

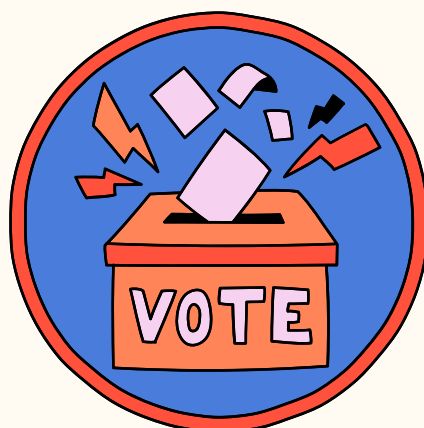
EJC Newsletter

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Why is Voting Important?

For black and individual of color communities, voting is extremely important since it is a key instrument for social change and empowerment. Throughout history, underprivileged communities have persistently battled for the right to vote, understanding that while tackling systematic injustices requires political engagement. Voting gives these groups the ability to shape laws pertaining to criminal justice, healthcare, education, and employment prospects, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. Additionally, the NAACP stresses that voting gives people the power to demand accountability from their elected representatives and create a more just society. Black and Minority communities claim their voices in the political process by voting, which promotes better representation and advocacy for their needs.



SISTERS OF THE DIVINE 9 ARE GETTING OUT THE VOTE!



EJC participated in a 3-day Black History Month Lecture Series at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Athens. Our staff member, Spring Turner, who is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. along with other sisters of the Divine 9 (Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho & Zeta Phi Beta) conducted voter registration activities on all 3 nights.

By: Spring Turner

MARCH IS WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month celebrates the significant contributions made by women. This year the theme is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." Women's History Month serves as a reminder of the crucial part that women play in forming societies all throughout the world. In addition to paying tribute to notable individuals, this month raises the voices for all women. Their endeavors to question established conventions, dismantle obstacles, and cultivate a more welcoming atmosphere are meaningful to all age groups. Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion are role models for future generations aiming to create a more equitable world; they embody the relentless pursuit of gender equality. At EJC, we want to thank all the women we have worked with in the past and in the future!



The Economic Justice Coaliton



The Economic Justice Coalition (EJC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit in Athens, Georgia, focuses on advocating for quality jobs with living wages and benefits. Teaming up with the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, we prioritize voting rights, education, criminal justice reform, affordable housing, and equal participation for underrepresented communities.

Operating across thirteen Northeast Georgia counties since 2003, we've registered 20,000+ voters. We actively engage in local governance, attending city council, election board, and school board meetings.

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Strategic Goals:

1. Conduct direct-action voter registration and encourage civic engagement.
2. Empower workers to know their rights, develop bargaining skills, and build collective bargaining power.
3. Link living conditions to policies, fostering civic engagement for economic justice.

EJC remains a vibrant force in Athens-Clarke County, enhancing worker conditions, aiding low-income families, and bolstering voter engagement as we grow and evolve.

The Workers Center - AT THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE COALITION



The Workers Center, established in 2021, has made significant strides in advocating for worker rights and reclaiming over \$100,000 in withheld wages for immigrant workers. In collaboration with the Athens Clarke County government, we've initiated Community Benefit Agreements and supported four workers with legal claims. Our center serves as a vital hub for empowering non-unionized, low-wage workers, especially those from historically marginalized groups like Black, Latinx, and immigrant communities in Athens, Georgia, and surrounding areas.

Worker centers play a crucial role in fostering economic justice by offering education, organizing opportunities, leadership development, and advocacy.

Our efforts include partnering with local unions, lawyers, and organizations, connecting workers with resources, and championing policies for fair wages and improved working conditions. By addressing underlying issues contributing to financial hardships, we aim to create a more resilient community.

Membership at the Workers Center is open to all, regardless of their ability to pay dues. However, dues-paying members participate in decision-making processes, shaping the center's direction. Your recurring monthly contribution as a member empowers us to sustain long-term organizing efforts and create a more equitable future for workers in our community. Join us in building a stronger, more just workforce at the Workers Center.

Above and Beyond - AT THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE COALITION

Above & Beyond
Home Care Co-Op



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Above and Beyond Home Healthcare is dedicated to providing exemplary care for elderly residents requiring specialized attention. As a compassionate home healthcare service, we prioritize the well-being and comfort of our senior community members. Our team of skilled professionals is committed to going the extra mile in delivering personalized care tailored to each individual's unique needs.

