

Appendix 15: Blockworker Recruitment Message

(Get-Out-the--Vote)

"Hello, Mr./Mrs./Miss _____? I'm _____
a volunteer for the Montgomery County Democratic Congress. We need
your help in the Montgomery County Democratic Congress campaign.

"Would you be willing to give the Montgomery County Democratic
Congress two or three hours of your time on the Saturday before the
election--that's March 20?

"We want to make sure that everyone on your block knows where to
vote. We can turn out a tremendous victory for the Montgomery
County Democratic Congress in Montgomery if you will visit each
house on your block--from corner to corner on both sides of the
street, on that Saturday, the 20th of March.

"We want you to urge each voter on your block to vote on Election
Day, and give him the exact location of his polling place. With
everyone doing a little bit, we can get a big job done. We can
count on you to give us a hand, can't we, Mr./Mrs./Miss _____?

"Fine! We'll get a kit of materials and full instructions to you
in a few days. Let me make sure I have the right address (repeat
address) _____.

"Thanks again. Good--bye."

October 26, 1962

Dear Fellow Citizen:


On November 6, 1962, a General Election will be held. It is most important that each voter cast his or her vote in this election. We do not have the necessary funds to send ballots through the mail as we have done. We must depend wholly upon the supervisors, block-workers and captains whom we have depended on before for your untiring service.

So, captains begin now and complete your precinct with a supervisor for each section; supervisor begin now and complete each block in your area with a good block-worker; block-worker check every voter in your block and be sure that each voter get a ballot and encourage each one to go to the polls on November 6. We will get a sample ballot into your hands in time for you to distribute them.

It appears that the Dixiecrats and the Citizens Councils are trying to defeat the Democrats. They are infuriated over the fact that for once in recent history of a President, the Negro is not a forgotten man. They are encouraging democrats to vote a Republican ticket on November 6. We are encouraging you and other voters to vote an entire Democratic Ticket and Yes on the Amendments.

Your sincere cooperation in this forthcoming election will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Rufus A. Lewis, Chairman
Registering and Voting

RAL/hg

July 26, 1961

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7. Ethelene Patterson 1816 So. Holt Street 2645410
8. Mary Louise Phifer 1502 Hill Street 2640794
9. John Turk 289 So. Jackson Street 2620921
10. Georgia Livingston 14 Cleveland Ave. 2639376
- ✗ 11. Willie Mae Howard 11 Dempsey Street 2641026
- ✗ 12. Eva Pitts 745 Central Street
13. Ida Earley 661 Elmwood Street 2643748
14. Jennie Kennedy 777 Thurman Street
15. Thedford James 1009 Tatum Street 2645869
16. Pauline Butler 808 So. Union Street 2632836
17. Alfreda Dean
18. Dorothy Crowe
- ✓ 19. Wes Powell
- ✓ 20. Leo McMeans
21. Israel Tolbert
22. W. L. Jeter