
KNOXVILLE, TN VOTER PROTECTION REPORT

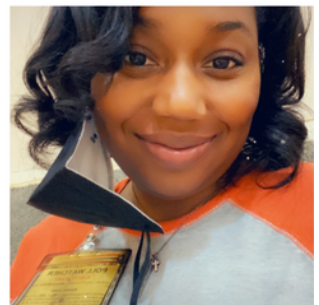
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ABOUT ORGANIZE TENNESSEE

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

12/52 Polling Locations Covered

Bearden High School
Central United Methodist Church
Larry Cox Senior Rec. Ctr.
Shannondale Elementary School
Dogwood School
Bearden Elementary School
Inskip Elementary School
Green Magnet Academy
Sequoyah Elementary School
Austin-East High School
Deane Hill Rec. Center
Knoxville 1st Church of Nazarene

KEY ISSUES VOTERS FACED

**Voting
Machine
Malfunctions**

**Polling Location
Confusion**

**Eligibility
Confusion**



KNOXVILLE

We had **5 reports** across Knoxville 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 Knoxville but did not. This is partially because some voters have mailing addresses in Knoxville but do not live within city limits

ELECTION COMMISSION NOTES:

The Knoxville 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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