We understand the significance of maintaining independence while receiving the necessary support, which is why we offer a range of services designed to assist elderly residents with

daily activities, medical needs, and emotional support. From medication management to companionship, our caregivers ensure a safe and nurturing environment, promoting both physical and mental well-being.

At Above and Beyond Home Healthcare, our mission extends beyond traditional caregiving; we strive to create a familial atmosphere where seniors feel valued, respected, and cared for. Through our dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence, we aim to enhance the quality of life for every elderly individual we serve, ensuring they receive the compassionate care they deserve in the comfort of their own homes.

Important Upcoming Dates

2024 Election Calendar



Election	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Presidential Preference Primary Special Election (County/Municipal)	February 12, 2024	March 12, 2024
Special Election Runoff (County/Municipal)	February 12, 2024	April 9, 2024
General Primary/ Nonpartisan Election	April 22, 2024	May 21, 2024
General Primary / Nonpartisan Runoff	April 22, 2024	June 18, 2024
General Primary/ Nonpartisan Runoff Federal Offices	May 20, 2024	June 18, 2024
General Election	October 7, 2024	November 5, 2024
General Election Runoff	October 7, 2024	December 3, 2024
General Election Runoff Federal Office	November 4, 2024	December 3, 2024

Need a Ride to the Poll?

Call: 1-877-524-8683

Or go to: www.ridetothepoll.com

County Election Links:

Staying informed about local affairs is crucial! To streamline access to information, we've provided convenient buttons below, each linking directly to the Registration and Elections office for the 13 counties under our purview. These resources are at your fingertips for easy reference. If you require any guidance or support, don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to help and may be able to offer assistance tailored to your needs.

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Donations

Join us in making a meaningful difference in our community! Your support matters greatly to us at EJC. Every contribution, regardless of its size, holds the power to create positive change. Be a part of this transformative journey by donating today. Your generosity fuels our mission. Thank you for considering making a difference with us!

