

CITIZEN'S COORDINATING COMMITTEE
1903 Myles Street
Montgomery, Alabama

November 3, 1955

Dear Fellow Citizens:

We are sure that you are very much aware of the pressing need for a voting Negro Citizenry. Many of the efforts which have been made by Negroes and other interested groups to secure equal opportunities and justice in America, especially in the south, have been in vain due to our inability to exert the necessary political pressure to make these efforts a reality.

We will never become a truly political force in our region unless we secure a representative voting group to help place officials in public office who will look out for the welfare of ALL INDIVIDUALS.

Organized efforts to secure registered Negro voters in large numbers in Montgomery were started as early as 1949 when the local N.A.A.C.P. Branch announced "Operation 2,000". The most recent work on the problem of securing more Negro voters was introduced this year by the Y.A.D.'s with the announcement of "Operation 5,000". The Citizen's Club and other groups are also putting forth various efforts to secure more registered voters.

It is the belief of the Executive Committee of the Citizens Coordinating Committee and of several citizens who have manifested a sincere interest in the problem, that if all of the efforts being employed could be merged into a uniform, coordinated plan and executed by every organized Negro group in the city, "Operation 5,000" or even "10,000 could very easily become a reality.

With this plan in mind, we solicit the full cooperation and support of your organization in helping to secure as many registered voters as possible, especially prior to the next general election. An orientation and organizational meeting has been set for Monday, November 7th, at 8:00 P.M. at the Citizen's Club, 1903 Myles Street. Please see to it that a representative of your group or organization is present.

Henry A. Spears
Secretary of Steering
Committee

Sincerely yours,

Rufus A. Lewis
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Chairman of the Citizen's
Coordinating Committee

Pres
vice
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Treas.

Ala
~~Montgomery~~ Registrars + Voting Board ?

Benjamin. Ins
Conley. V. Pres
Lacy. Sect
Benjamin. Ins
Frank P.
West P.
Wood.

J. P. M.

7 Precinct Meet quarterly

50 members

Citizens Coordinating Committee

March 16, 1955

The Citizen's Coordinating Committee commends you for your Civic interest and cooperative vote in previous elections. Your vote, along with hundreds of others, helped to win several battles for democracy. We believe where there is unity--there is strength.

We have one common goal, that is, first class citizenship. Working together and voting together is one way this goal can be achieved. We hope that your interest will be just as high in the City election--March 21, 1955 as it has been in past elections. Your vote is greatly needed.

We, the Citizen's Coordinating Committee have had the Candidates before us on several occasions and have studied them. We know their background. In some, we have confidence in their plan for the future of all the people of our city. Those we have marked on your ballot.

The marked ballot is not an effort to dictate to you as to how you must vote. It is only a suggestion made with the hope that it will meet your approval.

If we stand together, we will not hang separately! BE SURE TO VOTE ON MARCH 21, 1955

Yours truly,

THE CITIZENS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Rufus A. Lewis
Rufus A. Lewis, President

P. S. We extend to you an invitation to attend the Citizen's Day Rally at the Citizens Club--March 19, 1955 at 4:00 P. M. (Saturday). Refreshments free.