COALITION VOTER PROJECT

FAMILY100

VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM



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COALITION VOTER PROJECT

We, as a group of concerned, committed and determined community organizations have launched a major voter registration, education, engagement and mobilization initiative, the ***Coalition Voter Project***.

The *Coalition Voter Project* believes in the importance of our hard-won right to vote, that voting is our voice, and that our collective voice, when voiced effectively and in large numbers, represents power;

This power is required to make change happen; to hold our elected representatives accountable, to influence policy, funding, investments and the provision of services; power to vote in the right folk and to boot out those that do not or will not represent the best interests of black people.

Voting is the heart of democracy and the core of a representative form of government.

Recognizing that the black community must increase and, in turn, exercise its political strength in order to hold our elected and appointed representatives accountable, elect and re-elect those that will deliver for the black community, and importantly, remove from office ineffective office holders who cannot or will not focus on and deliver results for the black community, the Coalition Voter Project will work to register, educate, engage, organize and mobilize the Black community towards the goal of showing up and showing out at every election.

The goal is straightforward:
the black community must be

- Registered to vote, at the highest levels, across all age groups, everywhere we live;
- Knowledgeable - civically, politically and on the issues;
- Engaged – touched where they are, in-person, on-line, via all communication channels
- Organized – networked and prepared for response / action; and
- Mobilized to vote at the highest levels, across all age groups, everywhere we live from the first day of early voting, through to the end of day on election day.

The challenge is great:
Therefor we must

- Plan;
- Execute;
- Monitor, Adjust; and
- Achieve results, meeting or exceeding our goals.

We must be intentional.

The Coalition Voter Project, along with similar initiatives across our community, will succeed.

FAMILY100 VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The *Coalition Voter Project* presents the **Family100 Voter Registration Program**. The goal of this program is for an individual to commit to ensuring that all of their immediate family, 18 years of age and older, are registered to vote.

This program calls upon each of us, to step up, gather the family, and to talk. Talk about our responsibility to and for each other, to make things better for the family. Talk about our responsibility to and for our community and to and for our next generations, to make things better. **To register to vote, *then vote*.**

We believe this program is feasible because it asks that each of us be responsible for our respective family in getting the family fully registered.

FAMILY100 PROCESS

1. An individual commits to the Family100 voter registration program, giving themselves a target date to complete the effort to ensure that every one of their immediate family, 18 years of age and older, are registered to vote by the target date; (see IMMEDIATE FAMILY – A VISUAL DEFINITION)

2. The individual now engages with their family members to validate that the family member is registered to vote, and if not, works with the family member to get registered. (see **Ways to Register to Vote**);