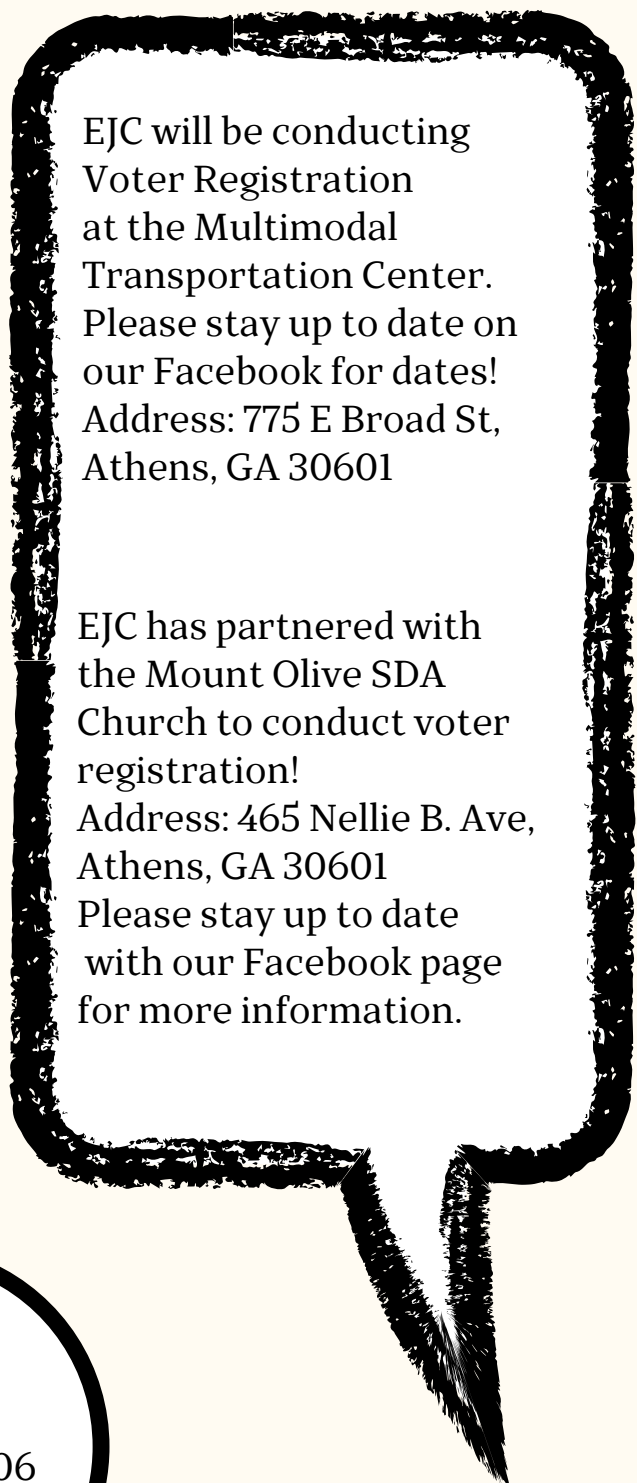


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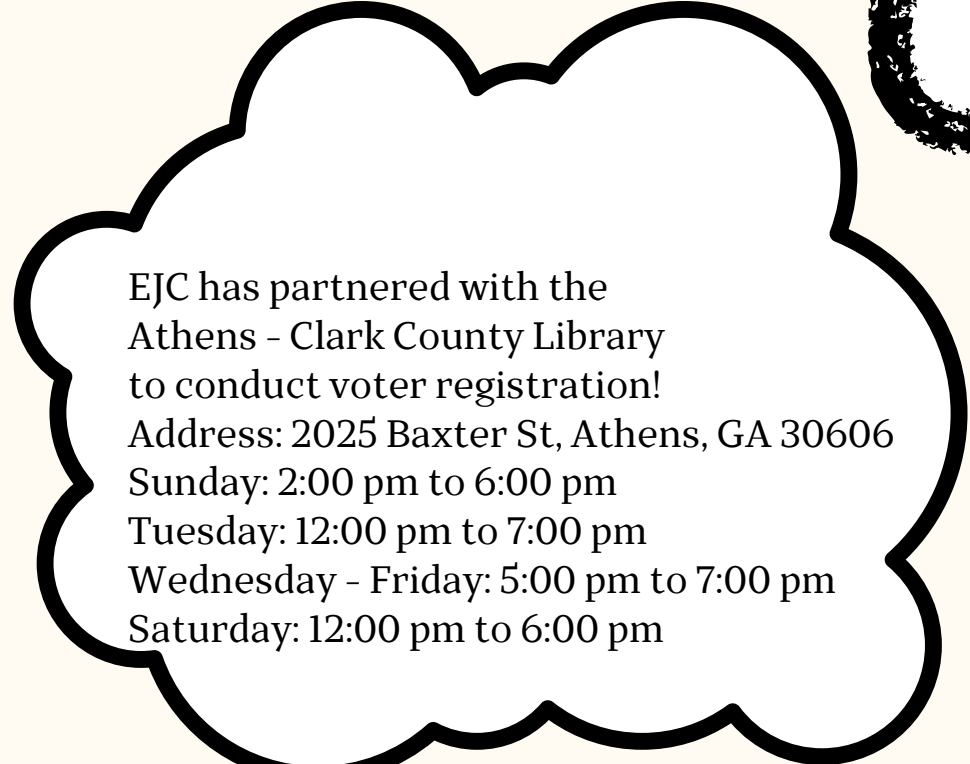


EJC has partnered with Advantage Behavioral Health Systems to conduct voter registration!
Address: 126 Barrington Drive,
Athens, GA 30605
Please stay up to date with our Facebook page for more information.



EJC will be conducting Voter Registration at the Multimodal Transportation Center. Please stay up to date on our Facebook for dates!
Address: 775 E Broad St,
Athens, GA 30601

EJC has partnered with the Mount Olive SDA Church to conduct voter registration!
Address: 465 Nellie B. Ave,
Athens, GA 30601
Please stay up to date with our Facebook page for more information.



EJC has partnered with the Athens - Clark County Library to conduct voter registration!
Address: 2025 Baxter St, Athens, GA 30606
Sunday: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday: 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday - Friday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

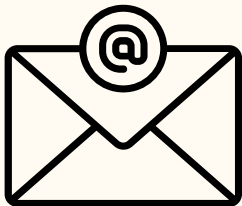
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