

# EJC Newsletter

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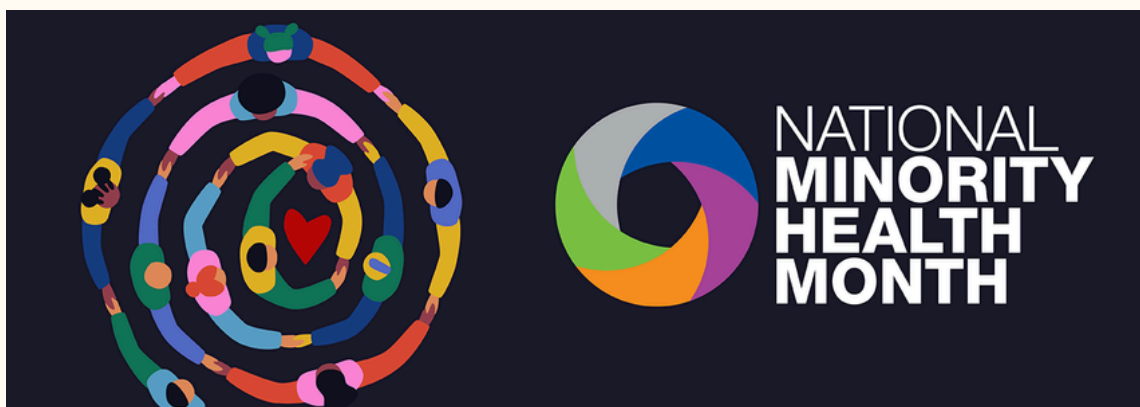
## What does voting mean to you?

Voting holds a profound significance to everyone at EJC—it's the very essence of democratic engagement. It's more than just marking a ballot; it's a statement of civic duty and responsibility. Each vote represents empowerment, a chance to shape our collective future. It's a privilege earned through struggles and sacrifices, a right to be cherished and exercised with care. Through voting, we hold our leaders accountable and influence policies that shape our lives. It's a bridge that connects us to our communities, transcending differences for the greater good. Voting symbolizes hope—that every voice matters and can ignite change. Ultimately, it's the cornerstone of our democracy, ensuring a free and just society.



# APRIL IS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

Minority Health Month brings awareness to health disparities that happen with racial and ethnic minorities. This year the theme is "Be the Source for Better Health: Improving Health Outcomes Through Our Cultures, Communities, and Connections". Minority Health Month holds great importance as it draws attention to the inequalities in health that minorities have contended with. It encourages awareness, education, and action to address these disparities throughout the whole month of April. Recognizing the particular difficulties minorities encounter in obtaining healthcare encourages efforts to remove obstacles to high-quality healthcare services, including policy advocacy, community outreach programs, and training healthcare professionals in cultural competency. In an effort to build a society where everyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, may achieve optimal health outcomes, it emphasizes the significance of providing equitable healthcare for all. Minority Health Month is a driving force behind revolutionary change.



# EJC/GCPA Voter Registration Program



Ms. Linda Stephens and Ms. Helen Hayes conducting voter registration at Clarke Central High School Resource Fair Event for Students, Booths on the Ground.



Ms. Jennifer Richardson with EJC conducting voter registration at Thomas N Lay Community Center at the sneaker ball hosted by Athens Housing Authority and the Inner Community Council.



Ms. Nina Lawrence conducting Voter Registration at Mutual Aid Fundraiser in Athens, GA.



