

Voter ID and 2026 Elections

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW & HOW VOTERIDERS CAN HELP





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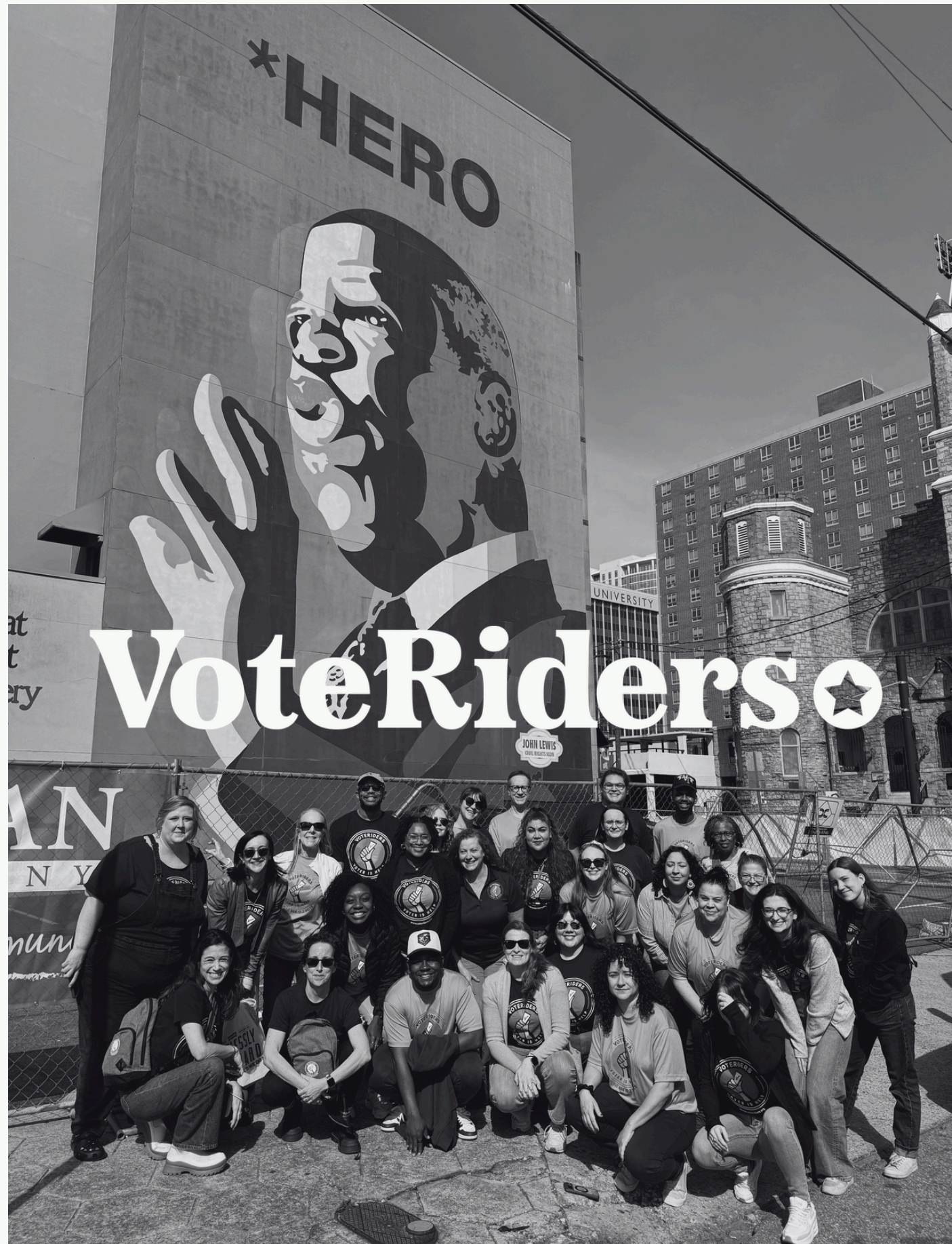
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Who we are

VoteRiders is the nation's leading nonpartisan nonprofit whose mission is to eliminate ID barriers to the ballot box so every eligible voter can cast a ballot that counts.

