credentialed poll observers to monitor elections
- address incidents that occur in Tennessee that are reported through national Election Protection hotline (1-866-OUR-VOTE)
- legal boiler room
- election protection partner calls



# HOW WE TRACK INCIDENTS

## VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE

Organize Tennessee partners with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under The Law to provide a voter protection hotline number to call if they have issues casting a ballot. The number is 1-866-OURVOTE.



## POLL WATCHER OBSERVATIONS

Poll Observers are watching the election process at priority locations across the city. They watch and listen for voters who experience issues, are turned away from voting, or have questions. Poll Observers report 5 times a day on what they've observed while on their shift, and report on active incidents separately so we can support with a resolution.

# POLLS COVERED

## 22/41 Polling Locations Covered

First Evangelical Church  
Bert Ferguson Comm Center  
St Paul Baptist Church  
Germanshire Elementary School  
The Pursuit of God Church  
Briarwood Community Church  
New Beginning Community Church  
Hickory Hill Community Center  
Soul Winners Baptist  
Grace Missionary Baptist Church  
Faith Anglican Church  
Martin Luther King High School  
Berclair Elementary School  
St Marks United Methodist Church  
Whitehaven Comm Center  
White Station Middle School  
McWherter Senior Center  
TN Shakespeare Company  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
New Life In Christ Fellowship Church  
Cordova Comm Center  
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church

# KEY ISSUES VOTERS FACED

**Voting  
Machine  
Malfunctions**

**Polling Location  
Confusion**

**Eligibility  
Confusion**



# MEMPHIS

We had **6 reports** across Memphis polling places from the hotline + reported by our Poll Observers.

## **TOP ISSUE: POLLING LOCATION CONFUSION**

Voters routinely arrived at the incorrect polling location and where successfully redirected

## **ELIGIBILITY CONFUSION**

There were many instances where voters thought they lived in Memphis but did not. This is partially because some voters have mailing addresses in Memphis but do not live within city limits

## **ELECTION COMMISSION NOTES:**

The Memphis Municipal Run-Off was smooth and efficient -- a credit to the Election Commission and Administrator's hard work.

# We thank you for your ongoing support of our program

## Acknowledgements

Organize Tennessee's Election Protection Coalition is powered by the contributions of the people from across the state who work tirelessly to ensure that all eligible Tennesseans have access to the ballot.

Organize Tennessee serves as the TN vote pro partner for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, the national, non-partisan Election Protection organization manages the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline.

Organize Tennessee (OT) **staff**

OT volunteer **legal team**

OT **poll observers** behind the impact report

Our colleagues from statewide **partner organizations**

Tennessee **volunteers**

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