



Voting Access For All



VAAC Community Meeting Agenda

11.21.2025 12:30 - 1:30pm

Theme: Voting Rights Under Attack: What You Need to Know About DPOC

Location: [Join via Zoom](#)



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12:30 PM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

Facilitator: Tony Gant

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of VAAC's mission:

Our mission is to ensure that all persons in pre-sentencing situations, individuals about to be released from prison, and those formerly incarcerated, along with their families and community members, have the opportunity and knowledge they need to exercise their right to vote in every election.

- Chair report
 - Setting intentions for today's discussion
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12:35 PM – Meeting Overview and Updates

- New participant introductions
- Meeting purpose and agenda review
- Stay Connected:

-  [VAAC Newsletter Signup](#)

-  [Friday Meeting Agendas](#)
- Next Vaac meeting
-  **December 12**

12:40 PM – Featured Discussion: Documentary Proof of Citizenship and Protecting Our Access to Vote

Special Guests: Scott Allison, Promote the Vote to introduce Tim Harris, Political Landslide

Scott Allison, Programming & Partnerships Director: A graduate of Xavier University, with Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and History, and the University of Toledo College of Law, Scott joins Promote the Vote after a decade of political campaign experience in Cincinnati and the Southern Ohio region. Having managed issue campaigns, City Council, Judicial, and Congressional races, Scott has seen, first hand, the importance access to the ballot has on all communities and backgrounds. As the Programming & Partnerships Director, Scott works to ensure that everyone has unfettered access to the ballot box to exercise their Constitutional right to vote.

Discussion Focus:

There is a petition circulating in Michigan right now called Documentary Proof of Citizenship. It sounds harmless. It is not. Today we will break down what it really does, who it targets, who it harms and how we can protect our communities and our access to vote.

Guiding Questions:

1. What is documentary proof of citizenship and how does this petition fit into a larger pattern of voter suppression across the country
2. What makes this petition confusing to everyday people
 - a. What language or framing makes it seem harmless
 - b. How does that confusion serve voter suppression efforts
3. How do we combat documentary proof of citizenship if the petition moves forward?

1:15 PM – Reflections & Next Steps

- Key takeaways from today's discussion

1:25 PM – Announcements & Closing

- Final reflections and closing message

✨ When we understand our rights, we build the power to protect them — and ensure Michigan invests in people, not punishment.

1:30 PM – Adjournment

 Next Meeting: Friday, Dec. 12, 2025

- **Join Us for VAAC's Final Meeting of the Year. Election Debrief and a look ahead at 2026**

As we close out the year, our next VAAC meeting will focus on a full Election Debrief as we will:

- Break down voter turnout results
- Discuss our wins and what worked
- Identify areas where we can strengthen our strategies
- Look ahead to what is coming in 2026 and what our communities need

This will be our last VAAC meeting of the year, and an important opportunity for us to reflect, learn, and prepare for the critical work ahead.

VAAC Resource Library: Books & More

Books by VAAC Authors

Can you help us expand the list this year? We're also looking for recommendations for podcasts and other resources!

Reminder of Books by VAAC Authors

- Can you help us grow the list of authors this year? Can we add podcasts, etc
- Percy Glover: *Concrete Lies and Abstract Truths: Poetry and Flows*
<https://www.amazon.com/Concrete-Abstract-Truths-Percy-Glover/dp/195179802>
- Antoniese (Tony) Gant-Bey - *Midnight Whispers*
<https://www.amazon.com/Midnight-Whispers-Antoniese-Gant-Bey-ebook/dp/B01M3WWLQB/ref=nodl>
- Kenneth Gourlay - *Lessons Learned: Life-Altering Experiences of Incarceration-*
<https://kengourlay.com/book/>
- Amani Sawari [*Album by Amani*](#)
- [*First 10 Moves to Forever Freedom*](#): Michael Taylor II
- E.B. Jordan - Chop it up Vegan Style with Chef E.B