VoteRiders' Vision

We envision a thriving American democracy in which ID requirements for voting do not prevent eligible Americans from having their voices heard at the ballot box.

14 Years on the Ground

VoteRiders educates voters across the country on ID requirements, and provides FREE, direct assistance to any voter who needs an ID to vote.



OUR WORK

We inform communities about ID laws, equip partner organizations with the tools to expand voting access, advocate for pro-voter policies, and provide free one-on-one help to individuals to secure an accepted form of ID to vote.



“I started VoteRiders knowing about the tens of millions of American adults who did not have a government-issued photo ID, but learned from experience about the disenfranchising effect of voter confusion, which made our mission twice as urgent.”








KATHLEEN UNGER, Founder of VoteRiders



Our free tools and services are available to the entire voting public

VoteRiders works year-round, nationwide to help communities vote with confidence.

Our 2026 on-the-ground programs are strategically focused on 7 states for the most impact:

 Arizona  Florida  Georgia  North Carolina  Pennsylvania  Texas  Wisconsin





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The Impact of ID Laws



TRUTH

Voter ID laws are new versions of old tactics to suppress votes.

Rules that require ID to vote are sweeping the country. In every election, they block millions of Americans from accessing their freedom to vote.



The research shows:

34.5M

voting-age American citizens
lack a current government-
issued voter ID¹

¹2023 National Survey by VoteRiders, Public Wise, the Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement (CDCE) at the University of Maryland

People are without Driver's Licenses

About 20 million US citizens don't have a driver's license. Those surveyed cite bureaucratic and financial constraints¹

Many voters are unsure of their state's law

55% of American citizens in states where a photo ID is required to vote in person don't know what's required to cast their ballot.¹

Laws magnify inequality

Citizens of color are almost 4x more likely to not have a current government-issued photo ID compared to white citizens¹



Voter Confusion is Widespread

Voter ID laws can be **intimidating and difficult to understand** — and they're *constantly* changing

55%

of people living in photo ID states did NOT know they needed to bring ID to the polls.¹

Confusion levels for voters are even higher about **ID laws for voting by mail.**

Young voters were most likely to be confused or uncertain about voter ID laws where they live.

Pollworkers can be confused by these laws and **unclear on what ID is actually required.**

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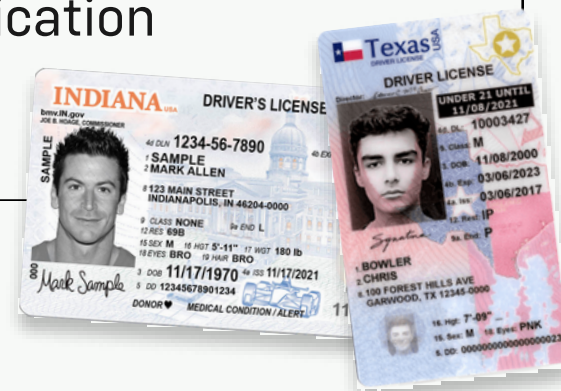
Documentary Proof of Citizenship Laws

Documentary proof of citizenship laws require voters to prove their US citizenship with a document such as a US passport or birth certificate in order to register to vote. DPOC laws also apply to voters who are already registered but who make a change to their registration. For example, if you move, you would need to provide proof of citizenship just to stay registered to vote.



Voter ID Laws

Voter ID laws on the other hand become an important factor after voter registration. It is an additional requirement to those required for proving identity and state residency when registering to vote. States with a voter ID law either require or request that voters confirm their identity using a specific form of identification before they cast their ballot.