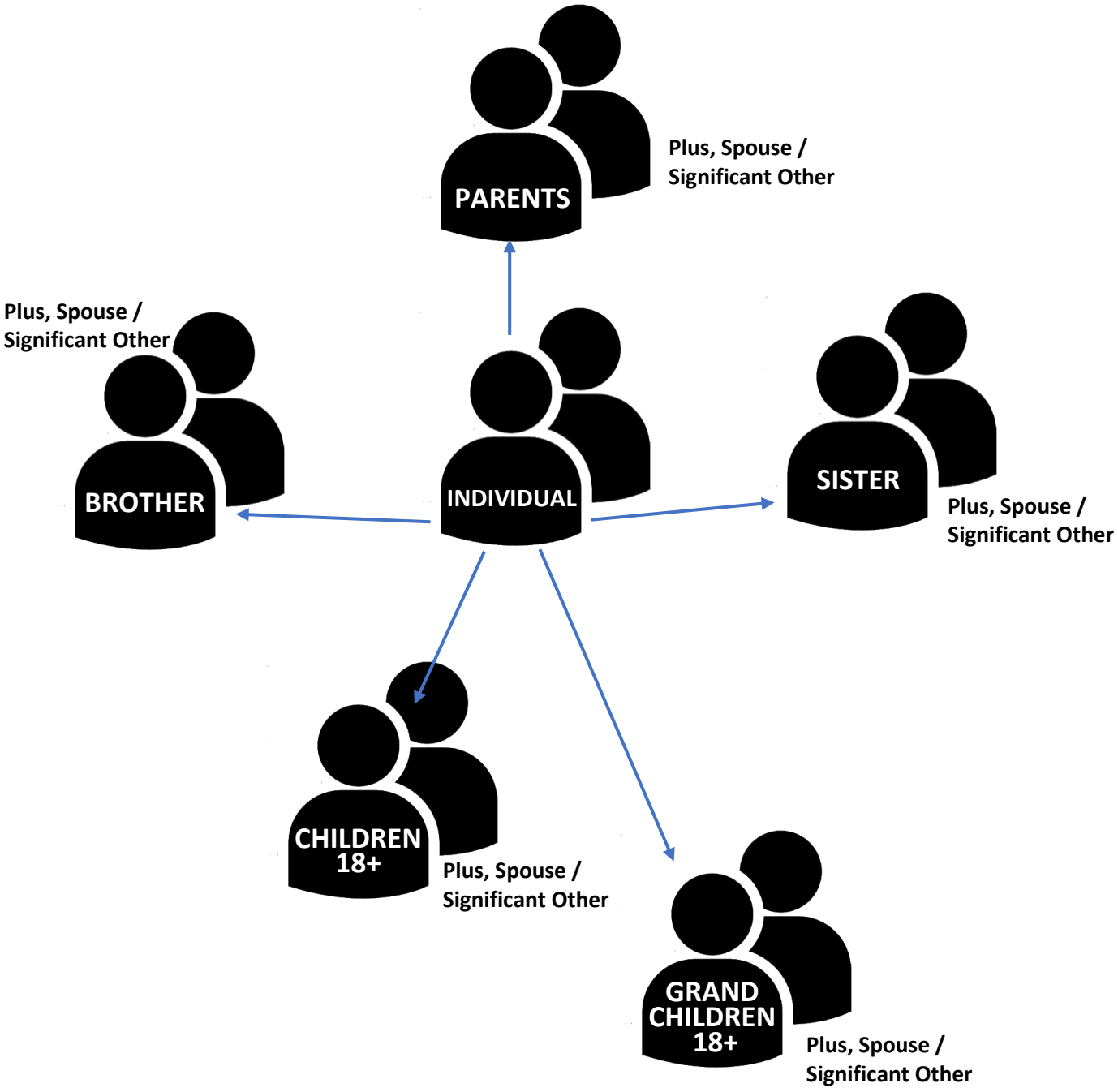
3. The individual reports on achieving the goal of his/her immediate family being 100% registered to vote;

4. Family receives recognition! and Votes!

The Automated Process

The above process steps are currently being automated (online sign-up and tracking). **Importantly, the automated process will be the means by which we expand Family100 city, county and statewide.**

IMMEDIATE FAMILY – A VISUAL DEFINITION



You will ensure (as applicable) that your parents, children, grandchildren and siblings, along with significant others, are registered to vote.

FAMILY100 TOOLKIT



- Template – Email to member(s) of immediate family
- Template – Family Registration Tracking
- Ways an individual can Register to Vote
- Voter Registration QR Code Cards

Template – Email to member(s) of immediate family

Subject: **Coalition Voter Project - *FAMILY100***

Dear [name or names]

I joined the movement to get our community registered to vote, starting with our family, and to use our vote to change things for the better for our community.

I believe that we've fought hard for the right to vote, that voting is our voice, and that if we vote together and in large numbers it represents power. This power is required to make change happen; to hold our elected representatives accountable, to influence policy, funding, investments and the provision of services; power to vote in the right folk and to boot out those that do not or will not represent the best interests of black people.

I'm asking you to join me in committing to the Coalition Voter Project's Family100 Voter Registration program. The goal of Family100 is for an individual, like me, to sign up to ensure that every person in my immediate family, 18 years of age and older, is registered to vote, then votes.

I know you care about the community and the need to fix issues like improving education, better paying jobs, growing Black businesses, and safer streets [use issues important to your family]. I know you want to replace in-effective politicians with better folk who are able to deliver for us, so let's do our part.

Please let me know if you are registered to vote, and if not, please get registered; I will show you how easy it is to register online. **Register To Vote Online**.

If you have a problem with registering to vote, let's talk about it. It's that important.