Ms. Linda Stephens at Clarke County Library conducting voter registration





# 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



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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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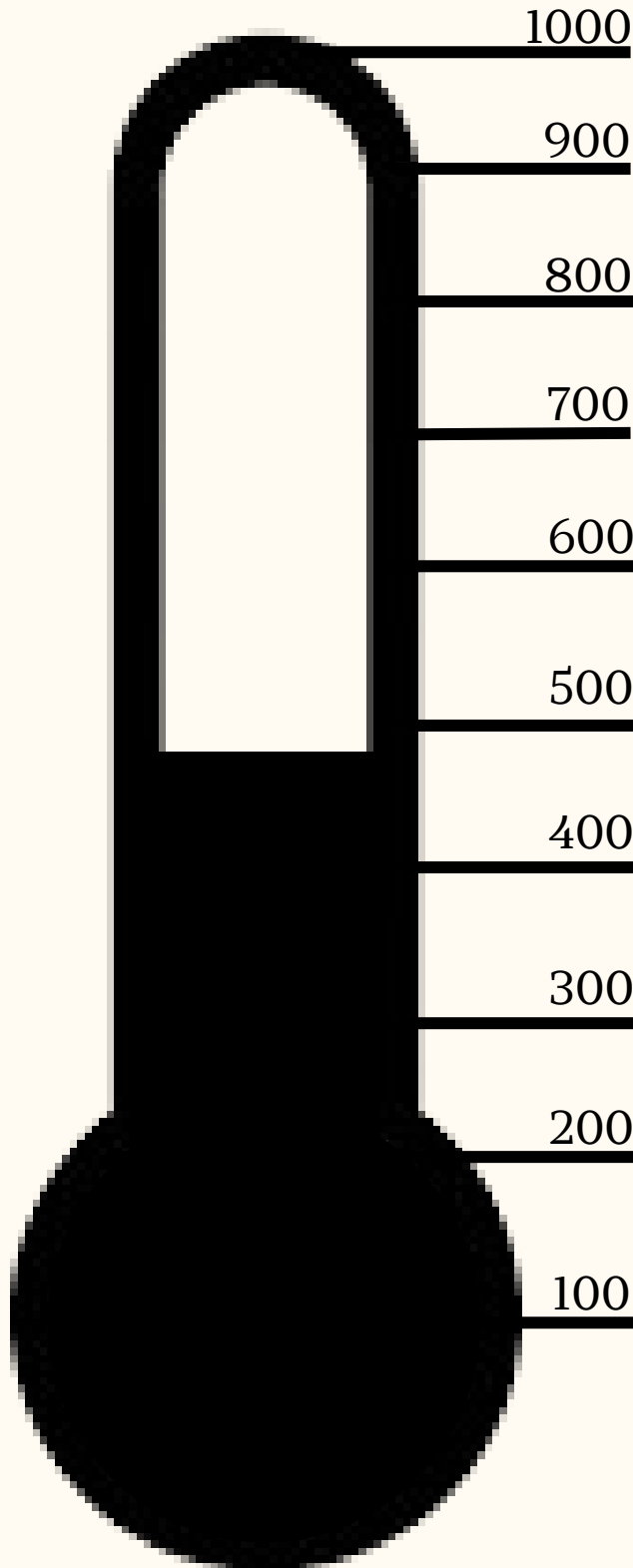
Above and Beyond Home Healthcare is dedicated to providing exemplary care for elderly residents requiring specialized attention. As a compassionate home healthcare service, we prioritize the well-being and comfort of our senior community members. Our team of skilled professionals is committed to going 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.

# 2024 Voter Count

**April Voter  
Count: 485**



## How to check your voter registration status

1. Go to: <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>
2. Enter your information and Click 'SUBMIT'
3. Once you are in, make sure your information is correct and up to date. If it is not, Click "UPDATE VOTER INFORMATION", then in the top right corner click, 'Edit', make the necessary changes, and then click 'CONTINUE'.

A screenshot of the MVP website's voter registration form. The form includes fields for First Initial, Last Name, County (a dropdown menu), and Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY). A red asterisk indicates required fields. Below the fields is a blue 'SUBMIT' button. Underneath the button, it says 'Not Registered to Vote? Register'.

A screenshot of the voter registration profile page. The page is titled 'Personal Information' and shows various fields: Name, Gender, Race, Voter Registration Number, Registration Date, Status (ACTIVE), Last Election Date Voted, Address (Residence and Mailing), and a red arrow pointing to the 'UPDATE VOTER INFORMATION' button. At the bottom, there are links for 'EMAIL MY PRECINCT CARD', 'View My Precinct Card', 'VIEW MY SAMPLE BALLOT', and 'UPDATE VOTER INFORMATION'.

Once you log into, you will be able to view the following information.:

- Personal Information with the option to view your sample ballot and precinct card.
- Polling Information with your Precinct Information.
- Voter Participation History
- Your Absentee Ballot Portal
- Your District & Election Officials

A screenshot of the voter registration dashboard menu. The menu items are: Personal Information, Polling Information, Voter Participation History, Absentee Ballot Portal, and My Districts & Elected Officials.

✧ If your status is not active or if you are not registered, EJC can help with that! ✧



# 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](http://www.ridetothepoll.com)**

# Interactive Question

Below is an interactive question related to voter registration, feel free to respond!

Do you think it would be beneficial for Georgia to enact the Same-Day Voter Registration program?

In 22 states, they allow all residents to register and cast a ballot at the same time. Georgia is not included in these 22 states. Do you think Georgia should?

YES

NO

SUBMIT

Having trouble accessing the form?  
[Click here!](#)

## 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!



**DONATE TO THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE COALITION**  
**LINK: [HTTPS://SECURE.ACTBLUE.COM/DONATE/EJCATHENSGA](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ejcatensga)**



## Where to find EJC:

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

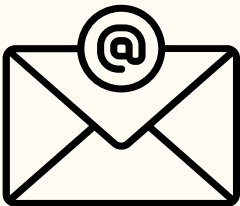
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