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Proof of citizenship research:

Over 21 million U.S. citizens

don't have OR couldn't easily access a passport, birth certificate, or other documentation proving their citizenship.¹

13% of U.S. Citizens do NOT have ready access to their birth certificates¹

150 million

U.S. citizens do not have a passport¹





Groups Most Harmed by Voter ID & Documentary Proof of Citizenship Laws

- ★ Black and Brown voters
- ★ Indigenous voters
- ★ Youth and student voters
- ★ Voters with Disabilities
- ★ Low-income and unhoused voters
- ★ Newly-naturalized citizens
- ★ Formerly incarcerated individuals
- ★ Trans and nonbinary voters
- ★ Voters whose primary language is not English





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How VoteRiders is helping



How VoteRiders is Helping

Voter ID Assistance

VoteRiders helps voters year-round get any ID they need and deliver accurate information about voter ID rules to communities across the country.

TRUTH: Getting an ID costs money and can take a lot of time

VoteRiders helps voters track down key documents and secure the ID they need to cast a ballot

Cover the cost of a voter's ID and vital documents like a birth certificate or Social Security card.

Arrange and pay for transportation to a voter's local ID-issuing office and set up appointments

Provide pro bono legal assistance to voters who have specific document issues



Voter ID Assistance

Helpline & Chatbot

Have one-on-one conversations with VoteRiders' staff and volunteers through our bilingual ID Helpline.

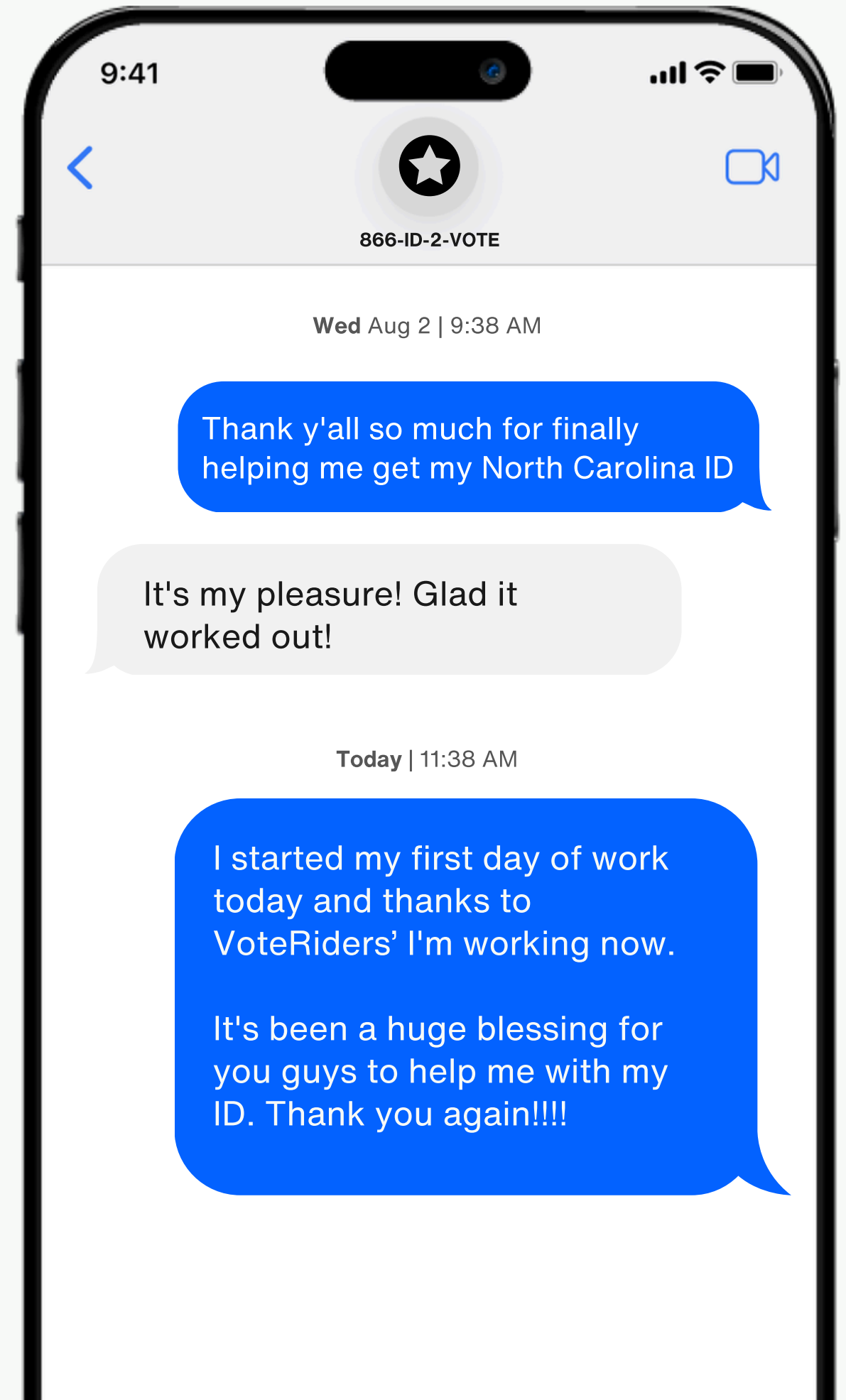
How to access help:

Call or Text **866-432-8683**

Visit VoteRiders.org/FreeHelp

Email helpline@VoteRiders.org

Chat with us via our Facebook or website





Voter ID Assistance

Digital Assets

Simple, ready-to-share content on voter ID and special cases for you channels.

Trans & Non Binary Voters

VoteRiders.org/Pride



Student Voters

Text “**#Student**” to 866-432-8683 or visit
VoteRiders.org/Student



Voters with Disabilities

VoteRiders.org/Disability



Naturalized Citizens

VoteRiders.org/Citizen





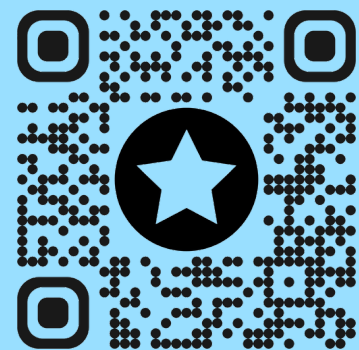
Partners are key to making change.

VoteRiders works nationwide with partners of all kinds to help communities vote with confidence.

- ★ Democracy groups
- ★ Voter contact programs
- ★ Law firms
- ★ Churches
- ★ Direct service providers
- ★ Schools
- ★ Healthcare providers
- ★ Libraries
- ★ Athletic organizations
- ★ Corporations and other groups

Learn more about the ways you can partnering with VoteRiders

VoteRiders.org/Partner





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How you can get involved



Voter ID Assistance

Info Cards

VoteRiders provides free printed and shipped voter ID information cards to nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations.

Not part of a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization?
Download card files for **FREE** and print them locally!

Order cards today:
VoteRiders.org/Cards





Voter ID Assistance

Voter ID Clinics

VoteRiders offers personalized, one-on-one assistance to voters in-person and virtual clinics

All costs related to the ID process are fully covered by VoteRiders.

How to access:

ID assistance clinics can be either recurring events or a one-time session. Virtual clinics can be flexible to the days and times to meet voters' needs.

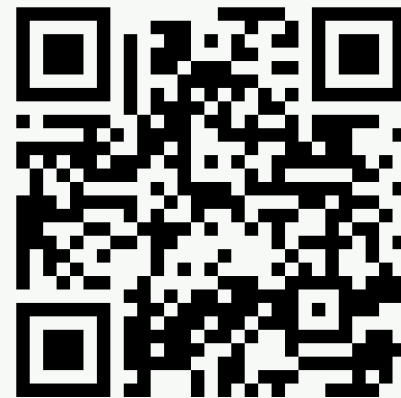




Join our community of volunteers

Sign up to Volunteer

Write, call, text, and connect with thousands of volunteers nation-wide in targeted voter outreach



VoteRiders.org/Volunteer

Refer Voters for ID Assistance today!