Please respond to my email or give me a call.

Thanks,

[Your Name]

Note: Make this email as formal or informal as you need to, or call a family member directly if they don't use email. Do whatever it takes to reach your family. Talking over dinner or when you're hanging out also works. Be prepared to explain the importance of registering to vote, then voting.

Template – Progress Tracking Spreadsheet

Representation of Excel spreadsheet. Download **here**:

Family100 Tracking Worksheet - Status Date:

LisaJones' Immediate Family								
Last Name	First Name	Relation	Email	Cell #	Registered Y/N	Will get registered	Registration Completed?	Comments
Jones	Lisa				Y			Done
Smith	John	Brother	jsmith@gmail.com		Y			Done
Smith	Jane	Sister-in-law	fjanesmith@gmail.com		Y			Done
Jones	David	Son	djones@yahoo.com		N	Y	Not yet	Call tomorrow
Total Family	4							
Total Registered	3							
Completion %	75%							

Ways an individual can Register to Vote (or re-register after a change of address):

1) **ONLINE - An individual can register online at** Illinois Online Voter Registration Application using their IL driver's license or state ID card; the individual can additionally change their name or address on their voting card. One can go to the link on a laptop or tablet, or **an individual can scan a Registration QR Card** with a smartphone to access the application:





Note: An individual may register online at their new address using an IL state ID and/or IL driver's license that still has their old address.

2) **MAIL-IN – An individual can register by mail** using the attached form. Using this downloadable form, a person fills in the form, signs and mails it in.
Note: a) The form can be downloaded here: **city of chicago application**, and **cook county application**
b) As opposed to mailing, the application can be dropped off at the Board of Elections office.
c) For the **June 28th Election,** the deadline for a mail-in form is Tue., May 31, 2022.

3) **IN-PERSON – An individual can register in person** at the *Chicago Board of Elections* (69 West Washington Street, Suites 600/800, Chicago, Illinois), or **One of the Cook County Clerk's six locations**, or at an *Illinois Secretary of State facility*, if also obtaining a driver's license or state ID during their visit. Find a facility here: **https://apps.ilsos.gov/facilityfinder/facility**.

4) **Automatic Voter Registration -** if you get a Real ID with the state, you will automatically be registered to vote unless you decide to opt-out. Additionally, when applying for or renewing your driver's license or identification card at a Secretary of State facility, you will be asked if you want to register to vote. You will be provided a receipt of voter registration application.

After a registration form is processed, the Election Board will mail a new voter card.

Additionally;

5) **IN-PERSON at Early Voting sites and on ELECTION DAY at your polling place.**

Qualifications to Register to Vote

- be a U.S. citizen, and
- be 18 years old (by Nov 8th of this year) or older, and
- live in your precinct at least 30 days before the election, and
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere; and
- not be in prison/jail serving time for a conviction.
  Note: Ex-convicts who have been released from prison/jail and who meet all other requirements listed above are eligible to register and vote in Illinois. Ex-convicts who have been released and are on parole/probation ARE eligible to register and vote in Illinois.

Voter Registration Status

If an individual does not know if they are currently registered to vote, voter registration status can be checked here**: https://www.chicagoelections.gov/en/your-voter-information.html or https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information**

Voter Registration QR Code Cards





CONTACTS and OTHER INFORMATION

- Please email publicpolicy@coalchicago.com with questions and/or comments.

- Should you wish to join the Family100 voter registration program, feel free to acknowledge via email at publicpolicy@coalchicago.com or leave a message at CONTACT - Coalition of African American Leaders (coalchicago.com).

- Should you wish to report progress or successful completion of all of your immediate family (18 and over) getting registered, feel free to email at publicpolicy@coalchicago.com or leave a message at CONTACT - Coalition of African American Leaders (coalchicago.com).

- **However**, if you choose to proceed privately, that is OK too; the goal is a fully registered community that once registered, also votes, at every election.

- October 23, 2022 is the last day to get registered online for the November 8th Mid-Term Election, however, you can still register in-person at your polling place and vote.

- The Family100 Voter Registration Program does not end. Immediately after November 8th, we prepare for the February 2023 Municipal election.