Share free info and help with voter ID in all US states for eligible US Voters,



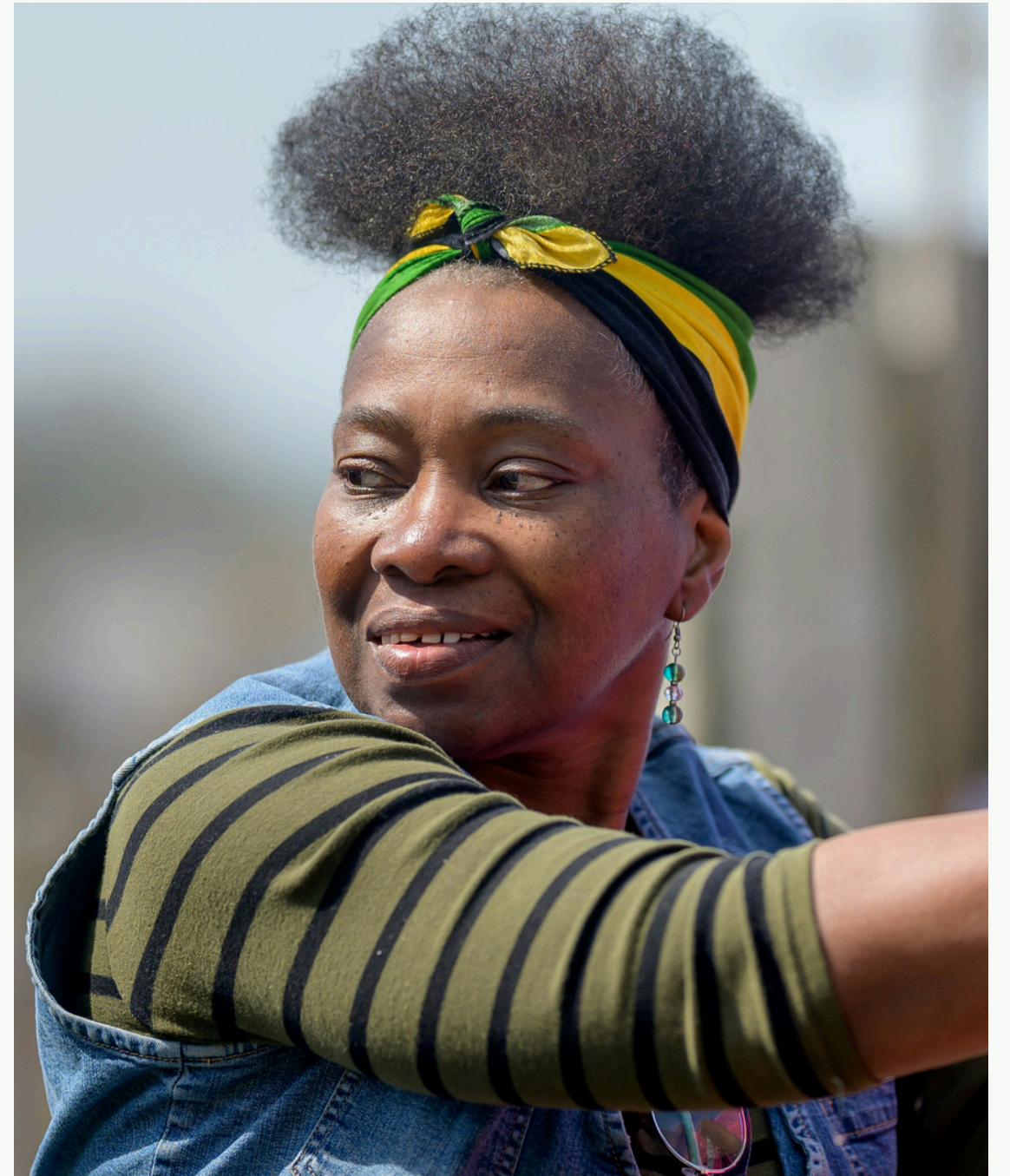
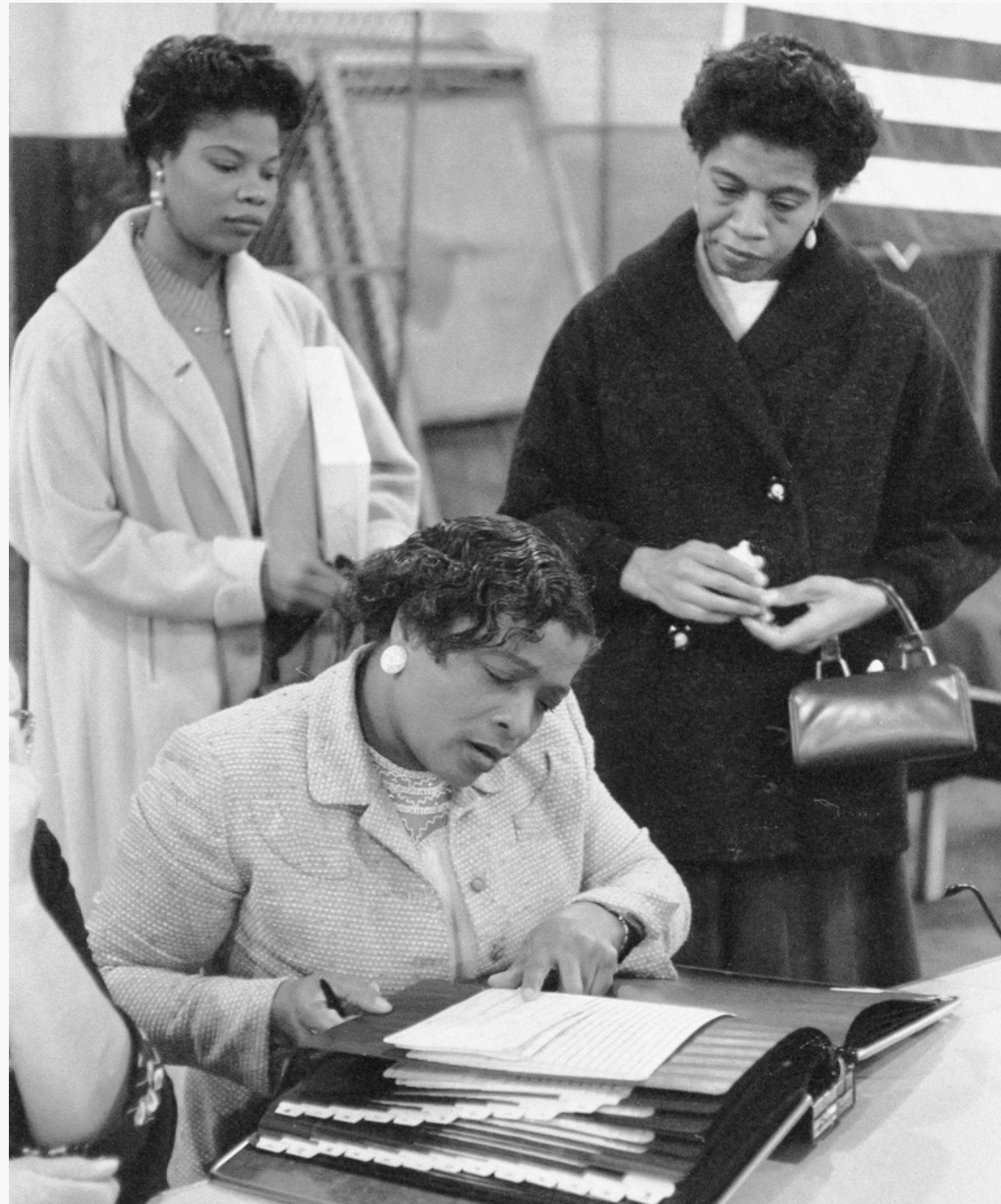
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VoteRiders' Events

Help eligible voters get the ID they need to cast a ballot both in-person or virtually at a letter writing, phone banking, or text banking event. Co-host one with us!

Voter ID Trainings

Specialized, state-specific sessions and national trainings on best practices. Available in-person or virtually.



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